

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, February 22, 2021

Minooka Primary Center Gym

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Kim Fisher

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Josh Ruland, Lori Shanholtzer, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson, Rich Searl, Sara Weeks, Cathy Haase, Jill Lustik, Teri Miller, Sara Monroe, William Gentzler, Adrienne McKerrow, Theresa Underhill, Gina Ruggeri, Jeana Pekol, Tiffany Staab, Jackie Blair, Rodney Hiser, Kathe Brozman

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

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

Motion approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

Dr. Monn reported that we are returning to in person learning March 1st for 5 days a week at 4 hours a day. Parents will continue to have the option to full remote for their students.

He thanked Rich Searl and the custodial staff for all of their efforts getting the schools ready.

He thanked Cathy Haase and Kathe Brozman for all of their hard work getting bus routes ready to go.

2.02 Students of the Month

Jeana Pekol and William Gentzler shared the students of the month's names with the board and recognized them.

Minooka Intermediate School

Abby Gue
Alexandra Ewing
Samuel Thomas

Minooka Junior High School

Jack Cleary
Ethan Conquest
Lydia Dondlinger
Lydia Page

2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public

Dr. Monn read public comments from parent Amy Manning and staff member Jennifer Praveen regarding their concerns for returning to in-person learning.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the personnel items, list of bills, minutes from the January , 2021 regular meeting, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from February 2018, FOIA requests, and TRS Supplemental Savings Plan as presented..

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 A T & T Internet 2 Year Agreement

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Karceski to approve the A T & T Internet 2 Year Agreement as presented.

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

Motion approved.

5 Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Updates on Hybrid Learning Model

Dr. Monn reported:

- Grundy County metrics are still the highest rate compared to Will and Kendall counties.
- Will continue layered mitigations including 6 feet apart wherever possible, but that in many cases student desks would be closer than 6 ft.. We will watch for a little while to make sure it does not cause a further spread and does not look like it has in other districts.
- Will be working with administration on finalizing plans to get to a full day including lunch. More data will be brought back at the March board meeting.
- Currently the Elementary Schools have approximately 20% remote students and the Campus has 30% remote students.
- All staff have been offered the vaccination if they would like to have it.

Cathy Haase reported:

- Since June we have had 9 drivers and 7 aides quit.
- Contacted 8 different transportation companies to get drivers to work for us. Also have put out district fliers and advertised on Facebook.
- Will have open house March 1st to try to find more staff
- Incentive for the High School bus drivers will be \$250 to have them fill in for #201 routes.
- Acknowledged Kathe Brozman and Aaron Souza for all of their hard work.

Kathe Brozman reported:

- Currently the major issues with bus driver shortage is MJHS and MIS. The campus needs 3 more drivers and Aux Sable needs one more.
- Routes are almost complete just need to do some tweaking on the MPC routes. Number of students on a bus is approximately 48 students.
- Thank you to the bus drivers that have been running and working with Covid.

Mary Robinson reported:

- Grundy County Health Department was our main source for staff vaccinations. We were also able to get some service by Kendall County especially Jones since the school is located in Kendall County. Some staff has received from Jewel and Walgreens.
- End of this week 100 staff will be fully vaccinated and 225 have received the first dose. Only have a small group left to do.

Rich Searl reported:

- The Buildings/Grounds department focused on Phase 1 which was installing 70 units and 100 of the permanent ones. Second Phase will be installed starting Friday.
- Maintaining the snow removal on an hourly basis. Kudos to building/grounds staff for all they are doing.

Board President James Satorius stated all board members are ready to go back; we just have to make sure it is safe for everyone.

5.02 Expanded Summer School Program

Dr. Ruland & Gina Ruggeri shared a presentation regarding the summer school program. Detailed information can be found in the electronic board packet. Jason Finkelstein was not able to attend so Dr. Ruland spoke on his behalf.

5.03 MJHS and MIS PE Uniform

William Gentzler & Andrianne McKerrow reported possibly no longer having students purchase PE uniforms. Will be proposing they can bring their own athletic attire with shoes from home. More information will be coming regarding this item.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Monn Reported:

- 5Essentials survey is open February until March 21st. Parents and staff will be asked to participate and students from Grades 4-8 will also be administered the survey.
- Governor's budget address recommends flat funding for schools but is not final yet.

Dr. Ruland Reported:

- Will be applying for a state assessment waiver if it is offered. Will still plan on taking the assessments until we know otherwise
- In May will be taking the NWEA map testing and will provide the Board with results when received.

Dr. Staab Reported:

- Continuing to get all students back and meet all their needs.
- Working on 8th grade students to high school transition meetings with IEPs and 504s.
- USF partnership offering three classes from our staff.

Aaron Souza Reported:

- Presented the Chromebook Procurement Plan.
- Thanks to the Tech Team has risen to another level to help out.

Rich Searl Reported:

- The new snow plow service we have has held their own and has been acceptable considering all of the snow we have seen this year.

6.02 Board Topics

Executive Session

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Skwarczynski 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 7:36 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Karceski to return to open session at 7:54 p.m.

Motion Carried at 7:54 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

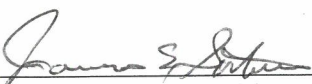
None

9. Adjournment

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Conquest to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 7:55 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary