

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, August 16, 2021

Minooka Primary Center Gym

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Ed Cronin
Adam Shainberg
James Satorius
Al Skwarczynski
Vinita Voss

ABSENT:

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Kris Monn, Joshua Ruland Aaron Souza, Tiffany Staab, Sarah Massey, Teresa Miller, Mary Robinson, Rich Searl, Heather Ray, Jen Monson, Chuck Owen, Kristen Koppers, Nicole Bitterman, Brian Pohlman, Dayna Brown, Nikki Gardner, Ryan DeGregorio, Denise Kalina, Kelly O'Hern, Christina Glasgow, Kris Owen, Lauren Sowa, Steve Condon, Shirley Condon, Andrew Kosack, Erica Seale, Nina Vierra, Zak Brown, Lynzee Brown, Caycee Brown, Brian Pohlman,

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

Aye: Skwarczynski, Blount, Cronin, Satorius, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest

Motion approved.

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 District Announcements

2.02 Comments from the Employees and the Public

The following parents/students commented on the district mask policy: Lynzee Brown, Kristen Koppers, Nikki Gardner, Caycee Brown, Zak Brown, Ryan DeGregorio, Jen Monson, Heather Ray, Chuck Owen.

The following parents commented on curriculum: Brian Pohlman

Community member Denise Kalina commented on the school district.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Voss to approve the list of bills, minutes from the July 19, 2021 regular meeting, July 15, 2021 and July 21, 2021 special board meetings, treasurer report, destruction of the closed session recordings from August 2019, FOIA requests, Kendall County Land Cash Funds, and Disposal of Surplus Property - Curriculum Materials as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Voss, Blount, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Satorius, Conquest

Motion Approved.

Moved by Skwarczynski, seconded by Satorius to approve the personnel report as presented.

Aye: Skwarczynski, Satorius, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg, Voss, Conquest

4. Action Items

4.01 Approval of first reading of Policy 5:205 - Code of Conduct, Professionalism and Ethics

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Shainberg to approve the first reading of Policy 5:205 - Code of Conduct, Professionalism and Ethics as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Shainberg, Blount, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Voss, Conquest

Motion Approved.

5 Discussion and Information Items

5.01 2021-2022 Return to School Updates

Dr Monn Reported:

- All of the schools are looking great and ready to welcome students back.

Dr. Staab Reported:

- Mitigation plan has been published on the website and the full plan is recorded.
- Parents will only have one certification this year, not daily.
- Additional funding ESSER grants which Mary Robinson will be working with Rich Searl using Rich and Mary to create virtual tutoring for struggling students.

Dr. Ruland Reported:

- New ELA/Math Curriculum trainings were offered during the summer.
- Instructional coaches are starting to work together. All trainings will be paid out of Title II.
- ELL Program Erika Martinez is doing a fantastic job. Tiffany will be overseeing the ELL Program.

Rich Searl Reported:

- Things are looking good in all buildings.

Mary Robinson Reported:

- Emailed all parents regarding lunches remaining free for the entire school year and we will receive reimbursement from the federal government.

Sarah Massey Reported:

- We are experiencing a teacher shortage and in December will be attending a job fair.

5.02 Enrollment, Staffing Update

Dr. Monn reported enrollments as of today we have over 4500 students. We are trying to keep our kindergarten and lower grades with a smaller class size.

Dr, Monn reported that we hired 45 new teachers . Thanked Lori Shanholtzer and the business office for all of the work in getting all of the new hires processed.. Transportation is comfortable with the staffing they have. Aux Sable 1st Grade and Kindergarten are higher than anticipated but keep as is for now. Jones 2nd grade is a little higher than anticipated

5.03 2021-2022 Parent and Student Handbook

Dr. Ruland went over the revised parent/student handbook. Said there could be some changes to the document due to the pandemic.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Dr. Stabb Reported:

- Working on Intervention evaluations for MTSS and special ed programs. Excited to have all students return back. We have 49 new students with IEPS.

Rich Searl Reported:

- Life Safety work has been completed.
- All schools are ready to be open. Sidewalk at JH should be a life safety project and paid for life safety. District office is all completed.
- At the next board meeting will bring to the board a \$50,000 grant to be discussed.

Aaron Souza Reported:

- All of the devices have been distributed into the schools

Mary Robinson Reported:

- Budget update Only changes made were we received Tier 1 60% of advocacy \$406,000 which was slightly less than we have received in the past. We still have a balanced budget
- Transportation report has been filed.
- The 2.4 million ESSER grant we have used to fund curriculum materials, hiring nurses, and the univen projects

6.02 Board Topics

It was requested that we do not have a board meeting on a teacher institute day for next year.

7.0 Executive Session

None

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

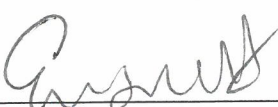
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9. Adjournment


Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Aye: Shainberg, Blount, Cronin, Skwarczynski, Satorius, Voss, Conquest

Motion Carried at 7:37 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Al Skwarczynski, Secretary