

Almond-Bancroft School District
1336 Elm St., Almond, WI 54909
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Meeting held at the Almond School
September 16, 2009 6:30 pm
OPEN MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) Call Meeting to Order by President Danforth

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. Administrators present were Dan Boxx and Jeff Rykal. Michele Warzynski, District Bookkeeper, was present. Members of the audience included Tom Collins.

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 7-0.

5) Public Appearances Before the Board of Education

There were no public appearances.

6) Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

6A August 19, 2009 Regular meeting of the Board Open and Closed Session

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Carol Ellie to approve the open and closed session minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

7) Approval of Current Expenses and Vouchers Payable

Motion by Jerry Dernbach, second by Carol Ellie to approve the current expenses and vouchers. Motion carried 7-0.

8) Announcements/Reports/Updates/Consent Items/Correspondence

8A District Administrator Report

Summer school attendance added three more full time equivalent students to the revenue limit calculation. Mrs. Leary is working very hard collecting free and reduced applications. We are severe need for breakfast in all grade levels. The elementary school received the Wisconsin Promise School recognition for the third year in a row. They are receiving \$2,000 for the elementary school. Mr. Wagner, tech teacher, was asked if he could put up a billboard for our school showing directions to the school. The art department could also be involved. We also received a \$250 mini grant for the Movin n Muchin program. Jerry Dernbach and Jeanette Wilson attended the Regional 5 meeting. The Governor is giving less state aid. When viewing concerns from the community the board was advised to listen to both sides and find out all of the facts.

8B PK-12 Principal Report

Report on school activities

General Building Updates

Update on programs

We regret that Frank Voitlander passed away. He was a great loss to our school. He worked for us since 1986 and was known for anonymously putting pennies in the sandbox and placing Easter candy in lockers. He took great pride in cleaning the Bancroft School. He gifted a Memorial Fund to the Bancroft School. There will be seven couples on court for Homecoming this year. The theme is Down on the Farm. The dance will be Saturday night from 8:00 to 11:30. Flu season is upon us. Area schools have had a large number of students absent. The Portage County Clinic will possible be here in early November to give students the HINI shot. The shots will be offered starting in the early afternoon and going into the evening. Currently the recommendation is two shots for children under the age of 9 and one shot for all other students. The school will utilize the Code Red system for informing the community as to dates and other specifics. Also look for information in the newsletter. The Boys and Girls club currently has 9 and one shot for all other students attending on a regular basis. The update for our Americorp worker, Tom Collins, includes a Senior Tax Exchange Program, Adult Course Work, and After School Tutoring. There will also be a mentoring program that will teach older students how to mentor younger students. Tom Collins thanked the board for approving the Americorp project. He has a degree in English. He loves being here at the Almond School. Thank you to the Eagle Booster Club for the new fencing, the press box, and the sound system. The school appreciates all of the hard work.

9) Policy Development and Review

There was no business discussed for policy development and review.

10) Possible Action Items with Respect to:

10A Start of School

The new morning routine for the 4K and 5K has been successful. There are still a few issues that need to be resolved but all in all it is going very well. Summer school really helped with the beginning of school this year.

10B Establish Fund 80

Motion by Debbie Bradley, second by Cathy Guth for \$11,850 to establish Fund 80 for adult education and new carpet for auditorium. Motion carried 7-0.

10C Goals for 2009-10

We would like to have more community members involved in our school. We will ask community members at the annual meeting to think about any goals that they would like to see for our school.

10D Annual Meeting Review

We need to educate the community in regards to WKCE testing. We also need to set benchmarks for our students. One effort that is currently being worked on is continuity and consistency in our curriculum. Curriculum mapping is a guide for our teachers. There will be an October Listening Session held again in the auditorium this year. The budget at this point is an estimate and somewhat fictitious until the real numbers become known to us in mid-October. We also at this point are unsettled with both the support staff and teacher's unions.

10E Survey results

One concern that was voiced in the survey was the entrance to the school. One idea that has been discussed is changing the main entrance to be the entrance next to the district office. Other concerns will be discussed at the October Listening Session in October.

10F Food Program

We need to spruce up menus and look at other school menus for ideas. We would like to see the kitchen staff be a cooking staff. Various area schools were called to compare hours of labor and menus offered. Dollars have been budgeted for the kitchen staff to purchase needed items. This change is not something that will happen overnight. The FACE teacher has offered to help in preserving fruits and vegetables that are donated to the school. We need to increase participation in the program. We have a large number of students that are free and reduced and would like to see all of these students eating everyday. Cathy Guth is part of the food service committee and will continue to work on this project.

11) Items for Signatures

11A Signatures for meeting minutes

12) Dates for Upcoming Committee Meetings and Board Meetings

12A Annual/Budget Meeting Monday, September 28, 2009, at 7:45 p.m.

12B Regular Board of Education meeting Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at 6:30 p.m.

13) Adjournment

Motion by Cathy Guth, second by Jerry Dernbach to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried by roll call vote 7-0.

School District Board President

Date

School District Board Clerk

Date