Minooka Community Consolidated School District 201
Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting
Minooka School District Office
Boardroom

Monday, September 21, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Stephen Blount
Jennifer Monson
Adam Shainberg
Katherine Tonelli

ABSENT:
Emily Conquest
Thomas McGowan

1. Public Hearing on the 2026-2027 Budget

1.01 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Adam Shainberg. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Rachel Kinder, Tiffany Staab, Mary Robinson, Sarah Massey, Adrianne McKerrow, Aaron Souza, Nikki Aulet, Rodney Hiser, Jill Forkel, Teri Leuer, Erika Martinez, Jason Finkelstein, Jeana Pekol, Monica Totaro, Jeff Minott, Tom Lancaster, Tyler Erickson, Bethany Hale, Kathy Pritchard, Nicole Hacker, Reana Sanejae, Daniel Hacker, Lauren Stanish, Jose Salas, Janina Lessmeister, Matt Lessmeister, Gary Klimzh, Don Stanish, Cori Rasmussen, Jennifer Kareka, Steve Kareka, Steve Kareka, Megan Murray and Lori Shanholtzer.

1.02 Comments from the Public on the 2026-2027 Budget

None

1.03 Adjourn the Public Hearing

Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:01 p.m.
Aye: Tonelli, Monson, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg
Motion Carried at 6:01 p.m.

2. Call To Order Regular Meeting

2.01 Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice President Adam Shainberg. Roll call was answered as indicated. Others present were: Rachel Kinder, Tiffany Staab, Mary Robinson, Sarah Massey, Adrianne McKerrow, Aaron Souza, Nikki Aulet, Rodney Hiser, Jill Forkel, Teri Leuer, Erika Martinez, Jason Finkelstein, Jeana Pekol, Monica Totaro, Jeff Minott, Tom Lancaster, Tyler Erickson, Bethany Hale, Kathy Pritchard, Nicole Hacker, Reana Sanejae, Daniel Hacker, Lauren Stanish, Jose Salas, Janina Lessmeister, Matt Lessmeister, Gary Klimzh, Don Stanish, Cori Rasmussen, Jennifer Kareka, Steve Kareka, Steve Kareka, Megan Murray and Lori Shanholtzer.

2.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2.03 Approval of Agenda
Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the agenda as presented.
Aye: Tonelli, Monson, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg
Motion Carried

3. Public Comments and Recognitions
3.01 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.

3.02 Presentation of the Annual Audit - Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon
Auditor Tom Lancaster from Wermer, Rogers, Doran and Ruzon presented the 6/30/2023 audit with the board.

3.03 Public Comments
None

4. Consent Agenda
Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Blount to approve the list of bills, Treasurer's report, minutes from the August 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, destruction of the closed session recordings from September 2024, personnel report, FOIA requests,Acceptance of FY26 Audit, Reinstatement of 403(b) Retirement Plan, Purchase of Buildings and Grounds Van, as presented.
Aye: Tonelli, Blount, Cronin, Monson, Shainberg
Motion Approved.

5. Action Items
5.01 Absenteeism and Truancy Policy Submission
Moved by Tonelli, seconded by Monson to approve the Absenteeism and Truancy Policy Submission as presented.
Aye: Tonelli, Monson, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg
Motion Approved.

5.02 Adoption of 26-27 Budget
Moved by Blount, seconded by Tonelli to approve the Adoption of the 26-27 Budget as presented.
Aye: Blount, Tonelli, Cronin, Monson, Shainbeg
Motion Approved.

6. Discussion and Information Items
There were no official discussion items.

7. COMMUNICATION
7.01 Administrative Reports
Rachel Kinder, Superintendent reported:

- The building principal reports showcase the incredible efforts of our leaders and teams implementing strategic plan priorities.
- Our building and district staff continue to go above and beyond.

- The district and Union groups are working on building stronger systems for collaboration through a learning partnership with Catalyst for Educational Change with an NEA initiative.
- The Panorama Surveys for parents and staff are open. This is a critical part of our process to ensure we have a voice from all stakeholders.
- Continue to follow Parentsquare and social media to stay connected to all of the great things going on in our buildings.

Tiffany Staab, Assistant Superintendent reported:

- The SEPAC Parent Advisory meeting will be held at Walnut Trails on October 6, 2026.
- Information was highlighted about the BPAC meeting that was held on September 17, 2026.

Sarah Massey, Director of Human Resources reported:

- Reported on the Subfest that was offered to anyone interested in subbing. It was a great turn out. There was a table for Custodial, Cooks, Transportation, Teachers and Teachers Aides.

Adrianne McKerrow, Chief Academic Officer

- There will be a Math Curriculum review this year. Both Eureka Math and Envision Math contracts will be up and we are reviewing options.
- The Education Committee will meet on October 1, 2026.
- Instructional coaches have added a layer of professional learning and development.
- Teaching with Urgency Wit & Wisdom training will be offered to all K-6 teachers.
- Productive Struggles will begin in November to use critical thinking skills.

Aaron Souza, Director of Informational Technology reported:

- This school year there have been 820 tickets submitted for tech help.
- Will begin working on a 2027-2028 technology wish list.

7.02 Board Topics

8. Executive Session

none

9. Action as a result of Executive Session

none

10. Adjournment

Moved by Monson, seconded by Tonelli to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:06 p.m.
Aye: Monson, Tonelli, Blount, Cronin, Shainberg
Motion Carried at 7:06 p.m.

Emily Conquest, President

Stephen Blount, Secretary