MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Robyn Pray, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, James E. Martineau, Jr., Susan Richards, Sherry Snow, David Whitford

ABSENT – Scott Bombard

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Chris Fey, Mike Francia, Kevin Hulbert, Matt Rogers, Abby Seymour, Brittany Trybendis

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Peggy McCallister, Randy Pray, Sarah Brown, Mario LaFranca, Tracy Tender, Heidi Williams

CALL TO ORDER – President Pray called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Pray led the Pledge of Allegiance

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage reported that the Middle School-High School had a walk through with trained canines and that the process went very well. The comptroller's list of fiscally distressed schools was published listing AVCS as ranked #2 in our region for fiscal stress. He stated that the lack of fund balance and reserves is the reason for the status, and that it was not a surprise to anyone. Mr. Savage informed the Board that Chelley Martineau and Brittany Trybendis have applied for a Farm to School Grant and hope to hear results in about a month or so. Superintendent Savage shared the AVCS graduation rate over the 4 and 5 year cohorts.

VISITORS – Lee Pray

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Pray called the meeting back to order at 6.40 p.m.

MINUTES – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept as presented, the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 8, 2020.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – Lindsay Brown, Maria Remillard, John Ryan, Janine Sorrell, Joshua Crowningshield.

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Sarah Brown reported about how wonderful the conference was that herself and other faculty and administrators had attended in Phoenix, and that though this PLLC is just being implemented everyone is on board and that the attitude is to do whatever it takes and find ways to make sure students do the work and pass. Mario discussed a field trip taken on this day with the enrichment students, and that there is a committee of teachers that will be scheduling meetings with Senior Little and Assemblymen Dan Stec and Billy Jones to make sure they are aware of how important it is that our district receive more in state aid to help with the creation of the budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2019, as presented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT- On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2019, as presented.

2020-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET OVERVIEW – Superintendent Savage provided an updated overview of the budget process where it stands as of now, and communicated to the board that it will be a challenge preparing the budget and that more state aid is needed. He stated that our initial tax cap estimate is at 2.9%, and that the state budget is inadequate and fails to meet the needs of students and communities in New York State.

APPROVE INTERFUND TRANSFER TO CAFETERIA – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr., and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve an additional interfund transfer of $53,000 from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund.

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated January 22, 2020 through January 31, 2020, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated January 14, 2020, as presented.

APPROVE UPDATED TRANSPORTATION POLICY #8414.5 – On motion by Sherry Snow, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the updated language in Transportation Policy #8414.5, as presented.

PERSONNEL – President Pray asked if there were any items in the Personnel Section that Board members wished to be considered separately.

On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Lindsay Brown, Micah Peterson, Maria Remillard, Madison Rondeau.

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Jean Hough, Library Aide at the Keeseville Elementary School, effective January 24, 2020, per her letter dated December 12, 2019.

APPROVE INTENT TO RETIRE

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of intent to retire from Pamela Rushia, Typist at the Middle School/High School, effective December 31, 2020, per her letter dated December 31, 2019.

APPROVE TENURE APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Heidi Williams, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective March 17, 2020.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAL WORKER

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment to Vincent Valenze, as a Custodial Workers (8 hrs/day), effective February 13, 2020, salary to be Step 1 ($9,346 pro-rated) of the Custodial Worker schedule based on the 2016-2021 CSEA Agreement. Mr. Valenze has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Dean Lincoln, Administrative Director of Student Transportation and Technology, effective July 2020, per his letter dated January 13, 2020.

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Terry Saulsgiver, Music Teacher at the Middle High School, effective February 22, 2021, per her letter dated January 31, 2020.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2019-2020 school year who are fingerprint cleared from OSPRA.

a. Brian Christensen – JV Softball
b. Chad Keating – Assistant Golf

VISITORS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy McCallister, Clerk
Board of Education