

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, November 17, 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, Mary Robinson, Adrienne McKerrow, Nick Jakusz, Aaron Souza, Jeana Pekol, Barb Langhoff, Julia Lowry, Sarah Monroe, Jill Forkel, Monica Totaro, Jeff Pacholski, Teri Underhill, Teri Leuer, Elizabeth Brender, Elijah Ochoa, Alexander Lupo, William Lipke, Catherine Tadey, Tom Neisler, Michelle Loberg, Traiv Johnson, Leah Davisson, Levi Garcia, Kristin & Nick Garcia, Arlene Maramba, Shanneil & Jojo Manzano, Vincent Morales, Monica Vargas, Joe Perez, Margarita Masana, Luis Rodrgiuez, Ros & Lydia Hubbar, Amber & Austin Tindal, Jennifer Gustafson, David & Kayden Armstromb, Matt Staab, Mega & Alex Teiber, Tammy Johnson, Essence & Kermit Mennett, Peter & Amber Barouch, Kim Armstrong, Gloria Buckner, Dave Michalski, Kelly Thompson, Amy, Emma & David Lukasik, Angie Caldwell and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Tonelli to approve the agenda as presented.
Aye: Shainberg, Tonelli, Blount, Cronin, McGowan, Monson, 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.
Monica Totaro presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 Cross Country Teams

Cross Country Teams Coaches Tom Neisler, David Michalski & Michelle Loberg presented the teams to the board and they were recognized.

2.03 Village of Minooka Recognition for use of Softball Fields

Athletic Director Jeff Pacholski presented to the board the maintenance crew from the Village of Minooka. They were recognized for all of their help with the softball field that the district used.

2.04 Pink Heals Donation from Minooka Intermediate School and Minooka Junior High

Minooka Intermediate School Principal Jeana Pekol presented to Angie Caldwell from Pink Heals \$16,914.79 that was donated from both the Minooka Intermediate and Minooka Junior High Schools.

2.05 Board Member Recognition Day

Superintendent Rachel Kinder recognized the board members in honor of Board Member Recognition Day.

2.06 Public Comments

Parent Jordan Kreml stated concerns regarding the importance of inclusion.

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the October 20, 2025 regular board meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from November 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests, FY2026 School Maintenance Project Grant Application, 2026 Employee Benefit Plan Renewals as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 2025 Tentative Tax Levy - Approval of public notice and establish public hearing

Moved by McGowan, seconded by Tonelli to approve the 2025 Tentative Tax Levy - Approval of public notice and establish public hearing as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4.02 399 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the 399 Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 2025 Illinois School Report Card

Superintendent Kinder shared information regarding the Illinois Report Card with the board. The report card can be located in the electronic board packet.

5.02 Academic Data Review

Chief Academic Officer Adrienne McKerrow shared information regarding Student Growth and Achievement Fall Data Review. The presentation can be located in the electronic board packet.

5.03 IASB Board Policy PRESS 120 Revisions

Superintendent Kinder shared the IASB Board Policy PRESS 120 revisions. The revisions will be approved at the December 15, 2025 board meeting.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Thanked all staff members that led the Veterans Day Celebrations and the Veterans that attended the celebrations.
- The drafted 2025-2026 calendar will be presented at the December board meeting.
- Wished everyone a great Thanksgiving break.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- The district has resources available for families in need on the district website. Families can also reach out to call social workers in our school district.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- Working on projector replacement.
- Structure training plans with Hailey Bazan.
- Erate season purchasing will begin.

6.02 Board Topics

- Board President Emily Conquest updated the board on the Triple I conference.
- Board Member Blount attended the Community Connection meeting and thanked Adrienne McKerrow for all of her work.

7. Executive Session

none

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

Moved by Monson, seconded by McGowan to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:22 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 8:22 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary