

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025

Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Ed Cronin
Thomas McGowan
Jennifer Monson
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, Sarah Monroe, Jill Forkel, Jeana Pekol, Erika Martinez, Cathy Tadey, Jeff Minett, Joe Fatigante, Erin Schiman, Sarah Lundeen, Pat Leal, Jason Finkelstein, Julia Lowry, Akram Almasri, Laurie Jeppson, Nick Jakusz, Gina Ruggeri, Cori Billington, Terri Underhill, Lauren Stanish, Bob Wiltgen, Brad Meade, Heather Meade, Cori Rasmussen, Sarah Lundeen, Luke & Emiliano Machiel, LaDayen Sparkman, Ana-Alicia Stanish, Don Stanish, Jen Gustafson, Laura Janky, Ashlee Scott, Lana Hnojski and Lori Shanholtzer.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2.03 Approval of Agenda

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

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 Students of the Month

Jeana Pekol presented the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.
Jason Finkelstein presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 IASB 2025 School Board Governance Recognition

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201's commitment to effective leadership and community engagement has earned recognition from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Minooka CCSD 201 is one of only 42 Illinois school districts to receive the 2025 School Board Governance Recognition, a prestigious two-year distinction honoring boards that go above and beyond statutory requirements to improve their districts.

2.03 Public Comments

none

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Shainberg to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the September 15, 2025 regular board meeting, September 15, 2025 special board meeting (finance workshop) and October 2, 2025 Education Committee, destruction of the closed session recordings from October 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests, Diligent Community Proposal, Updated Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Proceedings and Minooka Intermediate Compressor Replacement as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 Equistar Settlement Agreement

Moved by Monson, seconded by Blount to approve the Equistar Settlement Agreement as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4.02 Memorandum of Understanding - Extracurricular Stipends

Moved by Blount, seconded by Tonelli to approve the Memorandum of Understanding - Extracurricular Stipends as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Facilities Assessment Update

Architects from Arcon and Associates shared the Facility Assessment Review with the Board. The plan can be located in the electronic board packet.

5.02 Preliminary 2025 Tax Levy

Mary Robinson, Director of Finance and Operations, shared the district's tax levy presentation. The presentation can be located in the electronic board packet.

5.03 SEL, DESSA, Panorama, Attendance, MTSS

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent, updated the board with information about SEL, DESSA, Panorama, Attendance and MTSS.

5.04 Illinois School Report Card

Superintendent Kinder shared information to the board regarding the Illinois School Report Card.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Board Topics

- Board Member Stephen Blount thanked Erika Martinez for all of her work with Family Engagement events that she has presented.
- Board Member Adam Shainberg visited all of the elementary buildings and learned a lot of positive things in each building. He stated buildings were very warm and welcoming.

6.02 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Shared information from building reports and all events they have had.
- All principals were acknowledged for Principal Appreciation Week.
- The Calendar Committee will be meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- We will recognize at the November board meeting the Girls Cross Country Team.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- The Special Education Team has met all requirements required by the state.
- Nurses shout out for all of their hard work with updating health exams/immunizations.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- Gave update on ParentSquare.
- Enhancing reporting of student absenteeism and truancy.
- Working on building security with technology.

7. Executive Session

Moved by Shainberg, 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 8:07 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to return to open session at 8:55 p.m.

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

Motion Carried

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

Before adjournment took place the board had discussion regarding Policy Committee and Facilities Assessment in open session.

Moved by Monson, seconded by Tonelli to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:10 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 9:10 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary