

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Scott Bombard, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett, James E. Martineau, Jr., Susan Richards

ABSENT – David Whitford

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

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Bombard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

TRANSPORTATION REPORT – Dean Lincoln and Tracy Tender shared with the Board the status of the number of busses that are in use and those that need to be put out of service. They are going to make a request to the Board to purchase four busses for next year. They discussed the national issue of bus driver shortage, and what they are doing to help get coverage as needed, but it is a daily struggle covering the daily and extra runs.

COVID UPDATE – Randy Pray did an in-depth presentation in explaining the differences in the vocabulary of COVID - Case, Contact, Isolation, Quarantine, Health Order. He also explained how hard it is to keep up as the timetable for when testing is complete and the results actually get back to the school, make it stressful for parents and the district. The goal is to keep students in school, and how hard it is as we are working with both Essex and Clinton County Health Departments due to the location of our district.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Savage began informing the board that we received notice that the foundation aid amount that was promised is remaining the same, and this will help with the planning process moving ahead. The 2021 Homecoming went very well with lots of activities throughout the week. The homecoming dance was cancelled due to increase in covid numbers, but a winter dance will take place for the students sometime in December. Superintendent Savage wanted to inform everyone that the faculty and staff are working very hard to provide the best environment and education for the students, and hopefully better days are ahead.

VISITORS – Zach Pray, Shannon Stanley, Brian Christensen. Mr. Pray made comments to the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated items.

REGULAR SESSION – President Bombard called the meeting back to order at 7:32 p.m.

ADD PERSONNEL ITEMS #13J and #13K– On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, Personnel Items #13J and #13K were added to the Agenda:

- Personnel Item 13J – Consider Medical Examination Under Education Law 913
- Personnel Item 13K – Consider Accepting Resignation of Custodial Worker

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the September 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Bombard acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Sarah Case, Shannon Pinello, Craig O’Leary-Cumber, Robert Brasse, Krystal Drake, Kirsten LeClair, Cassidy DeMeter, Kristen Dame, Heather Bresette-Ashley, Susan Chaney.

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Kristi Hathaway stated how successful Homecoming was with all the activities for the students. She said that the MSA was going to be holding a corn maze for middle school students at Rulf’s Orchards. Ms. Hathaway said how much she appreciated the air purifiers that are being delivered throughout the district. She also wanted to discuss how there have been a number of students who have had to be out due to quarantine, and that many students are not utilizing the remote learning and making up missed work.

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 August 2021 Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER’S REPORT – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

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

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated September 14, 2021 through October 1, 2021, and the Preschool CPSE recommendations dated September 15, 2021 through September 29, 2021, as presented.

APPROVE DONATION - On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept a \$10,000 donation from the Johnson Family Foundation, in support of students attending Keeseville Elementary School, to be allocated, as follows:

- 1) Science Field Trips - \$5,000
- 2) Library - \$2,000
- 3) No Excuses University Program - \$3,000

APPROVE DATE OF GRADUATION – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that the 2022 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., at the Au Sable Valley Middle School-High School.

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

On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. 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 who has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Heather Bresette-Ashley, Kristen Dame.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)**ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COACHES**

RESOLVED, to accept letters of resignation from the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

- a. Josh Douglass – Assistant Varsity Football
- b. Douglas Leininger – Volunteer Assistant Modified Boys Soccer
- c. Andrew Bombard – JV Baseball

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

- a. Andrew Bombard – Assistant Varsity Baseball
- b. Doug Leininger – Modified Boys Soccer
- c. Chad Garcia – Volunteer Assistant Modified A Boys Basketball
- d. Steve Maiorca – Assistant Varsity Football
- e. Marybeth Taylor – Assistant Unified Basketball
- f. Dakota Inman – Varsity Wrestling

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF BUS DRIVER

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Kevin Seguin, Bus Driver, effective October 12, 2021, per his email dated September 28, 2021. Mr. Seguin will be placed on the substitute bus driver list.

APPROVE TENURE APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Anna Borden, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective November 29, 2021.

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RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Lisa Zielinski, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective October 19, 2021.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTOR

RESOLVED, to appoint Allan Corron to conduct the annual fire inspection of District facilities at a fee of \$1,000.

APPROVE AMENDING RESOLUTION – LIBRARY AIDE PTRescind Resolution 09/15/21 as follows:

Resolved to approve a 26-week probationary appointment of Tammy Sheffer, as a Library Aide PT, effective September 7, 2021, salary to be Step 12, \$16.14/hr (\$2,873/yr prorated) based on the 2021-2022 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Sheffer has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

Amended Resolution:

Resolved, to grant a 26-week probationary appointment to Tammy Sheffer, as a Library Aide PT, effective September 7, 2021, salary to be Step 12 (1.5 hrs/day) (\$4,310/yr prorated) based on the 2021-2022 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Sheffer has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BUS MONITOR (4 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to grant a 52-week probationary appointment to Donna Pray, as School Bus Monitor (4 hrs/day), effective October 21, 2021, salary to be Step 1, \$9,144/yr (\$7,458 pro-rated) based on the 2021-2022 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Pray has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE MEDICAL EXAMINATION UNDER EDUCATION LAW 913

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the New York Public Health and Health Planning Council passed an emergency regulation (10 NYCRR 2.62), and the New York Health Commissioner issued a determination, requiring all school district faculty and staff, including teachers, administrators, and other school staff, to submit to weekly COVID-19 testing, unless they show proof of vaccination. This requirement took effect immediately.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs a tenured teacher to report for a medical examination under Education Law 913, specifically to obtain a COVID test as required by emergency regulation, from 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at one of the Au Sable Valley CSD locations on October 22, 2021. The employee is excluded from attendance until such medical examination is complete.

APPROVE ACCEPTING LETTER OF RESIGNATION

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Patricia Taylor, Custodial Worker, effective October 23, 2021, per her letter dated October 20, 2021.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy McCallister, Clerk
Board of Education