

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201

Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024

Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Ed Cronin
Jennifer Monson
James Satorius
Adam Shainberg
Katherine Tonelli

ABSENT:

1. Call to Order

1.01 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Emily Conquest. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Rachel Kinder, Tiffany Staab, Sarah Massey, Mary Robinson, Aaron Souza, Jaleasa Wilson, Jeanine Ruggeri, Teri Leuer, Sarah Monroe, Jill Forkel, Jeana Pekol, Jason Finkelstein, Teri Underhill, Amy Lukanich, Vincent Mamba, Satisa Patel, Troy Monson, Gina & Jon Wych, Claurdia Ortega, Ron Caves, Rebecca Mateski, Jess Traxler, Amber Karge, Katie & Henry Kuchar, Amy & Layla Schoenberg, Tammie Locher, Marsha Pierce, Danielle Vahi, Carrie Blackburn, Ralph Mustoe, Nancy Blackburn, Devin Ruddick, Antoinette Shewmaker and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda

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

2. Public Comments and Recognition

2.01 Students of the Month

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

Principal Jason Finkelstein presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 State Cross Country Qualifiers

Coaches Tom Neisler and Michelle Loberg presented the boys/girls State Cross Country Qualifiers to the Board and they were recognized.

2.03 Board Member Recognition Day

Superintendent Kinder recognized the Board Members for all of their hard work and thanked them for all they do.

2.04 Public Comments

none

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Satorius to approve the list of bills, treasurer's report, minutes from the October 21, 2024 regular meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from November 2022, personnel report, FOIA requests, approval of bus lease, acceptance of donation of Minooka Elementary electronic sign, and 2025 Employee Benefit Plan Renewals as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 2024 Tentative Tax Levy - Approval of Public Notice and Establish Public Hearing

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Blount to approve the 2024 Tentative Tax Levy - Approval of Public Notice and Establish Public Hearing as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 School Report Card/IAR Data

Chief Academic Officer Adrienne McKerrow shared information regarding IAR data.

(Presentation can be found in the electronic board packet)

6. Communication

6.02 Administrative Reports

Superintendent Kinder reported:

- Thanked all veterans, staff and administrators for their Veteran's Day presentations and Board member James Satorius for his service.
- Thanked Minooka Intermediate School and Minooka Junior High School for their partnership with Pink Heals organization. The schools raised \$16,000 to donate to the organization.
- Recognized Minooka Primary Center Principal Teri Leuer for the exceptional state audit.
- Recognized Minooka Elementary School for their ISBE Exemplary Designation.
- Thanked teachers/students in the Multilingual program for going above and beyond.
- Wished everyone a restful Thanksgiving break.

Dr. Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- November 4th Teacher Institute professional development was the CHAMPS program.
- Stated Adrienne McKerrow had an amazing collaboration with Channahon School District and Minooka High School to align curriculum
- Shared information regarding Campus Culture Leadership program.

Mary Robinson, Director of Finances and Operations reported:

- Will be applying for a state maintenance grant in the amount of \$100,000 and part of the proceeds will go towards a new walkin cooler project at Minooka Elementary School.
- Currently have no new employees in the transportation employment pool.

Adrianne McKerrrow, Chief Academic Officer reported:

- Thanked Board Member Adam Shainberg and Katherine Tonelli for all of their work on the Education Committee.
- Highlighted items in her board report and also NWEA map.
- Stated when having curriculum meetings they are looking into the IAR data.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology

- 1st grade chromebook pilot what works and what does not. Started with Walnut Trails and then will move to Jones Elementary and Aux Sable next.
- Parent/Guardian survey starting to dive into the results received.
- Thanked the tech team for all of their help with the November 4, 2024 Teacher Institute.

6.02 Board Updates

- President Emily Conquest reported that Board Member vacancy petitions were due today. We have 7 people running for 4 open vacancies.
- Board will be attending the IASB Triple I Conference in Chicago.

7. Executive Session

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Blount 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 7:49 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to return to open session at 9:02 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Satorius 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 9:03 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Blount to return to open session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:27 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 9:27 p.m.


Emily Conquest, President


Stephen Blount, Secretary