

Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

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Regular Meeting

Monday, August 17, 2026

Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stephen Blount
Emily Conquest
Thomas McGowan
Jennifer Monson
Adam Shainberg
Katherine Tonelli

ABSENT:

Ed Cronin

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, Mary Robinson, Sarah Massey, Aaron Souza, Jeff Minott, Nick Jakusz, Adrianne McKerrow, Bill Lipke, Erika Martinez and Lori Shanholtzer.

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, Monson, Tonelli, Conquest
Motion Carried

2. Public Comments and Recognitions

2.01 Public Comments

None

3. Consent Agenda

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and July 20, 2026 Special Board Meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from August 2024, personnel report, FOIA requests, IASB PRESS Release 122, Kendall County Land Cash Funds, Acceptance of Donations, PMA Municipal Advisory Agreement, as presented.
Aye: Tonelli, Monson, Blount, McGowan, Shainberg, Conquest
Motion Approved.

4. Action Items

4.01 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MINOOKA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #201, TERMINATING LEGAL COUNSEL AND HIRING NEW LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE LSP-KENDALL ENERGY LLC TAXING BODIES CONSORTIUM

Moved by Blount, seconded by Shainberg to approve the RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF MINOOKA COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #201, TERMINATING LEGAL COUNSEL AND HIRING NEW LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE LSP-KENDALL ENERGY LLC TAXING BODIES CONSORTIUM as presented.

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

Motion Approved.

5. Discussion and Information Items

5.01 Back to School 2026-2027 - Rachel Kinder reported

- Went over the start of the school year events and stated we have over 4000 students in our 7 schools
- Shared with the Board we will have our Safety Committee meeting August 18, 2026 with local emergency personnel.
- Shared with the Board that Ebikes will not be permitted on school grounds.

5.02 School Safety Update 2026-2027 (Goal 2, Goal 5)

School Safety Coordinator Bill Lipke shared his presentation with the Board on School Safety.

5.03 Building and Grounds Summer Update 2026 (Goal 5)

Director of Building and Grounds Director Jeff Minott shared his presentation with the Board on an update of Summer Building and Grounds work.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.01 Administrative Reports

Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- Welcome the team back. Thanked everyone for all they do.
- Welcome to the students returning.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- All Student Services Teams are making sure supports are good for students by implementing professional development for the teams.
- Professional Development has been ongoing for new and veteran staff.

Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources reported:

- Gave an update on positions that we have open. We have been filling positions rather quickly.
- Gave kudos to Lori Shanholtzer for all of her assistance in working on Licenses with the Regional Office of Education.

Adrienne McKerrow, Chief Academic Officer

- Updated the Board on assessment data.
- Thanked the Instructional Coaches for helping with all the trainings.
- PLC Leadership Training for 50 teachers was held.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- Working on a checklist of what each tech should be doing in the schools.

6.02 Board Topics

- Emily Conquest attended the New Teacher Institute luncheon and stated she appreciates all the time new staff put in.
- Stephen Blount reminded parents of the YMCA partnership and stated if anyone needs financial assistance to reach out to the YMCA.

7. Executive Session

none

8. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

9. Adjournment

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Blount to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:54 p.m.

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

Motion Carried at 6:54 p.m.



Emily Conquest, President



Stephen Blount, Secretary