

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting & Truth In Taxation Levy Hearing

Monday, December 15, 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, Nikki Thompson, Julia Lowry, Erika Martinez, Nick Jakusz, Aaron Souza, Mary Robinson, Sarah Massey, Jason Finkelstein, Catherine Tadey, Jeff Minott, Gina Ruggeri, Laurie Jeppson, Eli Brender, Meghan Grandon, Dana Rudnicky, Cynthia, Cassidy, Joseph & Chris Sosnowski, Sarah Brown, Kerr Boardman, Katie & John Gritsuk, Jen Gustafson, Chris & Liz Deckinga and Lori Shanholtzer.

2. Levy Presentation

2.01 Presentation on the Proposed 2025 Tax Levy

Mary Robinson, Director of Finances and Operations shared her presentation with the Board on the Proposed 2025 Tax Levy.

3. Public Hearing

3.01 Comments from Employees and Public

No comments

4. Adjournment

Moved by Monson, seconded by Tonelli to adjourn the Truth In Taxation Levy Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 6:04 p.m.

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

1.01 Roll Call

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Grandon, Dana Rudnicky, Cynthia, Cassidy, Joseph & Chris Sosnowski, Sarah Brown, Kerr Boardman, Katie & John Gritsuk, Jen Gustafson, Chris & Liz Deckinga and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Shainberg to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Motion Carried

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 Students of the Month

Julia Lowry presented the students of the month from Minooka Intermediate School.

Nikki Thompson presented the students of the month from Minooka Junior High School.

2.02 Public Comments

None

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Blount to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the November 17, 2025 regular board meeting and November 17, 2025 Policy Committee meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from December 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests, Audit Services - contract, IASB PRESS Issue 120 Board Policies as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 Final 2025 Tax Levy

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the 2025 Final Tax Levy as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

4.02 MJHS Chiller Replacement

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by Tonelli to approve the MJHS Chiller Replacement as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Goal 4: Communication & Family and Community Engagement

Erika Martinez, Director of Multilingual Services and Family Engagement and Nick Jakusz, Communications Coordinator shared their presentation with the Board which can be located in the electronic board packet.

5.02 2026-2027 Academic Calendar Draft

Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources shared the tentative 2026-2027 Academic Calendar with the Board.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Shared events going on in the schools before winter break.
- School leaders and their school improvement members continue to have meetings to work on PLC's and professional development..
- January 5, 2026 will be a teacher institute for staff and no school for students.
- Thanked all team members for their hard work and support during the school year.
- Wished everyone a joyous holiday break.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- Student Services Department has winter clothes for any families in need.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- Aaron Souza and Hailey Bazan working on putting together a AI task force program to meet in January.
- Working on Erate reimbursement and will bring it back to the Board.

6.02 Board Topics

- The Board mentioned the Triple I conference and sessions they attended for continuing education.

7. Executive Session

none

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

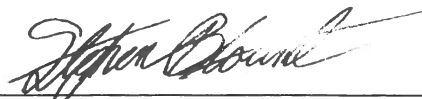
Moved by McGowan, seconded by Blount to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 7:18 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary