

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

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Regular Meeting

Monday, September 16, 2024

Minooka School District Office  
Minooka Primary Center Gym,

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stephen Blount (left at 6:19 p.m.)  
Emily Conquest  
Ed Cronin  
Jennifer Monson  
James Satorius  
Adam Shainberg  
Katherine Tonelli

**ABSENT:**

**1. Public Hearing on the 2024-2025 Budget**

**1.01 Roll Call**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Rachel Kinder, Dr. Tiffany Staab, Jeana Pekol, Barb Langhoff, Jacki Harig, Steve Huffman, Jill Forkel, Sarah Monroe, Monica Totaro, Jeff Pacholski, Rodney Hiser, Krystal Retzke, Teri Leurer, Gina Ruggeri, Jaleasa Wilson, Sarah Massey, Adrienne McKerrow, Jessica & Eric Salzman, Tarissa & Terry Johnson, Rachael Black, Josh Howen, Joe Conquest, Natalie & Dan Blasing, and Lori Shanholtzer.

**1.02 Comments from the public on the 2024-2025 Budget**

none

**1.03 Adjourn the Public Hearing**

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:01 p.m. as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Blount, Cronin, Monson, Satorius, Tonelli, Conquest  
Motion Carried.

**2. Call to Order**

**2.01 Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Rachel Kinder, Dr. Tiffany Staab, Jeana Pekol, Barb Langhoff, Jacki Harig, Steve Huffman, Jill Forkel, Sarah Monroe, Monica Totaro, Jeff Pacholski, Rodney Hiser, Krystal Retzke, Teri Leurer, Gina Ruggeri, Jaleasa Wilson, Sarah Massey, Adrienne McKerrow, Jessica & Eric Salzman, Tarissa & Terry Johnson, Rachael Black, Josh Howen, Joe Conquest, Natalie & Dan Blasing, and Lori Shanholtzer.

**2.02 Pledge of Allegiance**

**2.03 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the agenda as presented.  
Aye: Tonelli, Monson, Blount, Cronin, Satorius, Shainberg, Conquest

Motion Carried.

### **3. Public Comments and Recognition**

#### **3.01 Students of the Month**

Principal Jeana Pekol presented the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.

Assistant Principal Monica Totaro presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

#### **3.02 Soccer, Cross County, Softball and Baseball Teams Update**

Athletic Director/Assistant Principal Jeff Pacholski provided an update on the Soccer, Cross County, Softball and Baseball Teams

#### **3.03 Public Comments**

none

#### **3.04 Presentation of the Annual Audit - Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon**

Tom Lancaster from Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon presented the FY24 audit with the Board.

### **4. Consent Agenda**

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Tonelli to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the August 19, 2024 regular meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from August 2022, personnel report, FOIA requests, acceptance of FY24 Audit, disposal of surplus property, life safety amendments, approval of Policy PRESS Release- Issue 116 as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Tonelli, Cronin, Monson, Satorius, Conquest

Motion Approved.

### **5. Action Items**

#### **5.01 Adoption of 2024 - 2025 Budget**

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Tonelli to approve the adoption of 2024-2025 budget as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Tonelli, Cronin, Monson, Shainberg, Conquest

Motion Approved.

### **6. Discussion and Information Items**

none

### **7. Communication**

#### **7.01 Board Updates**

- Reminder the IASB Starting Right Workshop will be on September 24th at 5:30 p.m.

#### **7.02 Administrative Reports**

Superintendent Kinder reported:

- Thanked Mary Robinson, Director of Finance and Operations for all of her work on the 2024-2025 Budget.
- Thanked all of our leaders for all their hard work on the strategic plan coming to life and being implemented.

- School Safety will be of importance in the school district and parents are urged to report anything they hear or see. We will continue to improve our processes regarding safety. Thanked the parents for their partnership.

Dr. Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- Highlighted that less than 2 percent of special needs students are being placed in an outsourced program due to keeping our students in the district.
- Amy Pelnarsh has been working on a heart team at the schools. Team members will be trained in AED and CPR to rescue.
- Thanks to the Bilingual Committee and Aide Committee participates for all of their work.
- Summer Reading and Math Enrichment camps have increased the MAP scores from students that attended.

Dr. Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources reported:

- Shared information about the relationships between the unions we have.

Mary Robinson, Director of Finance and Operations reported:

- Thanks to the Transportation Director and team for all of their hard work.

Adrianne McKerrow, Chief Academic Office

- Fall Curriculum Meetings are starting with ELA and Math. Will be working on assessing core values in our strategic plan and how to show it in our curriculum.
- Currently in the building district data review and will report at the October meeting.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology

- Updated on the bus cameras.
- Boardroom technology should be complete in a week.
- Crisis Go smart app will go to our intercom system.
- Chromebook 1st grade trial in next couple of weeks and will be working with technology coach.

## **8. Executive Session**

None

## **9. Action as a result of Executive Session**

none

## **10. Adjournment**

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Monson to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Aye: Shainberg, Monson, Cronin, Satorius, Tonelli, Conquest

Motion Carried at 7:16 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary