

Minooka Elementary School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting
Minooka Primary Center Gym

Monday, November 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Allen
Emily Conquest
Kim Fisher
Andy Karceski
Al Skwarczynski
James Satorius
Rence Thompson

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 were: Kris Monn, Josh Ruland, Lori Shanholtzer, Aaron Souza, Kathleen Cheshareck, Rodney Hiser, Tiffany Staab, Jeana Pekol, Mary Robinson, Matt Shackley, Natalie Baxter, Rich Searl, Sarah Massey, Teri Miller, Jackie Harig, Jill Lustik, Megann Horstead, Monica Totaro, Sarah Monroe.

Moved by Allen, seconded by Skwarczynski to approve the agenda as presented.
Aye: Allen, Skwarczynski, Conquest, Fisher, Karceski, Thompson, Satorius
Motion Approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

Dr. Monn thanked everyone that is a part of our team for all they are doing and wished everyone a Happy American Education Week.

Dr. Monn also wished the Board a Happy National School Board Day.

2.02 Students of the Month

Dr. Monn shared the students of the month's names with the board and recognized them.

Minooka Intermediate School

Lillian Russell
Julia Remus
Matthew Schreiner

Minooka Junior High School

Allie Devereux
Luke Page
Marina Hristov
Brayden Lindstrom

2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public

Parents John Golat, Sidney Eaton, and Candace Watters shared their concerns about the remote learning process.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Karceski to approve the list of bills, minutes from the October 19, 2020 regular meeting, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from November 2018, FOIA requests, and policy updates - third reading.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 2020 Tentative Tax Levy - Approval of public notice and establish public hearing

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Allen to approve the public notice and establish public hearing for the 2020 Tax Levy as presented.

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

Motion approved.

4.02 Update on the Minooka CCSD 201 Hybrid Learning Plan

No action on this item.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Required Drainage Improvements at Transportation Facility

Dr. Monn reported:

- Dr. Monn went over the COVID metrics that were updated last Friday and stated we don't have much evidence that the virus is spreading in the schools.
- Staff has done a nice job of isolating and cleaning in the buildings.
- Great job to the bus drivers for managing a lot of students on the bus.
- Goal is that after the holiday break that the spread will minimize so that it is possible to return to hybrid on January 19th if the metrics allow.

Dr. Ruland reported:

- Recognized Dr. Stabb for the role she has played.
- Recognized all of the nurses, administration staff and teachers for all of their work.
- Will start looking at curriculum and the curriculum developers will be getting together.

Tiffany Staab reported:

- Tools used for modifications and annotations in the realms of special education and will be contacting parents to update them so that students can use.
- Other supports for our staff for self-help in video training.
- USF 4 classes offered and will be starting Spring 2021 asking staff if interested in hosting them.
- Looking at our students that are experiencing difficult times with the holidays and how we can help with McKinney Vento supplies.
- Short out to Aaron and his technology staff for making sure we have all of our accommodations that the staff/students need.

Aaron Souza reported:

- New software for campus teachers to help with classroom management.
- Busy with hybrid technology and working on monitor microphone setups.
- Looking to the future: December/January board meeting chromebook/technology orders normally ordered in April will ask the board for sooner due to slower process in receiving technology..

Mary Robinson reported:

- Communication will be going out this Friday about continuing free lunch service.

Rich Searl reported:

- Continue to sanitize and follow all of the CDC guidelines.
- Custodians should be commended for all of their work.
- Will be giving our equipment a rest when we can to get our filters changed in the buildings.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Ruland reported:

- Moving into addressing the state assessments. State of Illinois has required all assessments to be done in person and will monitor how we will do that.

Dr. Monn reported:

- The graduated income tax was not approved by the voters and we could see an impact to state education funding as a result.
- We will begin bargaining with the Minooka Elementary Education Association soon.
- Thanked everyone for their partnership and stated we are all in this together and not easy on anyone. Teachers inspire us all and the administration team thank you for all you do.

6.02 Board Topics

Emily Conquest reported that she is on the School Board resolution committee. She stated that everything that passed or did not pass was expected.

Executive Session

None

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

None

9. Adjournment

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Allen to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m.
Aye: Fisher, Allen, Conquest, Karceski, Skwarczynski, Thompson, Satorius
Motion Carried at 7:26 p.m.