

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2025

Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Jennifer Monson
James Satorius
Adam Shainberg

ABSENT:

Ed Cronin
Katherine Tonelli

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, Dr. Tiffany Staab, Dr. Sarah Massey, Mary Robinson, Adrienne McKerrow, Aaron Souza, Nicole Aulet, Teri Underhill, Sarah Monroe, Rodney Hiser, Jeana Pekol, Barb Langhoff, Hailey Bazan, Mary Jo Botnik, Krystal Retzke, Janet Salazar, Lisa Holic, Melba Groves, Jaleasa Wilson, Hannah & Nicholas Kohrs, Vincent & Arlene Maramba, Tashia & Nathan Martin, Paul Retzke, Banas Family, Bridget Krejeli, Scott Lanka, Sarah Mrozek, Jamie Warfield, Magen Pommerening, Shay Langston, Melba Groves and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda

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

2. Public Comments and Recognition

2.01 Students of the Month

Jackie Harig presented the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.
Monica Totaro presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 Boy's Basketball Team

Coaches Ron Caves and Kevin Kreinbrink presented the team to the Board for recognition.

2.03 Public Comments from the Employees and Public

None

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Blount to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the January 27, 2025 regular meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from February 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests and 2025-2026 academic calendar as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Blount, Monson, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 E-Rate Projects 2025

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Shainberg to approve the E-Rate Projects 2025 as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Shainberg, Blount, Monson, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4.02 Minooka Elementary School Intercom Project 2025

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Monson to approve the Minooka Elementary School Intercom Project 2025 as presented.

Aye: Shainberg, Monson, Blount, Satorius, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4.03 Approval to rank the top 3 architect firms and begin contract negotiations

Moved by Satorius, seconded by Shainberg to approve to rank the top 3 architect firms and begin contract negotiations as presented.

Aye: Satorius, Shainberg, Blount, Monson, Conquest
Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 1st Grade Chromebook Discussion

Aaron Souza, Hailey Bazan and Mary Jo Botnik shared with the board a presentation regarding 1st Grade purchasing Chromebooks. (presentation can be viewed in the electronic board packet)

5.02 2025-2026 Staffing Recommendations

Director of Human Resources Sarah Massey shared the 2025-2026 Staffing Recommendations. (recommendation report can be view in the electronic board packet)

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Board Topics

President Emily Conquest reported that the Consolidated Election is April 1, 2025 and we have 7 candidates running for 4 open seats the Board of Education will have.

6.02 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Starting summer planning as well as 2025-2026 school year planning.
- Student registration will begin after spring break.
- Please fill out 5Essentials Survey if you have not already. We receive important data that summarizes the input from stakeholders to help us make improvements to our schools and district.
- Student enrollment has been stable but will continue to monitor.
- Thanked all architects for taking time to send in their proposals.
- State and National level guidelines could impact public education and we are staying informed and looking at any bills that can affect K-8 education. We will focus on what we can control, adapt with the changes and will do what is best for our children.

Dr. Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- Health Services Coordinator Amy Pelnarsh is doing a CPR training for staff including coaches and sponsors.
- Emerging Bilingual Coordinator Erika Martinez has brought many advantages to the Multilingual Program including continuous training for staff.
- March 7th Teacher Institute will have guest speaker Briana Morales.

Adrienne McKerrow, Academic Officer reported:

- Instructional Coaches working with administrators for professional learning in their buildings.
- Instructional Coaches are using creative ways to work with teachers.
- Will be meeting with Fine Art teams in the coming weeks.

7. Executive Session

none

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

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

Aye: Shainberg, Monson, Blount, Satorius, Conquest

Motion Carried at 7:37 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary