

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
Minooka School District Office

Monday, February 27, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Adam Shainberg
Al Skwarczynski
Vinita Voss (arrived at 6:20 p.m.)

ABSENT:

Ed Cronin
James Satorius

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. due to waiting for a quorum and Student Recognition was at 6:00 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Tiffany Staab, Mark Prosise, Sarah Massey, Jason Finkelstein, Aaron Souza, Tiffany Staab, Kathleen Cheshareck, Jeana Pekol, Erika Martinez, Anne Rasmusson, Sara Smith, Mary Robinson, Lisa Dziedic, Samantha Valle, Gina Ruggeri, Katherine Tonelli, Cori Rasmussen, Keti Dimovska, Lisa Dziedzic, Monica, March & Melody Garretson, Allie, Kat & Danyelle Navarro, Claudia Alves, Adriana Bravo, Norma Aguirre, Carrie Alessio, Kristen Koppers, Jen Monson, Thomas McGowan, Danielle Pratt, Brian Pohlman, Jeff Wynn, Jeff Shelby, Kara Hummel, Christy McGrath and Lori Shanholtzer.

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the revised agenda as presented. Action Items 5.03 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Respect to the Village of Channahon "NiGas" Tax Increment Finance District and 5.04 Approval of Second Amendment to Aux Sable Liquid Products Settlement Agreement were taken off the agenda.

Aye: Shainberg, Skwarczynski, Blount, Voss, Conquest
Motion Approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 Students of the Month

Jackie Harig announced the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.

Mark Prosise announced the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 Minooka Junior High Cheer Team

Postponed to March 20th board meeting.

2.05 Public Comments

Kristen Koppers shared her concerns about the district.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Voss to approve the list of bills, minutes from the January 23, 2023 regular meeting, treasurer's report, destruction of the closed session recordings from February 2021, FOIA requests as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Voss, Blount, Skwarczynski, Conquest
Motion Approved.

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Blount to approve the personnel report as presented.
Aye: Skwarczynski, Blount, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4. Strategic Plan Update

4.01 Strategic Goal #4 - Connecting With The Community

Multilingual Coordinator Erika Martinez introduced Multilingual Team Members, Anne Rasmussen, Sarah Smith, Jonita Bergfeld, and Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) officers Claudia Alves, Adriana Bravo, Norma Aguirre who presented to the Board on their efforts. They reported that as of today we have 249 multilingual students compared to 144 that were reported in May 2021. Presentation can be located in the electronic board packet.

5. Action Items

5.01 Approval of Contract Extension with Assured Partners (formerly Group Alternatives)

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Blount to approve the Contract Extension with Assured Partners (formerly Group Alternatives) as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Blount, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest
Motion Approved.

5.02 Staff Laptop Lease Procurement

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the Staff Laptop Lease Procurement as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Skwarczynski, Blount, Voss, Conquest
Motion Approved.

6. Discussion And Information Items

6.01 2023-2024 Staffing Recommendations

Director of Human Resources Sarah Massey presented the Board with the 2023-2024 Staffing Recommendations. The approval process will take place when we hire staff to fill the positions. Detailed information on the recommendations can be found in the electronic board packet.

6.02 2023-2024 Academic Calendar

Director of Human Resources Sarah Massey presented the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar to the Board. She will be recommending the Board to approve at the March 20, 2023 board meeting.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Monn, Superintendent:

- Updated the Board on statewide developments including new bills in the General Assembly and Governor Pritzker stating that education is high on his list for funding. \$350 million is expected to be the starting level of increase in the evidence based model.
- Early Childhood Education funds are projected to expand across the state.
- There will be a lot of bills they will be looking into and Dr. Monn will forward any education bills of note to the Board.

Dr. Staab, Asst. Superintendent:

- Shared details regarding the Community Partnership Grant.
- Shared information regarding the March 10, 2023 Teacher Institute Day.
- Shared information regarding the School Improvement Plans.
- Shared information regarding Free Dental Clinic to our students again this year that Amy Pelnarsh organized with Orland Park Dental.

Dr. Cheshareck, Interim Chief Academic Officer:

- Shared information regarding the Science/Math Articulation with Minooka High School. She stated we will continue to do this annually.
- Collaborating is taking place on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) data results. The date is targeting school settings and students' individual needs. More detailed information will be shared at a later date.
- April 17-April 27 for the MAP testing.
- Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing will begin next week.
- Illinois Science Assessments (ISA) for Grades 5-8 will begin next week.
- The Education Committee will meet in March and will continue talking about standard based grading.
- Coaches will be presenting on Socratic Seminars and Google Classroom at the Teacher Institute.
- Instructional Coaches will be presenting their 2023-2024 goals at the March board meeting.

Mary Robinson, Finance Director:

- Sending out a survey about the district having activity buses for the school district.

Aaron Souza, Director Of Information Technology

- Shared information regarding the new transportation MyView app.

7.02 Board Topics

- Adam Shainberg recognized all of the school PTO's for all of their hard work.

8.0 Executive Session

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Blount to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of employees, negotiations, the purchase of real property, confidential student matters, and/or litigation.

Motion Carried at 7:33 p.m.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Blount, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest

Motion Carried

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Voss to return to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Motion Carried at 8:40 p.m.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Voss, Blount, Shainberg, Conquest

Motion Carried

9. Action as a result of Executive Session

None

10. Adjournment

Moved by Voss, seconded by Shainberg to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:41 p.m.

Aye: Voss, Shainberg, Blount, Skwarczynski, Conquest

Motion Carried at 8:41 p.m.


Emily Conquest, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary