

**Alanson Board of Education  
Wednesday, January 3, 2018  
6:30 P.M.  
*Alanson Public Schools "A Great Place to Learn"***

**Regular meeting at the Alanson Public School, in the library,  
7400th Street, Alanson, Michigan at 6:30 p.m.**

This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting school district business. Although this is not considered a public, community meeting, there is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in item seven (7) of the agenda. If you would like to add information for consideration by the Board or have a question regarding items on the agenda, please complete the Citizen Comment Form and return it to the Board Secretary, Josh Wyatt, prior to the start of the meeting. The President, Karen McFarland, will ask you to address the Board during the Citizen Comment section of the agenda. Your comments will be limited to three minutes, per Board policy. Thank you for your interest in the operation of the Alanson Public School.

**1. Before proceeding into the regular meeting items, the Organizational items need action, after which time the newly elected president will facilitate the balance of the meeting. Election of officers will take place at this time.**

A. All December items have been included in the January action items because there were not enough Board members in attendance to hold a meeting.

**B. CALL TO ORDER: ROLL CALL**

Board of Education:

- Trustee - Karen McFarland X
- Trustee - Catherine Stonhouse X
- Trustee - Josh Wyatt X
- Trustee - Jason Losey X
- Trustee - Tracy Lowery X
- Trustee - Maurika Reed X
- Trustee – Simon Kenwabikise NA

Administration:

- Supt./K-12 Principal, Dean F. Paul X
- Dir of Student Achievement, Rachelle Cook X
- Char-Em Bookkeeping, Pam Zazula

**C. Board Officers Resolution:**

B1: Motion made by Reed to nominate McFarland as President of the School Board, seconded by Losey

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed YES X NO \_\_\_\_

B2: Motion made by McFarland to nominate Stonhouse as Vice- President of the School Board, seconded by Lowery

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed YES X NO \_\_\_\_

B3: Motion made by McFarland to nominate Wyatt as Secretary of the School Board, seconded by Stonhouse

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed YES X NO \_\_\_\_

B4: Motion made by Lowery to nominate Reed as Treasurer of the School Board, seconded by Stonhouse

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_\_\_ Motion Passed YES X NO \_\_\_\_

**D. Board Committees:**

Current Committees & Members

Building and Site: Kenwabikise, Wyatt, Losey

Policy/Finance: McFarland, Lowery, Stonhouse

Personnel/Athletics/Curriculum: Lowery, Losey, Reed, Wyatt as alternate

Char-em Regional Board: Karen McFarland

**E. Organizational Action items for the 2018 calendar year:**

**#1-18 Approval for regular board of education meetings:**

Motion made by Stonhouse that the regular meetings of the Board of Education be held on the First Wednesday of each month in the school library at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Lowery

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#2-18 Approval for board of education workshops:**

Motion made by Reed that the workshop meetings of the Board of Education be held on the Third Wednesday of each month in the school library at 6:30 pm. Seconded by Wyatt

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#3-18 Approval to designate Citizens National Bank and MILAF as depositories:**

Motion made by Stonhouse that the Citizens National Bank and MILAF (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund) be approved as depositories for the general fund, payroll, activity, lunch, and athletic funds for the 2018 calendar year. Seconded by Reed

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#4-18 Approval of signatures for Citizens National Bank:**

Motion made by Stonhouse that the Board President, board V-P, Board Treasurer, Board Secretary, and Superintendent be approved to continue as signatories at Citizens National Bank for the 2018 calendar year. Seconded by Lowery

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#5-18 Approval of board member compensation:**

Motion made by Reed that that board officers and other trustees will receive \$0 for attending each regular board meeting and \$0 for any workshop or special meeting. (BOE members will receive a Family Sport Pass for the year). Seconded by Lowery

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#6-18 Approval designating Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C.:**

Motion made by Lowery that Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P.C.

