

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Scott Bombard, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Aubrey Bresett, James E. Martineau, Jr., Susan Richards, David Whitford

ABSENT – Jenna Beauregard

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, Kristi Hathaway, Heather Christensen, Kate Frederick, Amie Devlin

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.

CAFETERIA DEPARTMENT PRESENTATION – Chelley Martineau presented on the issues that her department has been faced with during this year: the supply chair, food cost increase and staff shortages. She also discussed meal service options, DOD Fresh Program, extended day snacks provided during this year, the summer school program of 2020 with the meals that were provided during that time, and also the P-EBT (Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer) that was utilized during the pandemic. She also spoke of what they are looking for the future with items to be offered, equipment grant, the summer school and summer youth program, and the department will be having an administrative review during the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Martineau wanted to express how appreciative she is of her cafeteria team, along with the custodial department, administration and faculty and staff, who all made themselves available to help out and do any extra to make sure the kids were provided with their meals.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT- Superintendent Savage reminded everyone that the musical “Chicago” was being performed this weekend and to make sure and try to attend as it is always a great show performed by our students. He said how the mask mandate being lifted has been great, and nice to see all the faces of everyone again. Superintendent Savage informed the board that the graduation rate for 2021 was 91%, which is higher than the state average. The summer school and summer youth programs are all scheduled for this summer. The senior trip is back on for this year and they are planning to do an Adirondack Adventure down in Lake George.

VISITORS – Shannon Stanley – wanted to say how hard all the members of the cast and crew have worked for this year’s production of Chicago, and will be a great show.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Bombard called the meeting back to order at 7:46 p.m.

ADD PERSONNEL ITEM M – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, Personnel Item M was added to the Agenda:

Personnel Item M – Consider Appointment of Coaches

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 9, 2022, and the Special Bus Vote Meeting held on February 16, 2022, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT - The following individuals have completed an application for non-instructional employment: Reanna Prentiss, Natasia Benjamin, Tia Cooley, Henry DeMeulemeester, Margaret Rock

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Kristi Hathaway wanted to say how they were thankful for being a part of the Superintendent interview committee, and to wish the cast and crew good luck in their performance of Chicago this weekend.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the January 2022 Treasurer's Report, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2022, as presented.

BUDGET REPORT – Superintendent Savage provided the Board and public with a powerpoint presentation on the proposed 2022-2023 AVCS Budget. He stated that it is still a work in progress, but there was a 3% increase in Foundation Aid, and they will be working with our local representatives and hope more aid would be coming to help assist with the budget. At this time it is anticipated that we will once again stay within the tax cap, and working to maintain all educational programs. There will be a public Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, May 9, 2022.

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS - On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated January 6, 2022 through February 7, 2022, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated February 14, 2022 through February 16, 2022, 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 28, 2022, 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 Aubrey Bresett, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold the 2022-2023 Reorganization Meeting on Friday, July 1, 2022, starting at 7:30 a.m. at the Middle School-High School Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

ADOPT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023 – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar, as presented.

APPROVE BUS BOND – The following vote was taken and recorded in the public or open session of said meeting, which all members voted in favor and it was carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to approve the Bus Bond Resolution, as presented:

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK (THE "DISTRICT") AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$351,000 IN SERIAL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the qualified voters of the Au Sable Valley Central School District, Clinton, Essex and Franklin Counties, New York (the "District") on February 16, 2022 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District 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 the cost of such acquisition being raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District to be collected in annual installments in the years and in the amounts as the Board shall determine, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefor, and, in anticipation of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum cost (the "Proposition"); and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project as defined in Section 1 below and to authorize the issuance of the District's serial bonds or bond anticipation notes to finance said appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLINTON, ESSEX AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, NEW YORK, HEREBY RESOLVES (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all its members), AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The District is hereby authorized in accordance with the Proposition, to purchase two (2) 65-passenger buses, one (1) 35-passenger bus with lift, and one (1) 7-passenger van (collectively, the "Project") and to issue up to \$351,000 principal amount of serial bonds (including, without limitation, statutory installment bonds) (the "Bonds" or bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the Bonds, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, constituting Chapter 33-a of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance the estimated cost of the Project.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the total estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is \$351,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to \$351,000 in serial bonds of the District authorized to be issued pursuant to Section 1 of this resolution, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds, and (ii) the payment of the principal of said bonds or bond anticipation notes and the interest thereon as the same shall become due and payable by the application of State aid, and, to the extent necessary, the levy and collection of taxes on all the taxable real property in the District.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is five (5) years, pursuant to paragraph 29. of subsection a. of Section 11.00 the Law.

SECTION 4. The temporary use of available funds of the District, not immediately required for the purpose or purposes for which the same were borrowed, raised or otherwise created, is hereby authorized pursuant to Section 165.10 of the Law, for the purposes described in Section 1 of this resolution. The District shall reimburse such expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this resolution. This resolution shall constitute a declaration of "official intent" to reimburse the expenditures authorized by Section 1 hereof with the proceeds of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes authorized herein, as required by United States Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2.

