

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

**ROLL** – Paul D. Savage II, Superintendent

**MEMBERS** – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett, David Whitford

**ABSENT** – Scott Bombard, James E. Martineau, Jr., Susan Richards

**ADMINISTRATION** – Aimee Defayette, Chris Fey, Mike Francia, Matt Rogers, Brittany Trybendis

**FACULTY & STAFF** – Ted Sill, Peggy McCallister, Chelley Martineau, Randy Pray, Tracy Tender, Tabatha Finnegan, Kate Frederick

**CALL TO ORDER** – Superintendent Savage called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Superintendent Savage led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**AU SABLE FORKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** – Principal Defayette gave thanks and how grateful she is for all the amazing work that is being done by the school nurses, cafeteria and transportation personnel, along with Randy Pray. She discussed the Academics and Support that have been implemented through AIS for students to help them due to the loss of time during COVID. Ms. Defayette also explained the Social Emotional Learning and PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support), along with the three (3) tiers that go with it. The students were able to have fun and create memories by having their own pumpkin patch with enough pumpkins for everyone, the Halloween parade, and a food shelf collection.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Superintendent Savage reported to the Board that all of the athletic teams for fall sports made the Scholar Athletic Teams, and this shows their success in the classroom as well as on the field and court. The school had great participation in the Christmas in the Forks Parade, with the girls’ varsity soccer team being the Grand Marshalls, and the school was recognized with two awards. Superintendent Savage stated that the foundation aid projections at this point were looking at a zero increase so we are working with our representatives to advocate for more equitable funding for all schools. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**VISITORS** – Shannon Stanley, Matt Stanley

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

**REGULAR SESSION** – Superintendent Savage called the meeting back to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ADD PERSONNEL ITEM #13G** – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, Personnel Item #13G was added to the Agenda:

Personnel Item G – Consider Accepting Settlement Agreement

**MINUTES** – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLVED**, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 17, 2021, as presented.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT** – Superintendent Savage acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Robert Hanley, Jr., Emily Tedford, Emilee Wysko, Julia Golino, Laurie Goddeau, Josh Crowningshield.

**AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT** – Tabatha Finnegan Co-President of the AVTA talked about how successful the virtual parent conferences were. This month was all about a season of giving and she spoke of the many ways this was done throughout the district. At Keeseville Elementary they had a raffle with the goal to send one veteran on the Honor Flight, they raised \$3,800 which will now send four veterans. A

donation in the amount of \$1,050 was donated to the Make-a-Wish, and the AVTA, along with Champlain National Bank adopted school families and were able to shop for 20 families..

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

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

**EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT**- On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

**ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated October 7, 2021 through December 1, 2021, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated November 12, 2021, as presented.

**APPROVE SPECIAL BUS VOTE** – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF VOTING ON A PROPOSITION FOR THE PURCHASE OF TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES.

WHEREAS, the Au Sable Valley Central School District (the "School District") is considering undertaking the purchase of two (2) 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$120,000 each, one (1) 35-passenger bus with lift at an estimated maximum cost of \$78,000, and one (1) 7-passenger van estimated maximum cost of \$33,000, for a total aggregate maximum cost not to exceed \$351,000 (collectively, the "Buses"); and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of the Buses constitutes a "Type II Action" pursuant to Section 6 NYCRR Part 617.7 of the Regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (the "Regulations") adopted pursuant to Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law, as amended (the "SEQR Act"), and as such no review under the SEQR Act is required and the purchase of the buses does not require a permit from the Adirondack Park Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to seek the authorization of the duly qualified voters of the School District to acquire the Buses;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Education of the School District as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby calls a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the School District to be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Au Sable Valley Central School Middle School – High School Cafeteria, at which time the polls shall be open between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m. local time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot on the following proposition:

Proposition No. 1

"Shall the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District (the "School District") be authorized to purchase two (2) 65-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$120,000 each, one (1) 35-passenger bus with lift at an estimated maximum cost of \$78,000, and one (1) 7-passenger van estimated maximum cost of \$33,000, for a total aggregate maximum cost not to exceed \$351,000, with such \$351,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, being raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the School District to be levied and collected in

annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with section 416 of the Education Law with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefore, and in anticipation of such tax by the issuance of up to \$351,000 of debt obligations of the School District”

Section 2. The School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish notice of a Special Meeting of the qualified voters of the School District in accordance with the provisions of the Education Law.

**APPROVE SENIOR CITIZENS ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION** - On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the eligibility assessment exemption for senior citizens, 65 years of age or older, be increased from a maximum annual income level of \$26,000 to a maximum annual income level of \$29,000.

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

On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard 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: Kerriann Knussman, Kimber Thomas, Emilee Wysko, Julia Golino, Mackenzie Carpenter, Laurie Goddeau

#### **APPROVE RESIGNATION OF COACHES**

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

- a. Kayla Taylor – Modified B Boys Basketball
- b. Hannah Greenley-Hackel – Modified B Girls Basketball

#### **APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES**

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

- a. Chad Garcia – Modified A Boys Basketball
- b. Kayla Taylor – Modified A Girls Basketball

#### **APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES**

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Kelly Smith, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective February 4, 2022, per her letter dated February 9, 2021.

#### **APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, to appoint Kimber Thomas as a Permanent Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, effective December 6, 2021 and ending June 24, 2022, salary will be at the rate of \$95/day. Ms. Thomas has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

Per Board Resolution dated March 20, 2002, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, to offer health insurance to long-term and permanent substitute teachers, at their (employee) expense, after they have worked in the position for a period of ten weeks.

**PERSONNEL (CON'T)**

**APPROVE LETTER OF RESIGNATION**

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation from Abbey Daggett, Typist at Keeseville Elementary School, effective December 4, 2021, per her letter dated November 18, 2021.

**APPROVE ACCEPTING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Au Sable Valley Central School District accept the terms and conditions of a negotiated Settlement Agreement with a certain employee of the District on the recommendation of the Superintendent and School District Attorney; authorize the Superintendent to execute such Agreement and take all actions necessary on behalf of the District in effectuating the terms of the Agreement.

**VISITORS** – None

**OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**ADJOURNED** – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy McCallister, Clerk  
Board of Education