

Minooka Elementary School District 201

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT (ONLINE):

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 (online) were: Kris Monn, Joshua Ruland, Adrienne McKerrow, Andrew Parton, Ciara Manno, Delaney Bolte, Jackie Harig, Jason Finkelstein, Jeana Pekol, Jeannine Ruggeri, Kathleen Cheshareck, Kristin Dondlinger, Megann Horstead, Monica Totaro, Natalie Baxter, Rodney Hiser, Sara Weeks, Sarah Massey, Sarah Monroe, Teresa Miller, Theresa Underhill, Tiffany Staab, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson and Lori Shanholtzer.

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

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

Motion Approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

None

2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public

None

Consent Agenda

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Fisher to approve the list of bills, minutes from the April 20, 2020 regular meeting, treasurer's report, revised personnel report, destruction of the closed session recordings from April 2018, FOIA Requests, board meeting dates 2020-2021, and Kendall County Land Cash Funds as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 Award of Bus Lease Bids

Moved by Karceski, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the bus lease bids as presented.

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

Motion approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Remote Instruction Update

Dr. Ruland reported:

- Looking into bringing a consultant in to help with some of the instruction/methodology that was taught online.
- Thanked our staff, parents and students for working so hard on learning.
- Information regarding report cards. The district will be in line with the state with either Pass or Incomplete on grading
- Scaled back on our math pilot for 2020-2021.
- Looking into concerns/problems that the district had with online learning. Working with Powerschool to make sure things are worked out and possibly using Schoology.
- Will get information together regarding our Map scores.
- IXL will be available to families this summer.

Mrs. Staab reported:

- Very proud of all of the collaboration of our educators to outreach our parents.
- Planning on the future and what may happen next year for special education.
- One highlight was the district has met all of the requirements from the state.

Aaron Souza reported:

- Update on the online student registration process.
- Working on MPC applications to help streamline primary grade sequence.
- Creating a chromebook repair process on Wednesdays to handle technology problems

Mary Robinson reported:

- Budget update-The state owes the district 1.9 million and special education/transportation fund received \$595,000 the first week of May 2020. Local property taxes received Will and Kendall County was received. The EAV of Will increased 6.24% and Kendall EAV increased slightly higher than we anticipated. We are waiting on Grundy County due to an issue they had with their new software system. The current year budget, even if the state comes up short on funds the district will be in a pretty good position due to the fact that the district has a substantial fund balance.
- Purchase orders for next year are beginning to process since it will not hit the budget till the next fiscal year.

Dr. Monn reported:

- Commended all of the administration for getting student supply pickup completed. Parents had very positive comments regarding.
- Budget for summer pd has increased this year and will use Covid 19 funds to pay for.
- Chromebooks will stay with the students over the summer instead of taking them back.
- Technology may have some needs to hire some summer help.
- Will be developing some type of plan for opening. Possible to have a delayed start of the school year.
- Checking into looking into purchasing some PPE equipment.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Assistant Superintendent Report

- Summer school is up and running remotely for online instruction and we currently have 115 students that have signed up for.
- Parent/Student handbook has been updated.

Superintendent Report

- Lori is going through the policy to make updates and should be ready by June.
- Ridge Road improvements have started.
- Rich Searl and his team are making some great improvements
- June board meeting will have a preliminary budget.
- An update on 8th Grade Graduation was given.
- Thanked the principals and district office staff for all of their work.

6.02 Board Topics

Will need to have executive session at June board meeting to go over Dr. Monn's evaluation. Please provide evaluation evidence to Vicki Allen by June 8th so she can prepare the final documentation.

Discussion took place for the district to send something small to the teachers for teacher appreciation week if the budget allows.

Board Member Kim Fisher asked about the District looking into our cellular costs and trying to find a plan that would be more cost effective.

Executive Session

None

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

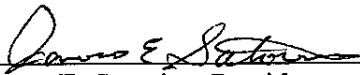
None


9. Adjournment

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Conquest to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 7:57 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary