

**Alta-Aurelia Community School District**  
**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 at 6:00PM  
Aurelia Room #7  
300 Ash Street  
Aurelia, IA 51005

**BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Board Vice President Jennifer Kaskey called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with the following Board Members present: Brad Rohwer, Katie Meyer, and Nicole Weathers. Also, in attendance were Superintendent, Denny Olhausen, and School Business Official, Samantha Kopfmann.

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Ben Schekirke, Tim Scott, Jeannie Henningsen, Grant Peckenschneider, Alexis Hernandez, Taylor Syndergaard, Chris Sievers, Pam Henderson, Meaghan Reeves, Keith Connolly, Gigi Nelson, Carol Lichtenberg, Scott Robbins, Laurel Bezoni, Adam Droegmiller, Janelle Droegmiller, Amy Taylor, Emily Bodholdt, Zach Freking-Smith, Wendy Johnson, Tammy Carlson, and Kate Kealey.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

Meyer moved, seconded by Rohwer to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Nicole Weathers, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, and Jennifer Kaskey, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

**COMMUNITY COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

A thirty minute allocation was given with a three minute cap for each individual to raise their concerns.

**REPORTS**

***Superintendent's Report –Denny Olhausen***

Mr. Olhausen shared with the school board there will be a new Iowa School Performance Profile formula. Mr. Olhausen reviewed the Governor's address and how it will impact schools which include: raising the minimum teacher salaries to \$50,000, experienced teacher's salaries twelve years or more to \$62,000, AEAs are being reviewed which means districts will have an option to keep the flow-through money or stay with the AEA, SSA was proposed at 2.5%, and much more

to come at the next legislative session. Mr. Olhausen informed the board of professional development with Instructional Framework with a focus on SEBH, and reviewed snow make up day for Tuesday, January 9th which was scheduled on the district calendar already for March 28th, however, the snow makeup day for Friday, January 12th will be discussed at the March meeting.

***Alta Elementary Principal - Tim Scott***

Mr. Scott shared there will be a Title reading support day February 8th, report cards will go out on Friday, January 19th, and Fast Testing starts Monday, January 22nd. Mr. Scott wanted to highlight Peg Hinkeldey who goes above and beyond to set up doctor appointments for new students who do not know the area.

***Aurelia Elementary/Alta-Aurelia Middle School - Jeannie Henningsen***

Mrs. Henningsen shared the Tk-8th students will be screened on both reading and math before the end of the month, teachers are working with students to complete tasks/assignments, connections has been implemented in the middle school to replicate high school, Jazz band is going to Cherokee February 12th, and basketball ends January 16th with wrestling to follow. Mrs. Henningsen sends a big thank you to FAGAN construction for their donation for TK-8th students to go to the movies and enjoy a free snack. The remainder of their donation will be split between Alta Elementary, Aurelia Elementary/Alta-Aurelia Middle School, and the High School.

***Alta-Aurelia High School Principal - Ben Schekirke***

Mr. Schekirke informed the board of the upcoming Jazz Band schedule State Jazz Contest January 22nd and District Jazz Band February 19th, National Honor Society collected 162 pounds of pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, Mrs. Shea presented Financial Aid and FAFSA Filing, and real world experiences were provided to students in wood class, photoshop, and Art.

***School Business Official - Samantha Kopfmann***

Mrs. Kopfmann explained the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Modified Supplement Amount (MSA) is for spending authority, not cash. The district can request spending authority for Drop Out/At Risk in the amount of \$320,937 for Fiscal Year 2025. Mrs. Kopfmann reviewed upcoming due dates for Open Enrollment billing, Concurrent Enrollment billing, Special

Education Billing, Sharing Agreement billing, Title Claims, W2s, and more. Mrs. Kopfmann and Mr. Olhausen will be attending a Budget Workshop on Friday, January 19th in Fort Dodge for Fiscal Year 2025. There will be a Single Audit for federal money conducted by the State Auditor on January 29th.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. Open Positions
  - i. High School ELA (2024-25)
  - ii. Assistant High School Softball (Spring 23-24)
  - iii. Assistant High School Speech Coach (23-24)
  - iv. Assistant High School Football (Fall 24-25)
  - v. Assistant High School Volleyball (Fall 24-25)
  - vi. Transportation Director/Assistant Transportation Director (2024-25)
  - vii. Junior High Wrestling (2023-2024)
- b. Discussion Items
  - i. Senate File 496—Information provided regarding Senate File 496 being challenged in the United States District Court.
  - ii. Tax Rates - Supporting documents were shared to indicate the projected tax rate for 2025.
  - iii. Alta Central Office Building Condition - Information was provided regarding the condition of the Alta Central Office Building. Three companies were contacted and came to help fix the boiler. The school was diligent in working to get the boiler fixed.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

- a) Minutes
- b) Financial Reports
  - i) Account Balances
    - (1) Activity Balances
    - (2) Revenue Summary
- c) Bills
- d) School Board Policies:
  - i) Review of School Board Policies
    - (1) 1st Reading—600, 700, 800, 900 series
    - (2) 2nd Reading- 500 series
- e) Personnel Items
  - i) Hires
    - (1) Matt VanOort - JH Wrestling (pending completion)
  - ii) Resignations
    - (1) Bob lehl - Transportation Director

Rohwer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the consent items. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Nicole Weathers, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, and Jennifer Kaskey, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Meyer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the intent to discontinue 28E with the Alta Public Library. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Nicole Weathers, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, and Jennifer Kaskey, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rohwer moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the Modified Supplemental Amount request for Dropout Prevention of \$320,937. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Nicole Weathers, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, and Jennifer Kaskey, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

### **BOARD COMMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA PLANNING**

- A. Budget
- B. Approve 2024-2025 Calendar
- C. Next Meeting February 12th, 2024 Alta FCS room

### **ADJOURN**

Weathers moved, seconded by Meyer to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Nicole Weathers, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, and Jennifer Kaskey, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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Samantha Kopfmann, SBO & Board Secretary

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Tom Hinkeldey, Board President

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