

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026

Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Thomas McGowan
Adam Shainberg

ABSENT:

Ed Cronin
Jennifer Monson
Katherine Tonelli

1. Call to Order Regular Meeting

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, Nick Jakusz, Jeana Pekol, Monica Totaro, Jeff Minott, Erika Martinez, Erin Schiman, Peggy Smith, Amber & Alivic Longdon, Tina Aurelt, Lisandra Martinez, Johnson Family, Krusz Family, Miller Family and Horn Family.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by McGowan to approve the agenda as presented.
Aye: Shainberg, McGowan, Blount, 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 Public Comments

None

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by McGowan to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the December 15, 2025 regular board meeting and January 8, 2026 Education and Curriculum Committee meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from January 2023, personnel report, FOIA requests, Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes from July 2024-December 2024 as presented.
Aye: Shainberg, McGowan, Blount, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by McGowan to approve the 2026-2027 Academic Calendar as presented.

Aye: Shainbeg, McGowan, Blount, Conquest

Motion Approved.

4.02 Chromebook Purchase

Moved by Blount, seconded by McGowan to approve the Chromebook Purchase as presented.

Aye: Blount, McGowan, Shainberg, Conquest

Motion Approved.

4.03 Staff Laptops - Aux Sable & Minooka Elementary

Moved by Blount, seconded by Shainberg to approve the Staff Laptops - Aux Sable & Minooka Elementary as presented.

Aye: Blount, Shainberg, McGowan, Conquest

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Goal 1: Academic Updates

Chief Academic Office Adrienne McKerrow shared the Winter 2026 Academic Data presentation with the board via pre-recorded presentation (video file can be located in the electronic board packet).

5.02 Strategic Planning Process

Superintendent Rachel Kinder shared the Strategic Planning Process with the Board. The first meeting will be held with the Board of Education early February to start the process.

(information on the Strategic Planning Process can be located in the electronic board packet).

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Thanked all staff, students and families for their cooperation with the E-learning day due to the weather.
- Thanked Building and Grounds Director Jeff Minett and his custodial and maintenance crew for all of their hard work during the snowy weather.
- Thanked the Transportation team with all of the arrivals and dismissals.
- Coffee/Chat was rescheduled to February 6, 2026 due to the E-learning day.
- The Kindergarten Committee is working on outreaching to new families to the district.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- Access Testing started and we inspired students with a video and a spirit day campaign.
- 5 Essentials Survey has been replaced by Panorama and we will be sending out the survey and the window of responses is February 2, 2026 through March 10, 2026. The survey is open to all families, staff and students.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- The first AI Task Meeting took place for K-4.
- Starting the process of looking into the Primary Grades 1 to 1 device plan.

- The data team is working on information to prepare for surveys and data analysis.

6.02 Board Topics

- Thanked Superintendent Kinder for mentioning the Buildings & Grounds staff and the Transportation staff for all they do.

7. Executive Session

none

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

Moved by Shainberg, seconded by McGowan to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Aye: Shainberg, McGowan, Blount, Conquest

Motion Carried at 7:20 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary