

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING - Minutes
October 9, 2017
MEDIA ROOM
School District of Albany
Mission Statement**

In partnership with parents and the community, the School District of Albany provides an innovative learning environment that supports a foundation, which prepares students to achieve their individual potentials.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** – The meeting called to order by Elliott at 6:45 p.m.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Carrie Anderson	Present	Steve Elliott	Present	Phil Kubesh	Present
Barb Briggs	Present	Valerie Johnson	Present	Student Rep.	Present
Sherri Cleasby	Present	Adam Kopp	Absent		

6 members present.

4. **OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE** – Upon a request to the Superintendent, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodations including the provisions of informational material in an alternative format for a disabled person to be able to attend this meeting.

The Board President will announce, “to comply with the Open Meeting Law, “a tentative agenda was sent to the Hometown Herald newspaper, radio station WEKZ and Town Bank on **October 2, 2017** which is more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the agenda that was published in the newspaper may have been altered. An up to date agenda is available on the District’s Website: <http://www.albany.k12.wi.us> and at the following locations in the District: the Albany Post Office, on the North and East doors of the school, and on the official notice board in the main hallway near the District Office on **October 6, 2017**.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Motion made by Kubesh seconded by Johnson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA - Clerk’s Report** - Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2017 as printed/amended.

A. **Financial Report:**

Approval of Expenditures – Monthly Check Report

September Receipts – All Funds – \$744,937.23
September Expenditures – All Funds \$ 940,472.92
Checking Account Balance (as of 9/30/17) - \$ 278,096.37
Investment Account (Max Safe) (as of 9/30/17) – 83,371.04
State Investment Pool (as of 9/30/17) - \$8.21
Voided Checks: 0

Expenditure Comments

Short Term Loans

\$600,000 Operating = \$0 Principal due

Long Term Loans

\$50,000 Computer = \$50,000 Principal due
\$715,000 GO Qualified School Construction Note = \$250,000 Principal due

7. **CITIZENS' REQUEST TO BE HEARD**

A. **Heat Index Policy**- A concerned parent was present in reference to the extreme heat at the beginning of the school year and their feelings as to why school was not dismissed early. Mrs. Gregerson explained the guidelines that are followed set by the National Weather Service. She stated that some classrooms were moved to cooler areas. The lower level and Middle School are air conditioned at this time. There is no policy on this issue so the Board thanked the parent for their concerns and will establish a policy on heat related issues.

Adam Kopp joined the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. **Student Council Report** –It was reported that because the Student Council is not involved in Homecoming this year, they have had more time to set up the events for the year and designate members to those events.

B. **FFA Report** – None

- C. **Community Center Report-** The 7th Annual Chili Cook-Off was a success with 10 entries. They will be hosting Trunk or Treat on October 28th with a costume contest and dance.
- D. **Website Update-** The banners have been updated, employment opportunities have been posted, the fall page crawl has been updated.

9. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. **Fund Balance Report-** Kubesh updated that we ended the year with a positive \$200,000 in our fund balance. The State Budget has been passed with per pupil aid raised but there is no Rural School aid. Superintendent Vesperman reported that property value has increased and we are under the projected mill rate.
- B. **Budget Status**
- C. **Budget Notes and Comments**

10. **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORTS**

- a. **Administrative Report-** Superintendent Vesperman reported that she has observed more student engagement, computers are being used appropriately and there will be a Strategic Planning meeting this Wednesday. She stated that Jim Briggs won the Rural School Alliance Support Staff award and Jamie Rupp won the Rural School Project Service Award for his maple syrup project. Congratulations to both! She stated that missing work and grade check reports are much better this year. Principal Gregerson reported Mr. Schwaab's math classes have fully incorporated the Chromebooks and laptops into math homework with the Big Idea Website, all fall sport athletes have passed mid-term checkpoints and several teachers attended the BTC breakfast to learn about programs they have to offer. The 4K and 5K had a fun trip to Skelly's pumpkin patch. Mrs. Gregerson attended the Brain Compatible Strategies conference and stated it was excellent. The Baertschi Invite was a huge success with 29 teams participating. Doescher reported that he received positive feedback on the meet and food stand. Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make this a success every year. The trip to the E/A Homecoming went very well. Brandon Lange was named Defensive MVP for the Sept 15th football game. Congratulations Brandon! The School Spirit Flex group has been busy brightening our hallways. The first grade went to Busy Barn Farms, the Choir went to UW Platteville to sing with a collegiate choir, 4th grade went to Food for America, the juniors and seniors went to the Wisconsin Education Fair, the sophomores went to PARTY, Preventive Alcohol & Risk-related Trauma in Youth and the 5th grade went to Green Co. Farm Bureau Rural Safety Day. The FFA Alumni Tractor & Toy Show was a success, Mrs. KP's FLEX group collected and donated items for the Humane Society to send to hurricane ravaged TX and FL. The FFA attended the River Ridge Judging Contest, Edgerton Sporting Clay Shoot and the World Dairy Expo. It has been a busy and exciting start to the school year.

