

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
Minooka School District Office

Monday, October 17, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Ed Cronin
Adam Shainberg
James Satorius
Al Skwarczynski
Vinita Voss

ABSENT:

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Tiffany Staab, Kathleen Cheshareck, Jeana Pekol, Michelle Hanley, Nicki Thompson, Melinda DiLorenzo, Mark Prosise, Mary Robinson, Aaron Souza, Gina Ruggeri, Nicole Bonarek, Glen Wysong, Ciara Manno, Jill Forkel, Sara Smith, Jalessa Wilson, Teri Underhill, Steve Huffman, Lisa Holic, Janet Salazar, Jill Lustik, Eric Lacey, Keisha Lacey, Hugo Estrada, Rob Kurns, Brenda Kurns, Rachel Remus, Jen Monson, Thomas McGowan, Brian Pohlman, Monica Totaro and Lori Shanholtzer. Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Satorius to approve the agenda as presented. Aye: Skwarczynski, Satorius, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest
Motion approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 Students of the Month

Students of the Month from MIS and MJHS were honored by the Board and read speeches to the public.

2.02 Comments from the Employees and the Public

Jen Monson shared her concerns regarding the district's curriculum.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to approve the list of bills, minutes from the September 19, 2022 regular meeting, treasurer's report, destruction of the closed session recordings from October 2020, FOIA requests, 2022 School Maintenance Grant, Approval of new student Dress Code as presented.

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

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Satorius to approve the personnel report as presented.

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

4. Strategic Plan Update

4.01 Strategic Plan Update - Goal 1 - Preliminary Fall Assessment Results

Dr. Tiffany Staab and Dr. Cheshareck shared their presentation with the Board. Documents can be viewed in the electronic board packet.

4.02 Strategic Plan Update - Goal 4 - Strengthen family and community engagement, communication and collaboration to support student success

Nicki Thompson and Melinda DiLorenzo shared their Minooka Community Connection Program presentation with the board. Documents can be viewed in the electronic board packet.

5. Action Items

5.01 Approval of Portrait of a Graduate Study with Hazard, Young and Attea

Moved by Voss, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the Graduate Study with Hazard, Young and Attea as presented.

Aye: Voss, Skwarczynski, Blount, Cronin, Satorius, Shainberg, Conquest

Motion Approved.

5.02 Acceptance of Donation - Costco Wholesale Backpacks

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Blount to approve the acceptance of donation - Costco Wholesale Backpacks as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Blount, Cronin, Satorius, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest

Motion Approved.

5.03 Approval of Morton Arboretum Tree Planting Agreement

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Shainberg to approve the Morton Arboretum Tree Planting Agreement as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Shainberg, Blount, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Voss, Conquest

Motion Approved.

5.04 Approval of Minooka Junior High School HVAC Replacement Project

Moved by Voss, seconded by Satorius to approve the Minooka Junior High HVAC Replacement Project as presented.

Aye: Voss, Satorius, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg, Skwarczynski, Conquest

Motion Approved.

6. Discussion And Information Items

6.01 Preliminary 2022 Tax Levy

Mary Robinson shared her presentation with the Board. Documents can be viewed in the electronic board packet.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Monn, Superintendent:

- Scott Lustik will be the Minooka Intermediate Lead School Security Officer and Officer Stacy Kapinus will be the temporary Minooka Junior High School Resource Officer.
- Scott Lustik will be helping with the interview process for the elementary school security officers.

Dr. Staab, Asst. Superintendent:

- Highlighted the Multilingual Program. We currently serve students from 9 different countries and our team is going above and beyond to help the students.
- Highlighted our partnership with St. Mary's in Minooka for parents to learn the English language.

Aaron Souza, Director of Information Technology:

- Provided an update on our copy machine leases and potential upgrades.
- Discussed our work on a new bus transportation app that will provide GPS tracking for parents.

Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources:

- Working on recruiting support staff to fill open vacancies.

Dr. Cheshareck, Chief Academic Officer:

- Instructional coaches sent out a teacher survey and will bring a report to the Board once the data is analyzed.

Glen Wysong, Director of Buildings/Grounds:

- The work on the District Office stairway will begin and be completed by Thanksgiving.
- The work on the District Office ramp is near completion.

7.02 Board Topics

- Emily Conquest asked the Board to contact her if anyone would be interested in being the district Delegate for the Delegate Assembly. .

8.0 Executive Session

Moved by Satorius, 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 8:13 p.m.

Aye: Satorius, Skwarczynski, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest

Motion Carried.

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to return to open session at 8:29 p.m.

Aye: Shainberg, Blount, Cronin, Satorius, Skwarczynski, Voss, Conquest

Motion Carried

9. Action as a result of Executive Session

None

10. Adjournment

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Voss to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Aye: Satorius, Voss, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg, Skwarczynski, Conquest

Motion Carried at 8:30 p.m.

Emily Conquest, President



Al Skwarczynski, Secretary