

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Minooka Primary Center Gym

Monday, March 15, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vicki Allen
Emily Conquest
Kim Fisher
Al Skwarczynski
Renee Thompson
James Satorius

ABSENT:

Andy Karceski

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, Adam Shainberg, Mary Robinson, Sarah Massey, Jason Finkelstein, Adrienne McKerrow, Rich Searl, Tiffany Staab, Ciara Manno, Monica Totaro, Jacki Harig, Jeana Pekol, Theresa Underhill, Gina Ruggeri, Sara Weeks, Rodney Hiser, Aaron Souza, Teresa Miller, William Gentzler, Vinita Voss, and Jill Lustik.

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

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

Motion approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

Dr. Monn congratulated new principals Sarah Monroe at Walnut Trails and Jeanine Ruggeri at Minooka Elementary.

Dr. Monn shared the 5 candidates that were running for the school board: Adam Shainberg, Vinita Boss, Stephen Blount, Ed Cronin and James Satorius.

2.02 Students of the Month

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

Minooka Intermediate School

Shea Freckelton
Aidan Jacques
Olivia Carr

Minooka Junior High School

Brooklyn Brass
Jillian Alsip
Ryan Hoge
Antonio Encinas

2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public

Dr. Monn shared concerns from parents Rich and Katie Kuchar regarding students returning to in-person classes.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Conquest to approve the personnel items, list of bills, minutes from the February 22, 2021 regular meeting, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from March 2018, and FOIA requests as presented..

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 Aux Sable to Minooka Elementary Fiber Circuit

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Conquest to approve the Aux Sable to Minooka Elementary Fiber Circuit as presented.

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

Motion approved.

4.02 2nd Grade Lease Chromebooks

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2nd Grade lease chromebooks as presented. Detailed information can be located in the electronic board packet on the website.

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

Motion approved.

4.03 Award of Bus Lease Bids

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Conquest to approve the bus lease bids awarded to the lowest qualified bidder Central States as presented.

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

Motion approved.

4.04 Food Service Consulting Contract

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Allen to approve the food service consulting contract with Quest Consulting as presented.

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

Motion approved.

5 Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Increasing In-Person Instructional Time - next steps

Dr. Monn reported:

- April 12th will be the first full day back for the students. Discussion was held over whether to return to full days on April 7th or push it back, with the Board having consensus that April 12th would allow for additional time for buildings to prepare.
- Parent survey will be sent out for parents to decide either full day in-person or full day remote.
- We will be providing lunch since the state has uplifted the 50 people capacity.
- Times will be 7:30 a.m.-1:50 p.m. (MIS/MJHS) and 8:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (all elementary schools). Minooka Primary Center will remain the same time.

Mrs. Pekol reported:

- Majority of the teachers will be in the classroom and some teachers will be on a cart.
- Lunch will be provided in the cafeteria and also the gym.
- At the end of the day teachers will be working with remote students.
- The Intermediate schedule was shared with the Board.

Mrs. Massey reported:

- Discussion took place regarding the Junior High schedule was shared with the Board.
- 72% of students are electing to return to in-person school and anticipate more may return.

5.02 MJHS Diversity and Inclusion

Adrienne McKerrow with all other administrators reported: As a district, MJHS recognizes that we continue to face obstacles that surround racism, sexism, sexual orientation, socioeconomic and equity for all. We have an opportunity to learn, grow and create something that can change and help us as educators, our students and eventually, the world that we live in. MJHS will be starting a Diversity Task Force and undergo training to help everyone to become more aware of their own biases, while providing skills to help everyone interact, collaborate and work with people that have different qualities. We look forward to starting this journey and will keep everyone updated where we are at in the process.

5.03 Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards

Dr. Ruland shared his powerpoint with the Board regarding Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards. The Powerpoint can be found in the electronic board packet on the website.

5.04 Inclusive Curriculum LGBTQ+

Dr. Ruland shared his powerpoint with the Board regarding Inclusive Curriculum LGBTQ+. The Powerpoint can be found in the electronic board packet on the website.

5.05 Winter NWEA MAP Growth Scores

Dr. Ruland shared information regarding the Winter NWEA MAP Growth Scores. Details can be viewed in the electronic board packet on the website.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Monn Reported:

No report

Dr. Ruland Reported:

- Shared information regarding the IAR testing. Is looking into if the state will hold off testing till next year. If testing is done this year the data collected will not affect our school report card.
- Shared he is working with the curriculum teams to review ELA and Math resources. Is currently reviewing rubric results from teachers and will bring back to the Board at the April board meeting.

Dr. Staab Reported:

- MTSS and Intervention will increase students from 15 minutes to more what their IEP looks like. Staff will be reaching out to parents to update their IEP/504 plans.
- Additional nurse at the campus has been a huge help.

- Social distancing has gone from 6 feet to 3 feet. Still require mask and still contract tracing. New IDHP guidelines have been updated. Symptom screenings have been taken off of the tracker.
- All staff members have been offered a vaccination if they would like one . 403 staff have been vaccinated 321 of those have received their 2nd dose. 20 still interested.

Rich Searl Reported:

- All air purifier units have been installed and ready to go. We are significantly doing very well and seems like we have made some progress. All maintenance staff did an outstanding job on learning the systems and all of the work that they did. Kudos to all of them.
- All custodial staff are continuing to clean and sanitize. Over spring break will be cleaning the uninvents.
- We will be bidding out Life Safety work on April 8th.

6.02 Board Topics

None

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 9:02 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Allen to return to open session at 9:29 p.m.

Motion Carried at 9:29 p.m.

Aye: Thompson, Allen, Conquest, Fisher, Skwarczynski, 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 9:30 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 9:30 p.m.


James E. Satorius, President


Al Skwarczynski, Secretary