

**Minooka Elementary School District 201**  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Committee of the Whole  
District Office Board Room

Monday, August 19, 2019

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vicki Allen  
Emily Conquest  
Kim Fisher  
Andy Karceski  
Al Skwarczynski  
Renee Thompson  
James Satorius

**ABSENT:**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Josh Ruland, Mary Robinson, Aaron Souza, Tiffany Staab, Jeana Pekol, Teresa Miller and Lori Shanholtzer.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Review of the Agenda**

**3.01 Personnel** - Dr. Monn went over the personnel report with the Board.

**3.02 Notice of FOIA Requests** - There were no FOIA requests.

**3.03 NEWSELA Multi-year contract** - Dr. Ruland will be recommending renewing the 3 year contract with NEWSELA for a total cost of \$65,300. NEWSELA is a subscription to support curriculum in ELA, Social Studies and other content areas.

**4. Transportation - Update**

Dr. Monn reported that the transportation department is still short some staff but is still in the hiring process.

**5. Operations And Maintenance - Update**

No report.

**6. Technology – Update**

Aaron Souza reported that the Minooka Intermediate 1:1 technology has been implemented and is going very well.

**7. Board of Education Topics**

None

**8. Executive Session**


None

**9. Adjourn**

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Conquest to adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Conquest, Allen, Fisher, Karceski, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried at 6:57 p.m.



James E. Satorius, President



Al Skwarczynski, Secretary

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Regular Meeting

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### **ABSENT:**

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Josh Ruland, Mary Robinson, Aaron Souza, Tiffany Staab, Jeana Pekol, Teresa Miller, Denise Kalina and Lori Shanholtzer.

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Karceski to approve the agenda as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Karceski, Allen, Conquest, Fisher, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Approved.

### **2. Public Comments and Recognitions**

#### **2.01 Comments from the Employees and the Public**

Community Member Denise Kalina shared her concerns with the Board regarding the district's finances.

### **3. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Thompson to approve the list of bills, minutes from the July 15, 2019 regular board meeting, treasurer's report, destruction of the closed session recordings from August 2017, FOIA Requests and personnel report as presented.

Aye: Conquest, Thompson, Allen, Fisher, Karceski, Skwarczynski, Satorius

Motion Approved.

### **4. Action Items**

#### **4.01 NewsELA Multi-year contract**

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Allen to approve the NewsELA multi-year contract for a total cost of \$65,300 for three years as presented. The motion will include having the attorneys review for an early termination at not cost to the district if we decide to discontinue.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Allen, Conquest, Fisher, Karceski, Thompson, Satorius

Motion approved.

### **5. Discussion and Information Items**

#### **5.01 Enrollment, Staffing Update**

Dr. Monn updated the Board on the class enrollment. He stated that he is watching some of the Grade 2 class sizes and will continue to monitor them.

### **5.02 Summer Project Recap**

Dr. Monn updated the Board on the summer projects going on. He stated things are going well and are getting completed.

### **5.03 Start of School Information**

Dr. Monn stated that transportation is ready for the beginning of the school year.

## **6. COMMUNICATION**

### **6.01 Administrative Reports**

#### **Assistant Superintendent Report**

Dr. Ruland shared that he will be looking into the assessments we currently have and re-evaluate them.

Dr. Ruland shared that he is working on the E-Learning Days process with the group of teachers that are heading the group.

Dr. Ruland shared information regarding the New Teacher Institute scheduled for August 15th and 16th.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Monn state that he will be attending the Education Roundtable presented by Senator Jennifer Tarrent Bertino and will bring back information to the Board at the September board meeting.

Dr. Monn stated that he will be attending the GSEC governing board meeting with Al Skwarczynski.

Dr. Monn congratulated Principal Teresa Miller and her staff at Minooka Primary Centerfor the work she put into for the Pre-School For All grant.

Dr. Monn stated that for future calendars we will be looking into a two-year one.

### **6.02 Board Topics**

Discussion took place regarding the sports teams and how students are selected for the teams.

## **7. Executive Session**

None

## **8. Action as a result of Executive Session**

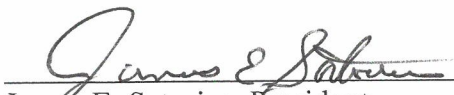
None

## **9. Adjournment**

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Conquest to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:36 p.m.

Aye: Fisher, Conquest, Allen, Karceski, Skwarczynski, Thompson, Satorius

Motion Carried at 8:36 p.m

  
James E. Satorius, President

  
Al Skwarczynski, Secretary