

**Almont Community School  
Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2018**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Owens at 7:00 pm in the Media Center at Almont High School 4701 Howland Rd., Almont MI 48003.

**Roll Call** - Manko, Mitchell, Miles, Owens, O'Neil, Sullivan, Brzozowski All Present

**Visitors** - 65

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Additions to the agenda under communications:**

Introduction of newly hired BK teacher

LCAN (Lapeer College Access Network) Ann Konarski

**Communications**

Dr. Kalmar introduced new BK teacher Janelle Krist. Janelle was hired to take the recently vacated BK position.

Ms. Konarski gave an overview of the grant funded Lapeer College Access Network.

Student Council updated the BOE on snowcoming and Prom plans. The dinner that was planned for the BOE had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions.

Administrator of Finance Barb Potter did the Budget Amendment presentation. This presentation can be found on the website.

**Questions and Comments from the Board**

Thank you to Barb for a very informative presentation

**Questions and Comments from the Audience**

Two senior class students asked the Board about a way to recognize a class member that had passed away. They would like to incorporate something into the graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Ruhlig also approached the Board about finding a way to honor her son at graduation

Karen Mincy would also like to find a way for the class to remember their classmate and help them acknowledge their friend during graduation ceremonies.

Monica Schapman stated that the cause of his death should not be a consideration. His classmates still want to remember him as they graduate.

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Pam Ferzacca stated that in the past they have done a moment of silence at graduations for classmates that have passed away. She hopes that the Board, Mr. Woelkers and Dr. Kalmar will find a way to honor the student and give peace to his family. His death is profound and will not be forgotten by his classmates.

**Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Miles supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the minutes from the regular meeting December 18, 2017
- B. Approval of the minutes from the organizational meeting January 8, 2018

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**Approval of Bills Payable**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education approve the bills payable and the financial reports as proposed by administration and reviewed by the Finance Committee as follows:

<b>December 2017</b>	
General Fund Total	\$ 1,460,815.34
School Lunch Fund	\$ 31,215.82
2012 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2013 SBL Refinance	\$ -
2013 Refunding Bonds	\$ 500.00
2016 Refunding Bonds	\$ -
2014 Sinking Fund	\$ -
Sub-total	\$ 1,492,531.16
Additional General Fund:	
Transfers in for payroll	\$ 235,000.00
PESG	\$ 4,404.87
Health Reimbursement Account	\$ -
Total Funds Spent	\$ 1,731,936.03
Check numbers	36578 - 36681
Void checks	36010

Approval of check numbers covering these invoices range from check number 36578-36681 and voided checks as presented. Void number(s): 36010

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**ORCHARD PRIMARY, ALMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND ALMONT HIGH SCHOOL TRUST AND AGENCY ACCOUNT REPORTS**

The Trust and Agency Accounts were approved as presented.

## **New Business**

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Kallmar took a moment to acknowledge the Board members and the hard work they do each and everyday for the district. They work hard for the students and make decisions that are best for the district whether popular or not. He is proud to serve the district with them.

He also wanted to thank Bob Jones and the Bus Drivers for the great job they have done over the past few weeks with the cold weather, snowy and icy roads. They do a wonderful job of getting our students to school safely and on time.

#### HS update

Various art students have had their works of art recognized recently and will be moving on to the state competition

#### MS update

Pennies for Patients is going on at the MS. Go to the MS website to donate.  
The students are making a chain for Rachels Challenge

#### OP update

A committee is working on playground updates.  
More caps for benches are being collected.

## **Board of Education Questions**

None

## **New Business**

### **Finance**

#### **Approval of Budget Amendment**

Moved by Brzozowski supported by Manko the Board of Education adopt the revised General Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 school year with Revenues totaling \$13,702,297 and expenditures totaling \$13,758,375.

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#### **Approval of Bus Lease**

Moved by Brzozowski, supported by Manko, the Board of Education accept the attached pricing proposal from Holland Bus Company that includes 16 gas buses and 1 gas lift bus.

#### **Discussion:**

Board discussed the need to lease 16 buses vs. 14 buses. Discussion included the possibility of purchasing 2 used buses from elsewhere or 2 of the leased buses that we currently have and the ramifications of owning rather than leasing these two buses.

Mr. Owens that suggested the next time the lease is up it is looked at sooner. This would be in November or so of 2019.

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## **Personnel**

### **Approval of ACS Coach**

Moved by O'Neil and supported by Manko the Board approve the employment of Debbie Lemon as Competitive Cheer Coach beginning immediately.

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### **Approval of GECS position**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the following position be filled by our third party vendor GECS:

JV Baseball Coach

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### **Acceptance of Resignation**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the resignation of Cheri George and wish her well in the future.

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### **Approval of Teacher**

Moved by O'Neil supported by Manko the Board of Education employ Janelle Krist a and Almont Community teacher beginning immediately. Ms. Krist will be hired in at MA Step 0 of the current AEA contract.

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## **Curriculum**

### **Approval of High School Course Guide**

Moved by Miles supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the 2018/2019 Almont High School Course Guide as presented.

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## **Policy**

### **Acceptance of Students**

Moved by Mitchell supported by Manko the Board of Education accept the students on the attached list for the 2nd semester of the 2017/2018 school year through the 105C/105 School of Choice Program.

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### **Approval of Trip**

Moved by Mitchell supported by Manko the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Lansing Mi., for the Women in Sports Leadership Conference Feb 4th - Feb 5th, 2018.

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### **Comment Audience**

A student wanted to make sure that the Board was aware that not all sports use bus transportation, especially on weekends. This includes cross country, wrestling and golf.

Dr. Kalmar agreed and said this is a budgeting issue.

Gyanneau Bourdeau was concerned about the upcoming 5 year plan retreat that the Board has planned.

Dr. Kallmar explained that this is a brand new process that will help the BOE plan 5 years out. It will provide data that can be used in the budgeting process. This is different than anything we have done in the past. Next year at this time the budget presentation will include how we are meeting these planning goals.

Mrs. Bourdeau also stated that she is all for a respectful way to acknowledge the seniors loss of a classmate.

A soccer player had questions about the plan to find a new girls soccer coach. Mr. Woelkers, who was present at the meeting, stated that they have started the interview process and that he had met with members of the team at the beginning of the process and would keep them up to date as they moved along with the search. Rumors that they would not have a team are not true.

A senior student asked what the process would be to continue the dialog about honoring their classmate.

Dr. Kalmar said that the Board will take time to reflect and he will let the students know how they can proceed.

Mrs. Ruhlig stated she does not want to make graduation all about the loss she just would like something small for her son.

Pam Ferzacca stated she thought step 0 had been taken out of the contract.

Dr. Kalmar responded no it had not.

Student had questions about Dual Enrollment and how it was referred to in the budget presentation.

Dr. Kalmar explained what was meant by the reference in the presentation and how it affects staffing in the High School.

### **Questions from the Board of Education**

None

### **Future Agenda Items**

Strategic Planning Retreat on Feb 24th

Dr. Kalmar encouraged members of the audience to fill out the online survey to help the strategic planning process.

### **Closed Session**

The Board of Education went into closed session at 9:06 pm to discuss the Superintendent's quarterly review. No new business will be discussed after closed session.

**Roll Call**

Ayes: Sullivan, Manko, Brzozowski, Miles, O'Neil, Mitchell, Miles

Nays: None

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**Out of Closed 10:34**

**Adjourn 10:35**

Date Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Jonathan Owens, President

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John Miles, Secretary