

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Robyn Pray, President

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

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Aimee Defayette, Chris Fey, Mike Francia, Kevin Hulbert, Dean Lincoln, Matt Rogers, Brittany Trybendis

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Ted Sill, Peggy McCallister, Randy Pray, Tracy Tender, Chelley Martineau, Sarah Brown

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.

SPECIAL EDUCATION & AU SABLE FORKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRESENTATION – Aimee Defayette first discussed how the challenging times were more so for students with disabilities, and thanked everyone throughout the whole district of the concerted efforts that have been made to help these students. She also reviewed the graduation rates showing how successful students with disabilities have been. She informed the Board that the technology that was used during COVID increased the family and student participation for meetings, etc through the use of google meets. Ms. Defayette spoke about how well students were doing at the elementary school through this unprecedented time.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT- Superintendent Savage reported to the Board regarding the grant status and how this will impact not only summer school but how the different towns’ youth groups will have their summer programs held at the AVCS Middle High School. The CDC has issued new guidelines regarding social distance going from 6 feet to 3 feet. We will be watching this as there are still issues with bussing and looking at how it will affect scheduling. The Drama Club will be presenting a radio play, War of the Worlds, in the parking lot using the broadcasting system, and we are happy they are able to put together some type of program for this year. There have been discussions with the senior class representatives regarding a tentative senior gala to be held at the Rainbow Room. Superintendent Savage also reported that in regards to the budget we are waiting to see how lucrative the federal stimulus funding will be for schools.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Pray called the meeting back to order at 7:14 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2021, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT - The following individuals have completed an application for non-instructional employment: Joseph Goulet

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Mario informed the Board that he was part of the NYSUT committee that held virtual meetings with Senator Stec, Assemblyman Jones and Assemblyman Simpson regarding the detrimental impact of the proposed executive budget and lack of foundation aid, compounded by the limiting tax cap, and he feels that the meetings had a great impact. Sarah reported that even though they are modifying the 3-8 state assessments, the scores will be linked to the APPR and will not be accurate reflections due to the past year.

TREASURER’S REPORT – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the January 2021 Treasurer's Report, as presented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2021, as presented.

BUDGET REPORT – Superintendent Savage provided the Board and public with a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2021-2022 AVCS Budget. He stated that it is still a work in progress, but with no increase in Foundation Aid for the past two years in a row he is hoping much more aid would be coming to high need schools like AVCS. Due to all that has occurred with the COVID-19 there is a major need for support from direct federal stimulus allocations. At this time the 2021-2022 AVCS Tax Cap Threshold will be 1.60%, and he does not expect to exceed the cap once again this year.

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 February 8, 2021 through March 4, 2021, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated February 25, 2021, as presented.

APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DATE - On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold a Special Board Meeting, remotely, on Thursday, April 22, 2021, at 7:30 a.m., for the purpose of voting on the CVES (BOCES) Administrative Budget and CVES Board Members.

APPROVE DATE FOR REORGANIZATION MEETING – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold the 2021-2022 Reorganization Meeting on Thursday, July 1, 2021, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School-High School Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

ADOPT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2021-2022 – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar, as presented.

APPROVE ADOPTING GENDER-NEUTRAL SINGLE-OCCUPANCY RESTROOMS POLICY #0170 – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to adopt the Gender-Neutral Single-Occupancy Restrooms Policy #0170, as presented.

APPROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIGH RISK SPORT OF VOLLEYBALL FOR THE MODIFIED, JV AND VARSITY LEVELS – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve Au Sable Valley CSD to participate in the high risk sporting events of Volleyball for the 2020-2021 school year following the protocols set forth in the "AVCS Volleyball Preparedness" document, which was developed following the Clinton and Essex County Health Department's, as well as Section VII's recommendations, 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 James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section, except Mark Allen abstained to Item 13 B8 - Tenure Appointment of Benjamin Thompson

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: None

APPROVE TENURE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Lindsey Campagna, in the Special Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Jason Castine, in the Social Studies Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Melissa Manning, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Kelsey Marvin, in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Lyndale Nephew, in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Jessie Pepe, in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Lesley Ramos, in the Spanish Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Benjamin Thompson, in the Elementary Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2021.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF ASSISTANT GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH

RESOLVED, to accept the letter of resignation from Stephanie Murphy as the Assistant Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, per her email dated February 8, 2021.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAL WORKER

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation from Timothy Fournier, Custodial Worker at the Middle High School, effective March 8, 2021, per his letter dated March 11, 2021.

VISITORS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Sherry Snow, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy McCallister
Clerk, Board of Education