

**Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201**  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting  
Zoom (Virtual) Meeting

Monday, December 21, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Renee Thompson

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President James Satorius. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Josh Ruland, Lori Shanholtzer, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson, Matt Shackley, Rich Searl, Jeana Pekol, Monica Totaro, Sarah Monroe, Teri Miller and Vinita Voss.

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

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

Motion Approved.

**2. Public Comments and Recognitions**

**2.01 District Announcements**

Dr. Monn shared with the board information regarding the Minooka Channahon Rotary Club Backpack Program that the district participates in.

Dr Monn shared the terrific giving that is going on with all of the district schools.

**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**

Molly Schramm  
Tayber Chally  
Maxwell Remus

**Minooka Junior High School**

Karina Exstrom  
Matthew Myers  
Owen McClelland  
Ashley Vera Medina

**2.03 STR Holiday Card Winners**

**Dr. Monn congratulated all of the STR Holiday Card winners.**

**2.04 Comments from the Employees and the Public**

Parents John Golat, April Strite, and Natalie Jostes 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 November 16, 2020 regular meeting, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from December 2018, FOIA requests, and 2021 Employee Benefit Plan Renewals as presented..

Aye: Conquest, Karceski, Allen, Fisher, Skwarczynski, Satorius  
Motion Approved.

## **4. Action Items**

### **4.01 Final 2020 Tax Levy**

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Allen to approve the Final 2020 Tax Levy as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Allen, Conquest, Fisher, Karceski, Satorius  
Motion approved.

### **4.02 Approval of Contract for Audit Services**

Moved by Allen, seconded by Conquest to approve the contract for audit services as presented.

Aye: Allen, Conquest, Fisher, Karceski, Skwarczynski, Satorius  
Motion approved.

### **5.03 5th Grade Chromebooks Purchase**

Moved by Conquest, seconded by Fisher to approve the 5th Grade Chromebooks Purchase as presented. (Details can be located in the electronic board packet)

Aye: Conquest, Fisher, Allen, Karceski, Skwarczynski, Satorius  
Motion approved.

## **5. Discussion and Information Items**

### **5.01 Hybrid Learning Updates**

#### **Dr. Monn reported:**

- Covid positivity rates and county wide school metrics are still in the substantial range but are moving in the right direction.
- Other school districts have been able to implement different models of returning to school because they have different variables, such as the ability to social distance 6 feet, smaller class sizes or numbers of in-person learners and different facility configurations.
- The district will go back to the hybrid model on January 19th.
- K-12 Employees of a school district are in the second group for vaccinations.
- Minooka CCSD 201 plans to increase staff 2 main areas to improve our ability to appropriately handle future quarantines: health/nurse services (one nurse at campus, one health aide at each elementary school) and permanent substitutes (JH/MIS up to 5 each, Elementary up to 4 each).

#### **Dr. Ruland reported:**

- Building teams are very busy doing Access testing. Testing starts January 4th and will not be able to do remotely will have to have students come in to test. ESL team working with administration to work out a schedule for testing.
- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing will be administered in person and remotely.
- Starting the conversation of summer school and how it will look. Will have more detail at the next board meeting.

- Looking at ways to add more instructional time to students and will eventually transition to that.

**Tiffany Staab reported:**

- Professional development for 3 college courses we are offering through St. Francis.
- Classes for student diversity will be offered in January/February.
- Staff working on self-care workshops with some local partnerships.
- Students with more intensive needs have been attending school more attendance days.
- PPE early in the year was a challenge to receive but Grainer hand delivered alot of the items we needed.

**Aaron Souza reported:**

- Working on a parent tutorial website.
- Technology support continues over break for computer breaks, etc.
- Afrim Bakki is leading the fireball platform evaluation.
- Matthew Shackley is keeping up with the YouTube demands and Dave Plaskett is keeping up with the Covid Dashboard.

**Mary Robinson reported:**

- We will continue to distribute lunches starting January 4th on Mondays and Wednesdays. For the month of December we distributed 17,000 lunches.

**Rich Searl reported:**

- All univen filters have been changed in all of the schools.
- Contractor is engaged in rebuilding the two new boilers at MJHS.
- Working on the old transportation garage and started to pour the cement floor. This location will be used for location.
- Architects are starting to work on the life/safety projects.
- Currently preparing for the schools to reopen. Also stated we still need to have Wednesdays a remote day to give HVAC systems time to cycle air and bring new air in.

**6. COMMUNICATION**

**6.01 Administrative Reports**

**Dr. Monn reported:**

Dr. Monn wished the entire community a wonderful holiday season. We are doing our best to bring the right recommendation to get students back in school. There are no right answers for every situation and we just have to balance the pros/cons of each decision.

**6.02 Board Topics**

None

**Executive Session**

Moved by Conquest seconded by Allen 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 7:42 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Skwarczynski to return to open session at 8:06 p.m.

Motion Carried at 8:06 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

**8. Action as a result of Executive Session**


None

**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Allen, seconded by Karceski to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:07 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 8:07 p.m.

  
James E. Satorius, President

  
Al Skwarczynski, Secretary