

Minooka Elementary School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, October 19, 2020

Minooka Primary Center Gym

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Allen
Emily Conquest
Andy Karceski
Al Skwarczynski
James Satorius

ABSENT:

Kim Fisher
Renee Thompson

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, Aaron Souza, Tiffany Staab, Mary Robinson, Rich Searl, Jason Finkelstein, William Gentzler, Teresa Miller, Jackie Harig, Monica Totaro, Jeana Pekol, David Meyer, Matt Shackley.

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

Aye: Skwarczynski, Conquest, Allen, Karceski, Satorius

Motion Approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

Dr. Monn reported that the students are back in the buildings and it was a very emotional day to see them back.

Recognition was given to Bus Driver Shirley Deurloo who retired after 42 years.

2.02 Students of the Month

Dr. Monn shared the students of the month's names with the board and that we will recognize them at a later date. They are as follows:

Minooka Intermediate School

Zoe Stancampiano
Jenna Hu
Derrick Pomatto

Minooka Junior High School

Noah Allen
Lydia Howard
Samya Sehwait
Emerson Wilhelm

2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public

None

Consent Agenda

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Karceski to approve the list of bills, minutes from the September 21, 2020 regular meeting, October 1, 2020 special board meeting and September 21, 2020 budget hearing, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from October 2018, FOIA requests, and policy updates - second reading.

Aye: Conquest, Karceski, Allen, Skwarczynski, Satorius

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 Acceptance of FY2020 Audit

Moved by Allen, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the FY2020 Audit as presented by auditor David Meyer.

Aye: Allen, Skwarczynski, Conquest, Karceski, Satorius

Motion approved.

David Meyer from WRDR reported no adjustments were made to the audit. The staff provided all of the data that was requested. There were only minor findings in the management letter, one of which was expected due to not having someone on staff with sufficient accounting licensure to fully prepare required statements. David stated the staff did a great job.

Dr. Monn highlighted that this is the third straight year that the district received recognition review status of 3.7.

Dr. Monn stated that long term debt is down to 55 million dollars which is getting us in the right direction.

4.02 Approval of Snow Removal Bids

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the snow removal bids as presented. The bid was awarded to the lowest qualified bidder KCG.

Aye: Conquest, Allen, Karceski, Satorius

Nay: Skwarczynski

Motion approved.

4.03 Amendment to Life Safety Plan

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Karceski to approve the amendment to Life Safety Plan as presented. Amendment to the plan can be seen on the electronic board packet.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Karceski, Allen, Conquest, Satorius

Motion approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Preliminary 2020 Tax Levy

Mary Robinson shared three different scenarios of the 2020 Tax Levy. She will bring the tentative levy to the November board meeting and then finalize at the December board meeting.

5.02 Minooka CCSD 201 Return to Instruction Plan

Dr. Monn reported

- Our counties have seen spikes in the positivity rate and have exceeded at least 8%. Will and Kendall counties are very high and we cannot do more than we can do right now for the time that we have. We will continue to monitor the metrics and take it day by day for the next two weeks and reevaluate at that time.

- Number of goals working on but number 1 goal is for student safety for the first few days and to establish routines. Everything went very well the first day and very minimal problems. We can now start to get deeper into the education process next and setup routines.
- Recognition to our parents was apparent that the students were ready to come back and credit that to parents.
- Younger students wearing masks was not an issue and went very well.
- Thank the administration in the buildings that their procedures that were prepared have been very well done.
- Thanked the teachers for all that they do they have risen to the challenge and continue to do so. Teachers deserve recognition.

Tiffany Staab reported:

- A lot of communication going on and collaboration between all of our district sub committees.
- Thanks to the transportation and to all staff.
- Social / emotional learning working with local mental health clinics to bring in staff pd to help with.
- Self - certification went very well today and some students were not certified so admin had to prepare for them.
- Student immunization and physicals - we have 23 students as of this morning that have not submitted the required paperwork yet.

Aaron Souza reported:

- Tech team's pretty busy, but things went better today than expected.
- Mr. Souza highlighted the efforts of Ms. Pam Wolfe.
- 2-4 grade handed Chromebook cases to keep breakage down. The Chromebooks we ordered in July still have not been received yet.
- Kindergarten - Piloting a wireless lapel system and working on getting some ordered.
- K-4 projectors - This project from pre-COVID is now at the forefront again. We are working on getting quote together.
- Next summer I will be working on an Erate project and will be talking about the next board meeting.
- The Tech team is proud of how they all went above and beyond.

Mary Robinson reported:

- 4800 total lunches were made today.

Rich Searl reported:

- Have procedures into place and are evolving with them. A lot of communication seems to be working really well.

William Gentzler reported:

- All athletics/extracurriculars are holding off until after January until we work on logistics. More information will be on November 2nd.

6.02 Board Topics

None

Executive Session

None

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

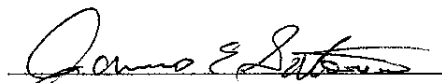
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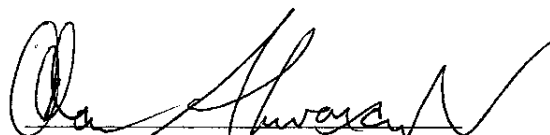
9. Adjournment

Moved by Allen, seconded by Karceski to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Aye: Allen, Karceski, Conquest, Skwarczynski, Satorius

Motion Carried at 7:24 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary