

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ALBION CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALBION, NEW YORK 14411
January 13, 2025 SUMMARY
OF A REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 pm**

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Board President, Mr. Wayne Wadhams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Board President, Mr. Wayne Wadhams read the Board Meeting Norms; "The Board Will: Be Respectful and Professional - Be Prepared - Honor Confidentiality - Follow the Chain of Command - Avoid Surprises - Assume Positivity."

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Appointment of Board of Education Member

BOARD APPOINTED Mr. David Sidari to the Albion Central School District Board of Education to fill the vacancy on the Board until the appointment of a new member at the May 20, 2025 election.

District Clerk, Cindy Ishmael, administered the Oath of Office to Board Member, Mr. David Sidari who was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Board until the appointment of a new member at the May 20, 2025 Annual Budget Vote.

Mr. Schmitt addressed the government students in attendance at the meeting. He explained that while it appeared the Board was moving quickly through the business items, they receive their packet the Wednesday before the meeting. This provides the Board with the opportunity to review the materials in the packet and ask questions prior to the meeting when items are approved.

RECOGNITION

Elementary School Student Awards

Moses Taylor, Jr. - Leadership Award
Mackenzie Gilbert - Character Award

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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2. PUBLIC FORUM - None

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

- A. Minutes of December 02, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report November 2024
- C. Quarterly Revenue and Expenditure Reports
- D. Extra-Classroom Activity Fund Report for November 2024
- E. CSE & CPSE Recommendations
- F. Building Use Requests
- G. Fundraiser Requests

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4. CORRESPONDENCE - None

5. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Academic Focus - Local Civics
Mrs. Jennifer Ashbery

Mrs. Jennifer Ashbery, High School Principal, shared a presentation with the Board on Local Civics.

She reviewed the New York State Education Department Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations to the Board of Regents on Graduation Measures. A Diploma identifies how success in Pre-K - Grade 12 education is defined. The NYS Portrait of a Graduate was developed based on the essential skills, knowledge, mindsets and attributes needed for success in 21st century life, college, careers, service and citizenry. Students demonstrate proficiency through evidence in multiple ways. All students must demonstrate proficiency in each component of the Portrait of a Graduate to earn a high school diploma. These components include Innovative Problem Solver; Literate Across the Content Areas; Cultural Competence; Social-Emotional Competence; Effective Communicator; Global Citizen and Critical Thinker. Additional Seals for Albion High School Graduates include the Seal of Civic Readiness; Seal of Biliteracy; Individual Arts Assessment Pathway - Visual Arts/Media Arts and Individual Arts Assessment Pathway - Performance Arts.

Mrs. Ashbery and Mrs. Manfreda met to discuss proactive steps in managing student information. Local Civics supports hundreds of educators and thousands of students across New York to build, scale and track new learning pathways. Work would be done with a Local Civics consultant to ensure the needs of ACS are met.

- Local Civics uses badge-based learning to guide students through civic, college and career experiences. The platform engages students with immersive lessons that empower their pursuit of education.
- The flexible pathway management tools enable the district the ability to monitor and accelerate the success of every student - no matter how complex or challenging the program.
- Local Civics is based out of New York City and is working with several area school districts including Batavia, Niagara Wheatfield, Rochester City and Fairport.

Students earn badges as they complete specific components of the Seal and/or pathway. Student progress is tracked through the platform, accessible by teachers, students and administration. Data is collected and used to recognize students with the additional Seals on their high school diploma. Badges would be earned as tasks are completed. Samples of pages in the Local Civics program were shared that showed the teacher and student screens.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Ad Hoc Committee - Number of Board Members and Length of Terms

Board Member, Mr. Kurt Schmitt, shared that the Ad Hoc Committee met to discuss the positives and negatives of having a nine-member Board serving five-year terms or a seven-member Board serving three-year terms. Any proposed change would have to go out to a vote. Mrs. Weller and Ms. Taylor worked together to research the positives and negatives. A smaller, seven-member Board could be more efficient and cost less but it would sacrifice the diversity of thought and would increase the time investment per member. During the annual elections, there are not a lot of candidates who run. It may be of interest to people considering a seat on the Board to reduce the five-year term to a three-year term offering a smaller commitment.

Mr. Schmitt shared that after the meeting, the Committee decided that a nine-member Board with three-year terms would be the better choice. While it takes two to three years to learn and understand the process, new members could choose to run for a second three-year term if they wanted to do so.

The Committee will bring this back to the full Board at the February Board Meeting to decide if a change in the length of the Board Term will be approved and included as a proposition on the annual budget vote ballot.

