

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

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Regular Meeting

Monday, January 25, 2021

Zoom (Virtual) Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

Renee Thompson

**1. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, Rich Searl, Adrienne McKerrow, Ciara Manno, Kathleen Cheshareck, Rodney Hiser, Teri Miller, Tiffany Staab, Jackie Harig, Jason Finkelstein, Jeana Pekol, Gina Ruggeri, Darren Lustik, Linda Demro, Matt Shackley, Monica Totaro, Natalie Baxter, Sarah Weeks, Sarah Massey, Sarah Monroe, Theresa Underhill, and William Gentzler.

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

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

Motion Approved.

**2. Public Comments and Recognitions**

**2.01 District Announcements**

Dr. Monn reported that the storm coming through should not cause any trouble for school to be in session Tuesday, January 26th. He also stated it was great being in the buildings and meeting with teachers to welcome them back.

**2.02 Students of the Month**

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

**Minooka Intermediate School**

Alexander Equivel  
Alexandria Guerrerro  
Alayna Boe

**Minooka Junior High School**

Payton Isaacson  
Gavin Las  
Ayana Morris  
Mark Rodeghero

**2.03 Comments from the Employees and the Public**

Parents Kristine Hill, Mep Penington, Fieyra Family and Brett Pommerding shared their concerns about the remote learning process.

## **Consent Agenda**

Moved by Karceski, seconded by Conquest to approve the personnel items, list of bills, minutes from the December 21, 2020 regular meeting, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from January 2018, FOIA requests, and semi-annual review of closed session minutes as presented..

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

## **4. Discussion and Information Items**

### **4.01 Updates on Hybrid Learning Model**

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

- Metrics are looking better, but we still have to be cautious. Vaccinations may take weeks to get all staff done.
- Increase in the number of students and time to 5 days a week, 4 hours a day is the next step but we may have to lessen the social distancing mitigations. Board stated that they would like to have this start no later than March 1. Currently the shortage of bus drivers is the issue to students returning.
- Deadline is set for next Wednesday to get responses from parents on their preference for in person/remote for students going 5 days a week.

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

- The testing for ELL students was pushed back to March 15th.
- New teaching standards rolled out with universities.
- Governor Pritzler signed an act that LGBTQ students are included in history classes.

#### **Tiffany Staab reported:**

- Focus is on bringing more students in for more time with 6 foot distancing and wearing masks.
- Teams reaching out to parents to bring new things out to the staff.
- Social workers dealing with social emotional covid/pandemic anxiety.
- GCSEC in person screenings for student support.
- Short staffing for special ed teachers and nursing/health staff.

#### **Sarah Massey/Jason Finkelstein/William Gentzler/Finkelstein reported:**

- Plan for athletics is to continue virtually until spring break and then track and girls soccer will start outside. Priority to let all students that want to be in a sport that they can participate.
- 8th Grade Graduation options were discussed.
- Band will get back eventually, still working on plans.

#### **Aaron Souza reported:**

- ERate program will reimburse the district up to 50%.
- Internet upgrade will begin for Aux Sable.
- Will be working on district cabling and firewalls.
- Technology staff continues to help with all parent tech concerns.

#### **Mary Robinson reported:**

- Cares Act Grant funds - will work with Rich Seal to determine what to spend on.
- Lunches are back to the hybrid schedule.
- Any staff covid related cases/vaccinations to call the business office.
- Cares Act Grant can fund some of the summer school costs.

**Rich Searl reported:**

- Funds from Cares Act Grant will be used to fund the air purification systems. We would like to get 10 stand alone units per school and a dedicated air purification to Minooka Intermediate and Minooka Junior High. Target date to have them in running could be in 2-3 weeks.

**5. Action Items**

**5.01 Approval of procurement of Air Purification Equipment**

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Allen to approve purchase of 10 mobile GPS air purification units per school and for the dedicated system at Minooka Intermediate and Minooka Junior High as presented. It was noted to put in motion that the univents at all schools will be phased in during the summer.

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

Motion approved.

**6. COMMUNICATION**

**6.01 Administrative Reports**

**6.02 Board Topics**

**Executive Session**

Moved by Skwarczynski seconded by Karceski 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 8:53 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Skwarczynski to return to open session at 9:14 p.m.

Motion Carried at 9:14 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

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


None

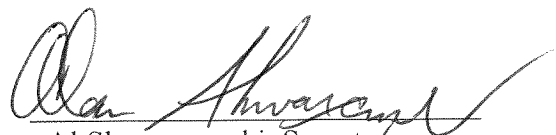
**9. Adjournment**

Moved by Fisher, seconded by Allen to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:16 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 9:16 p.m.

  
James E. Satorius, President

  
Al Skwarczynski, Secretary