

ALPENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ALPENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
JOINT BOARDS MEETING

September 20, 2006

The Boards of Alpena Community College (ACC) and Alpena Public Schools (APS) met in joint session on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, beginning at 3:00 p.m., in the conference room of the George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 N. First Avenue, Alpena, Michigan.

The Alpena Public Schools Chairwoman Diane Shields called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. and Alpena Community College Chairman John Briggs called the meeting to order immediately following.

Trustees present from Alpena Community College: John Briggs, Marc Ferguson, Joseph Gentry II, Florence Stibitz, Tom Townsend, and Paul Wegmeyer

Absent: Dr. Judith Grenkowicz

Board of Education Members present: Michael Barnett, Susan Bowen, Dr. Maureen Mead, David Ness, Diane Shields, and Bruce Zann.

Absent: Joe Stenz

APS staff members present: David Werner, Lori MacKenzie, Patricia Sampier, Cherie Nutter, Diane Block, Betty Werth, Mark Samp, Ed Buck, and Claudia Werner

ACC Staff Members Present: Dr. Olin Joynton, Max Lindsay, Roy Smith, Elizabeth Spragg, and Jay Walterreit

Others Present: Media and Interested Citizens

The meeting began with ACC President Olin Joynton's introduction of ACC and APS Board members. Dr. Joynton indicated the purpose of the joint meeting was to discuss the ongoing close working relationship of Alpena Public Schools and Alpena Community College.

The Boards heard a shared history presented by Ed Buck, Career and Technical Advisor for Alpena Public Schools. Mr. Buck told the Boards until 1979, the Alpena Public Schools and the Alpena Community College operated as a single entity with one Board and a joint administrative staff. When the separation occurred on June 12, 1979, joint programming and delivery efforts continued. CTE programs (graphic arts, welding, automotive services, and drafting) and articulation agreements were developed to link the two program levels together with appropriate college credit being awarded to students

upon entry into ACC programs following graduation from Alpena High School. These agreements are reviewed on an annual basis and are part of our regional TECH prep program, which receives federal funding.

Max Lindsay, ACC Dean of Student Affairs, provided a brief report on the use of shared facilities by APS and ACC. Mr. Lindsay told the Boards through the years there has been excellent cooperation between the two entities in using facilities when there was a need. When the College started a club soccer team, the ACC team didn't have a playing field. Mr. Lindsay told the Boards he had contacted the AHS athletic department and worked out an agreement with APS to use Wildcat Stadium; and in turn, when the AHS gymnasium roof was leaking, the AHS basketball team used the ACC gymnasium for a home basketball game. Mr. Lindsay expressed his appreciation for the cooperative relationship.

Roy Smith, ACC Dean of Instruction, reported on the current articulation agreements between APS and ACC. He explained the purpose of articulation agreements is to facilitate the transition of students from high school occupational and/or Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs to trade and industrial programs offered at ACC. Currently there are five articulation agreements for the following Alpena High School CTE programs: trade and industrial welding, automotive service and repair program, business services technology, computer aided drafting & design, and criminal justice. Mr. Smith told the Boards that plans are to add nursing and physical therapy assistant to the list of articulation agreements.

APS High School Principal Claudia Werner reported that enrollment numbers for dual enrollment first semester of the 2006-07 school year are down due to a decline in enrollment of qualifying students. She told the Board dual enrollment is offered at ACC and allows high school students to take college-level courses at the College taught by College instructors, with tuition paid by Alpena Public Schools.

Joe Klemens, ACC Director of Upward Bound, told the Board of the services Upward Bound offers to high school students. Mr. Klemens indicated the program's main office is located at Alpena High School, and he thanked Claudia Werner for allowing them to be a vital part of their school. Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. Mr. Klemens highlighted a list of Upward Bound services.

Robert Newton, ACC Director of Educational Talent Search (ETS), gave an informational report on the services ETS offers to students in grades 6 through 12 and adults. ETS serves students in the Alpena, Alcona, Atlanta, Hillman, Onaway, Oscoda, Posen, and Rogers City schools. Fairview students will be eligible to join the group in 2008.

Through both the Upward Bound and ETS programs students receive encouragement, guidance, and counseling to stay on an academic track in school to making the transition into college easier after graduation.

Roy Smith reported briefly on direct credit. He told the Boards that direct credit is one way in which Alpena Public Schools and Alpena Community College could expand operations. Direct credit allows an APS teacher, specially credentialed by ACC, to teach a college-level course on the AHS campus, thereby giving students an opportunity to earn college credit.

The APS Board of Education, along with the ACC Board of Trustees, recommended that a resolution be adopted to expand the number and kinds of articulated and aligned career and technical programs; and to explore extending articulation beyond CTE courses to English, math, science and social studies through advanced placement, dual enrollment and direct credit programs.

The motion was made by APS Member Bowen, seconded by APS Member Mead, to adopt a joint resolution of cooperation with Alpena Community College.

Ayes: Barnett, Bowen, Mead, Ness, Shields, and Zann

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

The motion was made by Member Townsend, seconded by Member Wegmeyer, to adopt a joint resolution of cooperation with Alpena Public Schools.

Ayes: Briggs, Ferguson, Gentry, Stibitz, Townsend, and Wegmeyer

Nays: None

Motion carried. All ayes.

At the conclusion of the discussion, APS Superintendent Werner suggested that a committee be formed to facilitate that work and report to the Boards at future meetings. The Boards discussed meeting again annually or semi-annually, but did not specifically set a date.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L, Spragg
Secretary of the ACC Board of Trustees