

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held at the Almond School
February 20th, 2008 6:30 pm
OPEN MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order by President

Roy Danforth called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Roll Call-Establishment of Quorum

__Bradley __Danforth __Dernbach __Ellie __Guth __Wilson __Smith

All board members were present. Carol Ellie arrived at 6:33 pm. Administrators present were Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper was present. Members of the audience included Mary Chris Thompson, Linda McLarnan, Mike Gerlach, Carrie Karch, Cindy Wills, and Michelle Bowden.

3) Proof of Posting of Meeting Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.84

Dan Boxx reported that the meeting was posted according to statute.

4) Approval of Agenda

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

There were no public appearances before the Board.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A January 7, 2008, Food Service Committee Meeting Open Session

Minutes approved in closed session.

6B January 16, 2008, Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve open session minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 5-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items

8A District Administrator Report

Report on January 28th Meeting

There were about 20 community members that came to the meeting on January 28th. Jeff Rykal, Dan Boxx, and Steve Stucker as well as two board members attended. Topics discussed included morning student drop off, academic communication, and middle school time before first bell. It was a positive meeting that helps administration communicate with community members.

Reports from attendees who attended the WASB convention

Mr. Boxx reported that he would be starting a school board professional library from the items that the board members received at the convention. Mr. Boxx reported that we are fortunate to have the board members, staff, and students that we have. We have staff that care and students that want to learn. In early March there will be a presentation for an engraving machine.

Tomorrow morning at 9:00 am the board was invited to attend the bus driver appreciation breakfast at the Farmhouse restaurant.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

There was a pep rally for grades 1 to 12. It went pretty well. There will be some tweaking necessary for the next rally. There are plans to have a pep rally after every sport season. Parent volunteers were recognized. Safety cadets were recognized. The trip to Chicago to see Wicked went well. The students had a lot of fun. Kindergarten registration is February 28th at 6:30 pm. 4K registration /Child Development Day is March 12th. Students made cards for the bus drivers who will be attending breakfast in the morning. The new club ACES started by Brenda Ramczyk and Amanda Davy took a group of students skiing at Nordic Mountain. They have weekly meetings during lunch. Homecoming will be the third week in September or the first week in October.

General Building Updates

The Kindergarten went to Jordan Park for a winter field trip. They had a blast. It even snowed the day they went. The 5th grade Counteract graduation took place. The Portage County Sheriff's Department is a part of this program.

Updates on programs

The RIF application was approved for next year. This program allows the school to give 3 books to every student grades 4K to 7. Middle School student of the month and Eagle Wings are going very well. High school student of the week and month are going well and in the newsletter every month. The school forest plan still needs some tweaking before the board approves.

The positive alcohol grant trip to Albuquerque went well. Some more fun nights are being planned. A town hall style meeting to address the concerns and issues within our community will be held. The results of the community survey will be discussed. Teachers are continuing to meet biweekly to discuss the objectives of the REACH grant.

9) Policy Development and Review

9A Second reading of policy Local Agency Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth to approve the Local Agency Special Education Program for Children with Disabilities policy. Motion carried 6-0.

9B Early Graduation Policy

First reading

9C Homecoming Court Selection Procedures 373-Rule

The student council decided that a student should be active in a fall co-curricular activity/sport to be eligible for Homecoming court. The homecoming committee will decide how many couples each year for court. Mr. Rykal will tweak the rule and bring back to the board.

10) Action Items

10A Recommendation for following positions: MS Forensics (*Nicole Brandt*), HS Track Head Coach (*Shane Dornfeld*), HS Track Assistant Coach (*Kip Gutke*), HS Softball Assistant Coach (*Sheena Weis*), HS Baseball Assistant Coach (*Taylor Dernbach*).

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Gary Smith to approve Nicole Brandt as MS Forensics director, Shane Dornfeld as HS Track Head Coach, Kip Gutke as HS Track Assistant Coach, Sheena Weis as HS Softball Assistant Coach, and Taylor Dernbach as HS Baseball Assistant Coach. Motion carried 5-0 with Jerry Dernbach abstaining.

10B Approval of Wrestling Co-op

Motion by Carol Ellie, second by Jeanette Wilson to approve wrestling co-op with Tri-County. Motion carried 6-0.

10C Approve teacher contracts for 08-09

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Carol Ellie to approve teacher contracts for 08-09. Motion carried 6-0.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Negotiation meetings Monday, February 25th and Thursday, February 28th 6:00 pm

12B Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

13) Roll Call-Adjournment to Closed Session

Consideration for movement into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Approval of Administrator Contract (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. AAEA (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. Student concern

Motion by Gary Smith, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn to closed session at 7:02 p.m. Roll call vote 7-0.

14) Roll Call-Return to Open Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, seconded by Jerry Dernbach to return to open session. Motion carried 7-0

14A Action on items discussed in closed session if necessary

Motion by Gary Smith, seconded by Carol Ellie to approve two-year contract with Dan Boxx as District Administrator. Motion carried 6-0.

15) Adjournment

Motion by Cathy Guth, seconded by Carol Ellie to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0.

School District Board President

Date

School District Board Clerk

Date