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Alfred-Almond Central School
Board of Education
REGULAR MEETING
March 4, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Maeghen Kuhn, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
Pledge of Alligiance

ATTENDANCE

Board Members – Maeghen Kuhn Gary Acker
Heather Miller John D’Angelo
Jason Burdick

Absent:

Also attending this meeting: Superintendent Brett Dusinberre, District Clerk Joanne Demetreu, Deputy District Clerk Deb Cannon, Principal Geoffrey Hurley and Interim Principal Sean Gaffney, Business Official Kathryn Kruger, Speech Therapist Ben Palmer and two Community Members.

AGENDA CHANGES

Added three Volunteer Assistant Coaches, one substitute support staff and established a meeting on April 23, 2025

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S
COMMENTS**

PUBLIC COMMENT

STAFF REPORT Ben Palmer, Speech Therapist, introduced himself, reviewed the services he provides for the students, who he serves and how he identifies other students that could use the service. He thanked the Board for their support.

**APPROVED –
Minutes**

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, John D’Angelo made the motion, seconded by Gary Acker, to approve the minutes from February 4, 2025.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Treasurer’s Report

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, John D’Angelo made the motion, seconded by Heather Miller, to accept the Treasurer’s Report through January 31, 2025 and the Reconciliation Bank statement for December 2024.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Transfers

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Jason Burdick made the motion, seconded by Gary Acker, to approve the Transfers for February 2025.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Warrants

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to accept the warrants for February 2025.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Budgetary Transfer

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, Heather Miller made the motion, seconded by John D’Angelo, budget transfers to reallocate monies for tires and bus monitors.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Resolution of BOE

Upon the Superintendent’s recommendation, John D’Angelo, made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, four (4) BOCES (Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES, Albany-Schoharie- Schenectady-Saratoga BOCES, Madison-Oneida BOCES and Broome-Tioga BOCES) have collaborated and entered into an Article 5 General Municipal Law intermunicipal arrangement for the purpose of improving vendor management and data security and privacy practices for school districts and/or BOCES statewide known as the RIC ONE Risk Operations Center (the "ROC");

"WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Alfred-Almond CSD, through its affiliation with a locally based Regional Information Center, participates with the ROC and desires, for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, to authorize the ROC to enter into Data Privacy Agreements and related exhibits (DPAs) with vendors and third-party contractors that include the requirements of, and compliance with, New York State Education Law Section 2-d and Part 121 Regulations (collectively, "Ed Law 2d") related to student personally identifiable information (PII) and certain Teacher and Principal APPR data;"

WHEREAS, the ROC also partners with NYSED, the Access4Learning Student Data Privacy Consortium (SDPC) and The Education Cooperative (TEC), to negotiate and approve Ed Law 2-d compliant DPAs;

WHEREAS, the DPAs are presented to school districts and/or BOCES for final execution and do not require the expenditure of funds beyond those budgeted; and

BE IT RESOLVED, Board of Education of the _ authorizes the attorneys designated by the ROC to negotiate and approve of DPAs for software and/or technology resources; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Alfred-Almond Board of Education grants the ROC and its designated attorneys the authority to negotiate the terms and conditions of DPAs and take such actions so as to effectuate the purposes and intent of this resolution.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Cost Allocation Methodology Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by Heather Miller, to approve the GST 2025-2026 Cost Allocation Methodology.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Service Awards Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jason Burdick made the motion, seconded by Gary Acker, to approve the purchase of the service awards for employee recognition at a cost not to exceed \$895.00.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

New Position Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, John D'Angelo made the motion, seconded by Gary Acker, to approve the resolution to create a new position:

BE IT RESOLVED that Alfred-Almond Central School District hereby creates a new position of Director of Educational Technology & Information Systems, Civil Service classification competitive.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Part-time Typist

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, John D'Angelo made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to appoint Melissa Mauro to a part-time typist position (0.40 FTE) in CSE office effective 3/5/25 with probationary period ending 3/4/26. Her salary will be at the rate of \$17/hour in accordance with the AASSA contract