7. OLD BUSINESS - None

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel

1. Released from Employment:

a. Richard Neal

Position:	Building Maintenance Worker
Effective:	12/19/24

2. Resignations:

a. Katherine Czamara

Position:	Teacher Aide @ ES
Effective:	12/20/24 (end of work day)

6. 2024-2025 Extra-Curricular Athletic Appointments:

- a. Ocie Bennett, Jr.
 Position: Assistant Varsity Basketball (Female) Coach
 *pending all coaching requirements are met
 Effective: 01/06/25 (retroactive)
- b. Keith Akers
 Position: Unified Bowling Coach
 *pending all coaching requirements are met
 Effective: 01/06/25 (retroactive)

7. Substitutes:

Certified Substitute Teachers

- Robin Bower

Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

- Jason Anstey
- Liana Flugel
- Emma Madore
- Samuel Recco

Non-Instructional: Clerical, Teacher Aide, Monitor and Cleaner Substitutes

- Gladys McFadden

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- B. Extra Classroom Activities Audit
- C. 2023-2024 Single Audit Report

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- D. Standard Work Day Resolution

TITLE	NAME	STANDARD WORK DAY	TERM BEGINS/ ENDS	PARTICIPATES IN EMPLOYER'S TIME KEEPING SYSTEM (Y/N)	DAYS/ MONTH (based on Record of Activities)
Auditor	Stacey Andrews	7.5	07/01/24-06/30/25	N	1.03
District Clerk	Cindy Ishmael	7.5	07/01/24-06/30/25	N	1.87

BOARD APPROVED the Albion Central School District/Location Code 73403, hereby established the above as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the timekeeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the District Clerk of this body.

E. 2024-2025 Title I and Title V Funds Use for Professional Development

Event: School Year Professional Development
Above and beyond the required ATA 15 Contractual hours *The names were Previously approved for Professional Development but have been paired down to include only current names for the school year.*

Individuals:	Jessica Lang	Meghan Kania
	Cathy Hryhorenko	Cheryl Rightmyer
	Jaime Beach	Jennifer Burden
	Kelly Uderitz	Lucian Price
	Samantha Flansburg	Cathy Galbreth
	Laura Miller	Lindsey Almeter
	Jane Bentley	Bayli Schlierf
	Jennifer Holman	Jennifer Lamont
	Jennifer Simpson	Tina Burgett
	Stephanie Schepis	Angie Wolfe
	Jennifer Manley	Amanda Kast
	Melanie Uderitz	Rachael Dixson
	Amber Marvin	Roxanne Bieler
	Stephanie Krull	Michelle Auricchio
	Wynter Dumont	Marcella Quintana
	Carrie Hitchcock	Kimberly Beaton
	Alexandra Bradshaw	April Patti
	Aracely Hernandez	Julie Keller
	Amber Marvin	Josefino Paz

Rate: \$25/hour (after ATA contractual hours met)

Timeline: September 1, 2024 - March 1, 2025

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F. Volunteers

A list of volunteers was submitted for Board Members' information.

9. ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. BOE President Report

Board President, Mr. Wadhams shared that on Saturday, January 18th he will be attending the Genesee Valley School Boards Association Legislative Breakfast at Elba Central School.

Superintendent Edwards added that there are twenty-three districts receiving awards at the presentation. Medina, Lyndonville and Albion are new members to the Genesee Valley School Boards Association.

Mr. Wadhams shared that the following Saturday the Orleans Niagara School Boards Association will be holding their Legislative Breakfast in Niagara Falls.

B. Building Principal Reports

Building Principal Reports were submitted for Board Members' review.

Mrs. Ashbery, High School Principal, gave a shout out to the FFA for the 45,000 pounds of food they collected at the FFA Annual Food Drive. The food was donated to Community Action. Mrs. Ashbery thanked the local farmers and businesses who donated.

C. Attendance Report

Board Members were provided with the Attendance Report for review.

D. Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Report

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Mrs. Rebecca Manfreda shared that on January 29th students will not be in attendance but teachers will be here participating in a professional development day tailored to their specific needs. Elementary and Middle School teachers will engage in Core 1 Training for the Leader in Me program. This training emphasizes modeling the habits for students and effectively integrating Leader in Me lessons into classroom instruction. High School teachers will focus on enhancing their understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the classroom, analyzing preliminary Regents exam results and evaluating the first semester common assessments established within their shared scope and sequence documents.

F. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Edwards shared the Capital Project Update #20 with the Board and the apologies of Mike Ferreri, Campus Management Sr. Project Manager. The Update looks a lot different than the others because there were no pictures available due to some internal server issues Campus Management is experiencing. Once updated photos are available, they will be provided to the Board. Work is being done on a punch list of things contractors are working on such as doors and hardware. Additionally, the track surface will need a complete repair in July. Campus Management will be back to supervise the work. Eleven months after the completion of the project, Campus Management and King and King Architects will return to do a warranty inspection.

10. BOARD DATES

DAY	DATE	EVENT	TIME
Saturday	January 18, 2025	GVSBA Legislative Leadership Breakfast Elba Central School	8:30 am
Tuesday	January 28, 2025	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Monday	February 03, 2025	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	February 25, 2025	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 10, 2025 (2 nd Monday)	Regular Board of Education Meeting	7:00 pm
Tuesday	March 25, 2025	Finance and Audit Committee Meeting	6:00 pm

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11. ADJOURNMENT

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