Accountants/Business Advisors be approved to perform the audit for school calendar year 2018. Seconded by Losey

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**#7-18 Approval designating Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as legal counsel:**

Motion made by Losey that Thrun Law Firm, P.C. be approved to be legal counsel for school year ending June 30, 2018. Seconded by Reed

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion passed YES X NO \_\_\_

**2. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Paul gave the Board Viking coffee mugs for Board appreciation month  
Mrs. Cook played a thank you presentation by the middle school  
Mrs. Wolter gave the board thank you cards from the elementary students

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:**

**Regular**

Motion made by Losey to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 1, 2017. Seconded by Reed

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

**December**

No meeting held

**4. APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:**

**General Fund Expenditures**

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the General Fund Check Register Report dated November 30, 2017 for the total of \$32,631.37.

Seconded by Lowery

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the General Fund Check Register Report dated December 21, 2017 for the total of \$29,854.34.

Seconded by Lowery

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

**Food Service Expenditures**

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the Food Service Report dated November 30, 2017 for the total of \$12,514.33.

Seconded by Losey

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the Food Service Report dated December 21, 2017 for the total of \$11,046.73.

Seconded by Lowery

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

**Sinking Fund Report**

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the Sinking Fund Report dated November 30, 2017.

Seconded by Stonhouse

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge and authorize this month's payments reflected in the Sinking Fund Report dated December 21, 2017.

Seconded by Lowery

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

**General Fund Budgetary Control Report**

Motion made by Reed to acknowledge the General Fund Report dated December 21. Seconded by Losey

Ayes 6 Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Motion passed: X Yes \_\_\_ No

**5. STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS:**

Mr. Paul read the names of the Vikings of the month students.

**6. STAFF HIGHLIGHTS & REPORTS:**

7. **CITIZEN COMMENTS (3-minute limitation per question/comment submitted to Secretary):**  
None

8. **INFORMATION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

A. **Soccer co-op**

**Proposal/Rationale:**

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve a soccer co-op with Harbor Light

**Resolution# 8-18** Motion made by Lowery to approve a soccer co-op with Harbor Light, seconded by Stonhouse

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion Passed Yes X No \_\_\_

B. **NMCA to join the NLC**

**Proposal/Rationale:**

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve Burt Lake Christian Academy to join the NLC.

**Resolution# 9-18** Motion made by Losey to approve Burt Lake Christian Academy to join the NLC, seconded by Reed

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion Passed Yes X No \_\_\_

C. **Bus driver resignation**

**Proposal/Rationale:**

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the resignation of Mr. Ken Smith effective December 8, 2017.

**Resolution# 10-18** Motion made by Stonhouse to approve the resignation of Ken Smith effective December 8, 2017, seconded by Reed

AYES 6 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion Passed Yes X No \_\_\_

D. **New Bus Driver**

**Proposal/Rationale:**

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve Mr. Charles (Chuck) Laughbaum as our new bus driver.

**Resolution# 11-18** Motion made by Reed to approve Chuck Laughbaum as our new bus driver, seconded by Stonhouse

AYES \_\_\_ NAYS \_\_\_ Motion Passed Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

E. **Fire Security & Inspections**

**Proposal/Rationale:**

It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve Vanguard Fire & Security Systems to inspect and update the fire system

**Resolution# 12-18** Motion made by Wyatt to approve Vanguard Fire & Security to inspect and update the fire system, seconded by Stonhouse

AYES 5 NAYS \_\_\_ Motion Passed Yes X No \_\_\_

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

Superintendent/K-12 Principal – Dean Paul- Upcoming budget amendment. Food service report for the state update. Donation for golf program. School Website requirements update. Gym Floor update, damage to the floor

**10. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Building & Site     Policy & Finance     Personnel/Athletics/Curriculum     Char-Em Regional Board  
 Board updates

Light pole update

**11. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

none

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Board President, Karen McFarland, adjourned the meeting at 7:41.