

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Robyn Pray, President

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

ABSENT – Sherry Snow

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Aimee Defayette, Chris Fey, Mike Francia, Matt Rogers,

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

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.

DRAWING OF LOTS FOR THE POSITIONING OF NAMES ON THE VOTING MACHINES FOR THE ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS FOR THE MAY 18, 2021 VOTE – Chelley Martineau drew lots in the following order:

TERM A	Mark J. Allen – unopposed	
TERM B	1 st Patricia A. Gero	2 nd Jenna L. Beauregard
TERM C	1 st Derrick A. Hopkins	2 nd Aubrey L. Bresett

CAFETERIA DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION – Chelley Martineau presented a slideshow that included the Meal Program Options that were offered during the COVID time period into the 2020-2021 school year, and she also showed the number of meals that were delivered to our students throughout this pandemic. Mrs. Martineau could not express enough how much she appreciated everyone in the district with all the help and support her department received, including administrators, board of education, cafeteria staff, transportation department, teacher aides, secretaries, nurses, and the custodial department, as it was a true team effort to accomplish all that has been done in the past year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Savage reviewed the three summer youth programs that are going to be held at the Middle High School. There will be a Patriot Academic Camp (PAC) to help students get caught up with academics that may have fallen behind during the past year. The Patriot Intramural Program (PIP). Which will be run through Mr. Hulbert and the athletic department, and the Patriot Summer Youth Program, which will include all the townships from both sides of the district. These programs will run through the month of July, and students will receive meals during the days the programs are in session. Mr. Savage gave an update on the graduation arrangements. They have been working with the class officers and advisors to have a more in person event this year, with the possibility of a Friday night outside ceremony on the football field. The seniors are also going to be holding a senior gala and senior trip, those plans still being discussed. Superintendent Savage also informed the board that the reopening for full time Pre-K-6 will begin on May 6th, and this start date was due to the state testing that is being done prior to that date, and we are hoping for a full reopening next fall.

VISITORS – Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:39 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION –President Pray called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, to add the following items to the agenda:

New Business Item E6 – Consider Approval of Athletic Merger Agreement for the 2020-2021 School Year

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Board Meeting, as presented.

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Sarah Brown informed the board that she attended a virtual meeting with NYSUT and the discussion was regarding amending the APPR to not have scores of assessments reflect on the teachers' scores, tenure appointments, which doesn't affect our district, and potential retirement incentive which has not been dropped but believed that it will not go through. She also stated that the faculty is stressed and feels overwhelmed and nervous in regards to the elementary return to full session.

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

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

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for the period ending February 28, 2021, as presented.

BUDGET REPORT AND PRESENTATION – Superintendent Savage gave a comprehensive power point presentation and overview of the 2021-2022 Budget and answered questions from the audience.

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was accepted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated March 23, 2021, through March 30, 2021, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated March 23, 2021 through March 24, 2021, as presented.

ADOPT 2021-2021 SCHOOL BUDGET – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to adopt the proposed School Budget for the 2021-2022 school year in the amount of \$34,738,668.

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD – On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card, as presented.

APPROVE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HIGH RISK SPORT OF FOOTBALL FOR THE VARSITY LEVEL – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve Au Sable Valley CSD to participate in the high risk sporting event of Football for the 2020-2021 school year following the protocols set forth in the "AVCS Football Preparedness" document, which was developed following the Clinton and Essex County Health Department's, as well as Section VII's recommendations, as presented.

APPROVE ATHLETIC MERGER AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the following Athletic Merger Agreements for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

1. Baseball, Modified, JV & Varsity – Adirondack Christian School will merge with AVCS

2. Cheerleading Fall Season II – Au Sable Valley will merge with Peru
3. Track & Field, Varsity Girls – Adirondack Christian School will merge with AVCS
4. Track & Field, Varsity Boys – Willsboro Central School will merge with AVCS
5. Lacrosse, Varsity Boys & Girls – AVCS will merge with PHS
6. Modified Boys Track and Field – Willsboro CSD will merge with AVCS

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 Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR AND INSPECTORS FOR MAY 18, 2021, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF BOARD CANDIDATES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District appoint Donna Douglas, as Coordinator/Inspector and the following persons as Inspectors: Nicole O'Neill, Ron Wilkins and Phyllis Brown for the May 18, 2021, School Budget Vote and Election of Board Candidates. Inspectors will receive \$14.74 per hour and the Coordinator will receive \$14.74 per hour, plus an additional \$25.00 for the day.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC HELPER

RESOLVED, to accept the letter of resignation from Andrew Barber, Automotive Mechanic Helper at the Keeseville Bus Garage, effective March 12, 2021, per his letter dated March 12, 2021.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAL WORKER

RESOLVED, to accept the letter of resignation from Joshua Crowningshield, Custodial Worker, effective March 25, 2021, per his email dated March 30, 2021.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH

RESOLVED, to accept the letter of resignation from Neil Bowlen, Varsity Softball Coach, effective April 15, 2021, per his email dated April 16, 2021.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF MODIFIED SOFTBALL COACH

RESOLVED, to accept the letter of resignation from Lyndale Nephew, Modified Softball Coach, effective April 13, 2021, per her email dated April 14, 2021.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

1. Andrew Bombard – Assistant Varsity #3 Football
2. Elizabeth Maloney – Volunteer Modified Volleyball
3. Lyndale Nephew – Varsity Softball

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ENRICHMENT TEACHER

RESOLVED, to appoint Julie Taylor as Enrichment Teacher at Keeseville Elementary School, effective September 1, 2020 through June 25, 2021, for services rendered at a stipend of \$1,500. Mrs. Taylor is fingerprint exempt from OSPRA.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder – Special Board Meeting (CVES Budget and Board Member Vote) Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:30 a.m., to be held remotely.

Reminder – Annual Budget Hearing, Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School-High School Auditorium.

Reminder – Board of Education Meeting/Annual Budget Vote – May 18, 2021.

ADJOURNED – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy McCallister
Clerk, Board of Education