- b. **President's Report-** None

11. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

(I=Information, D=Discussion, A=Action)

- A. **Monthly Classroom Update- Derik Doescher**

(I)

Mr. Doescher explained the Read 180 Program and how it implements in his classroom. He stated he has 9 students participating in the program based on their STAR, MAPS and State testing scores along with teacher feedback.

- B. **Evansville/Albany Football Co-op Discussion**

(I, D & A)

AD Doescher stated that he had received a letter from the Evansville Coaches that they were ending our Football Co-op. He stated that he had no idea this was coming and we are normally given 2 years to get another plan in place. They stated that they felt they would drop a division if our numbers were not a part of the criteria. This had come strictly from the Coaches and not Administration. They gave us the option of extending 1 year on the contract or leaving the Co-op at the end of this season. After several meetings and a lot of discussion, he recommended we extend for 1 year because of the late notice on Evansville's part. This allows us to meet all the timelines for implementing a new Co-Op, as the deadline to do so is February 1st. No action taken.

C. Hoops for Harlow

(I, D & A)

Mr. Doescher explained the fundraiser being held for Harlow Phillips in November. Harlow is 4 years old and was diagnosed with Neuroblastoma in September. Harlow's Dad, Andy, is the top assistant for the Boys' Basketball program. There will be a silent auction in the elementary gym while the basketball games will be held in the high school gym. No action taken.

D. Youth Options (Ms. Schulz or Mrs. Gregerson)

(I, D & A)

Motion by Briggs, seconded by Anderson to approve the Youth Options as presented. Motion carried 6-0 with Kopp not being present at this time.

E. Music Band Trip to Minneapolis

(I, D & A)

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Anderson to approve the music trip as presented. Kopp re-entered room. Motion carried 7-0.

F. Forming JAM committee

(I, D & A)

A discussion to form a committee with 2 board members each from JAMB to meet in regards to cost sharing and other ideas that would benefit all schools involved. Johnson and Kubesh volunteered to be a part of this. Superintendent Vesperman will take this to the other boards to see how they feel. No action taken.

G. Short Term Borrowing Loan

(I, D & A)

Motion by Cleasby, seconded by Johnson to approve short term borrowing for the 17-18 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

H. Hiring / Resignations / Retirement

1. Director of Special Education/Psychologist (Myers)
2. Kitchen (Sanders)

Motion by Briggs, seconded by Anderson to approve the hiring of Myers and resignation of Sanders. We wish Pat well in her move and thank her for her service to our school.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEES

- Sunshine Committee Report**- It was decided the board would do a basket for the Harlow Strong Fundraiser.
- Technology Committee**- phones are in and working
- Building and Grounds Committee** – the full board will meet on Oct. 17th at 6:00 p.m.
- Strategic Planning** – They will be meeting Oct 11th at 6:00 p.m.
- Budget & Finance**-None
- Collaborations** - None
- Policy**- will be meeting with Neola the end of October
- Curriculum** -None

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMUNICATION – Future Agenda Items

a. Future Meetings –

October 11, 2017 – Strategic Planning Mtg. 6:00p.m. (Media)

November 13, 2017- Regular Monthly Board Meeting

December 11, 2017- Regular Monthly Board Meeting

January 8, 2017- Regular Monthly Board Meeting

February 12, 2017- Regular Monthly Board Meeting

Crisis Plan, Auditor Report, Sports Co-op and Staffing/classroom size

There was no closed session.

14. ADJOURNMENT - Motion made by Johnson seconded by Cleasby to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Briggs, Clerk

Steve Elliott, President