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Bus Monitor

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by John D'Angelo, to appoint Faith Finch to a 10-month, 3hr/day probationary Bus Monitor position effective March 5, 2025 and ending March 4, 2026 pending successful completion of fingerprinting requirements. Her salary will be at a rate of \$15.70/hour in accordance with the Alfred-Almond Support Staff Association contract

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Change of Status

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by Heather Miller, to change the status of Autumn Blue as a Bus Monitor from a probationary appointment to a permanent appointment with her 52-week probationary period starting March 14, 2024 and ending March 13, 2025

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Substitute Teachers

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Heather Miller made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to approve as substitute teachers, Makenzie Cowburn, Nora Vick, Olivia Jodush and Max Freeman (only to sub in Steve Donlon's class) for the 2024-25 school year pending successful completion of fingerprinting requirements.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Substitute Support Staff

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to approve as substitute support staff, Melissa Klotz, Food Service Helper and Noah Dusinberre, Cleaner, for the 2024-2025 school year pending successful completion of the fingerprinting requirements.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Volunteer Asst. Coach

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jason Burdick made the motion, seconded by Heather Miller, to approve the following Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year pending completion of CPR/AED, First Aid training, New York State Coaching License and submission of certificates to the District Office:

Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coaches: James Dineen, Tim Smith, Roque Santiago, Ryan Miller and Dave Prete;

Volunteer Assistant Track Coaches: Kate Palmer, Evan Enke, Jennifer Weeks, Dylan Cannon;

Volunteer Assistant Softball Coaches: Casey Dusinberre, Brian Marlatt and Sarah Johnson

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Rescind Policies

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by Heather Miller, to rescind the following policies and regulation:

2025 policy and regulation 3421, Title IX and Sex Discrimination

2025 policy 7555, Educational Services for Married/Pregnant Students

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Adopt Policies

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, John D'Angelo made the motion, seconded by Jason Burdick, to adopt the following policies:
Adopt 2020 policy 3421, Title IX and Sex Discrimination
Revision of 2025 policy 7554, Equal Educational Opportunities

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Annual Meet Chairperson

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Jason Burdick made the motion, seconded by John D'Angelo, to appoint Ben Link as the Chairperson for the Annual Meeting on May 6, 2025.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

SSCTA BOCES'

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by John D'Angelo, to establish a meeting on April 23, 2025 in the Distance Learning Room @ 9:00 a.m. regarding the Annual Election of SSCTA BOCES' Board Members and the vote on the 2025-2026 Administrative Budget.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

DISCUSSION

RECOGNITION

- A. Congratulations to Alison Wojtkowiak and Easton Welch on being named the February 2025 Wildwood Career & Technical Education Student of the Month! Alison currently is a member of the New Visions Health Careers Exploration program. Easton is currently a member of the Professional Business & Finance Technology program. Well done, Alfred-Almond is proud of you both!
- B. Brogan Donlon was recently named a 2025 National Merit Scholarship FINALIST. Less than 1% of the nation's 1.6 million eligible high school seniors are selected as Finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation; 7,500 scholarships worth approximately \$31 million will be awarded to select Finalists in the spring."

INFORMATION

- A. The Board reviewed the Transportation Report for February.
- B. The Board reviewed the Health Report for February.
- C. The Board reviewed the Cafeteria Report for January.
- D. The Board reviewed the Library Report for January and February.
- E. SSCTA BOCES Annual meeting – April 8, 2025
- F. The NHS Induction Ceremony will take place on Thursday, March 27th in the HS Auditorium at 7:00.
- G. There will be a Special Meeting/Budget Workshop on March 26, 2025 @ 5:00 pm.
- H. The April 1, 2025 Work Session/Regular meeting will be moved to April 8, 2025 @ 5:00 pm.
- I. Sarah Johnston will be completing her practicum work in the elementary through the GCC program.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the Superintendent's recommendation, Gary Acker made the motion, seconded by John D'Angelo, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m.

Vote: 5 aye 0 nay

Joanne Demetreu
District Clerk