Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

Monday, September 15, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Emily Conquest
Ed Cronin
Thomas McGowan
Jennifer Monson
Adam Shainberg
Katherine Tonelli

ABSENT:
Stephen Blount

1. Public Hearing on the 2025-2026 Budget

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, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson, Jeana Pekol, Nicole Thompson, Monica Totaro, Jeanine Ruggeri, Barb Langhoff, Theresa Underhill, Erika Martinez, Teri Leuer, Adrianne, McKerrow, Nick Jakusz, Laurie Jeppson, Lisa Holic, Janet Salazar, Tom Lancaster, Julia Lowry, Brandon Tasker, Rylee Posthumus, Jessica Glaser, Liz Pyde, Itaria Henry, Emily Freeman & Family, Jenn & Chris Schiro and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Comments from the Public on the 2025-2026 Budget

none

1.03 Adjourn the Public Hearing

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by McGowan to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Aye: Tonelli, McGowan, Cronin, Monson, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Carried at 6:01 p.m.

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, Tiffany Staab, Sarah Massey, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson, Jeana Pekol, Nicole Thompson, Monica Totaro, Jeanine Ruggeri, Barb Langhoff, Theresa Underhill, Erika Martinez, Teri Leuer, Adrianne, McKerrow, Nick Jakusz, Laurie Jeppson, Lisa Holic, Janet Salazar, Tom Lancaster, Julia Lowry, Brandon Tasker, Rylee Posthumus, Jessica Glaser, Liz Pyde, Itaria Henry, Emily Freeman & Family, Jenn & Chris Schiro and Lori Shanholtzer.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2.03 Approval of Agenda
Moved by McGowan, seconded by Monson to approve the agenda as presented.
Aye: McGowan, Monson, Cronin, Shainberg, Tonelli, Conquest
Motion Carried

3. Public Comments and Recognitions
3.01 Students of the Month
Jeana Pekol presented the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.
Monica Totaro presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

3.02 Public Comments
none

3.03 Presentation of the Annual Audit - Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon
Tom Lancaster from Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon presented the annual audit to the Board.

4. Consent Agenda
Moved by Monson, seconded by Shainberg to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the August 18, 2025 regular board meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from September 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests, acceptance of FY25 Audit, disposal of surplus property, electricity procurement, acceptance of donations, Health/Life Safety Amendment, and Purchase of Building and Grounds Truck as presented.
Aye: Monson, Shainberg, Cronin, McGowan, Tonelli, Conquest
Motion Approved.

5. Action Items
5.01 Adoption of 2025-2026 Budget
Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Tonelli to approve the Adoption of the 2025-2026 Budget as presented.
Aye: Shainberg, Tonelli, Cronin, McGowan, Monson, Conquest
Motion Approved.

6. Discussion and Information Items
6.01 Diligent Community Proposal
Superintendent Kinder reported that the Boarddocs electronic packet will no longer be supported and we will need to switch to Diligent Community. (information regarding the software can be located in the electronic board packet)

7. COMMUNICATION
7.01 Board Topics
- Emily Conquest thanked the board for participating in the Finance Workshop.
- Adam Shainberg thanked Superintendent Kinder, parents, and students for showing up for attendance and celebrating.

7.02 Administrative Reports
Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:
- School Improvement plans are in process and have been visiting each school to review the updates.

- Currently working on sending out the Panorama survey to administration, parents and students.
- All schools have been doing Crisis planning drills.
- Aux Sable PTO is excited to have completed their outdoor learning space and will be unveiled soon.
- Minooka Elementary School PTO is excited to have the electronic sign complete.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- Trying to keep as many students that we can in our programs versus sending out to other sources.
- Highlighted Erika Martinez & Nick Jakusz on all of their work with family engagement efforts in the district.

Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources reported:

- Collaborating with Asst. Transportation Director Sloane Dempsay to hire staff needed.
- Working on exit interviews and reviewing the data.

Adrianne McKerrow, Chief Academic Officer reported:

- Updated the Board on professional development.
- Working on high impact strategies with coaches to help teachers.

8. Executive Session

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by McGowan 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 7:03 p.m.
Aye: Tonelli, McGowan, Cronin, Monson, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Carried

Moved by Blount, seconded by Tonelli to return to open session at 8:24 p.m.
Aye: Blount, Tonelli, Monson, Satorius, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Carried

9. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

10. Adjournment

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by McGowan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:24 p.m.
Aye: Tonelli, McGowan, Cronin, Monson, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Carried at 8:24 p.m.

Emily Conquest, President

Stephen Blount, Secretary