SECTION 5. Each of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Law and said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall be general obligations of the District, payable as to both principal and interest by a general tax upon all the real property within the District without legal or constitutional limitation as to rate or amount. The faith and credit of the District are hereby irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal and interest on the Bonds and bond anticipation notes and provisions shall be made annually in the budget of the District by appropriation for (a) the amortization and redemption of the Bonds and bond anticipation notes to mature in such year and (b) the payment of interest to be due and payable in such year.

SECTION 6. Subject to the provisions of this resolution and of the Law, pursuant to the provisions of Section 30.00 relative to the authorization of the issuance of bond anticipation notes or the renewals of said obligations and of Section 21.00, Section 50.00, Section 54.90, Sections 56.00 through 60.00, and Sections 62.10 and 63.00 of the Law, the powers and duties of the Board relative to authorizing serial bonds and bond anticipation notes including, without

limitation, the determination of whether to issue bonds having substantially level or declining debt service, and all matters incidental thereto, and prescribing terms, form and contents as to the sale and issuance of bonds herein authorized and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, are hereby delegated to the President of the Board of Education (the "President of the Board"), as the chief fiscal officer of the District. Further, pursuant to subdivision b. of Section 11 of the Law, in the event that bonds to be issued for the specific objects or purposes authorized by this resolution are combined for sale, pursuant to subdivision c. of Section 57.00 of the Law, with bonds to be issued for one or more objects or purposes authorized by other resolutions of the Board, then the power of the Board to determine the "weighted average period of probable usefulness" (within the meaning of subdivision a. of Section 11.00 of the Law) for such combined objects or purposes is hereby delegated to the President of the Board, as the chief fiscal officer of the District.

SECTION 7. The President of the Board is hereby further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary (i) to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and (ii) to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof, if applicable, as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 8. The President of the Board is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure undertaking with or for the benefit of the initial purchaser of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c2-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SECTION 9. The intent of this resolution is to give the President of the Board sufficient authority to execute those applications, agreements, instruments, certificates or to do any similar acts necessary or in the opinion of the President of the Board advisable to effect the issuance of the Bonds or bond anticipation notes without resorting to further action of the Board.

SECTION 10. The Project and the financing thereof through the issuance of the District's obligations constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA"), and no further actions or proceedings must be taken by the Board under SEQRA prior to authorizing the issuance of obligations or expenditure of funds for said purchase.

SECTION 11. In the absence of the President of the Board, the Vice President of the Board is hereby specifically authorized to exercise the powers delegated to the President of the Board in this resolution.

SECTION 12. The validity of the Bonds authorized by this resolution and of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the Bonds may be contested only if:

(a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the District is not authorized to expend money; or

(b) the provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of such resolution are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication; or

(c) such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

SECTION 13. The District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause a copy of this resolution, or a summary thereof, to be published in the official newspaper(s) of the District for legal notices, together with a notice of the District in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Law.

SECTION 14. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

APPROVE ATHLETIC MERGER AGREEMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR – On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the following Athletic Merger Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented:

Baseball (Modified & JV) – Seton Catholic with AVCS

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH CR BOCES – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the CR BOCES for the provision of said services to the District and not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the total amount of \$540,377.51 and associated CR BOCES charges with such amount to include annual CR BOCES support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges, and with such support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges included at the current rate and subject to change as established in the CR BOCES budget or mandated by any federal, state or local authority.

This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to CR BOCES for early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that CR BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable penalties or liquidated damages, and the District will also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements, incurred by CR BOCES as consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. The District further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold BOCES, its elected officials, its employees, and agents, harmless from any and all liability, claims including bodily injury or property damage, causes of action, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, which may arise out of the negligent actions of the District, its elected officials, employees, agents, invitees, and volunteers while using this service.

Payment will be made as part of a regular annual CR BOCES contract for services. Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of CR BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of five (5) commencing on or about March 21, 2022 and continuing through June 30, 2027.

PERSONNEL – President Bombard 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 Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section, except James E. Martineau, Jr. abstained to Item 13 M – Appointment of Co-Modified Baseball Coaches

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Reanna Prentiss, James Carter, Margaret Rock, Rita Zurschmit

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE

RESOLVED, to appoint Kimber Thomas as a Long Term Substitute Elementary Teacher, effective March 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022. Salary to be Step F1 (\$16,248 pro-rated for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule. Ms. Thomas has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE TENURE APPOINTMENTS

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Christopher Fey, in the Administration Tenure Area, effective July 1, 2022.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Samantha Worthington, in the French Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2022.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to accept the letters of resignation from the following coaches:

- a. Lyndale Nephew – Varsity Softball
- b. Kayla Taylor – Assistant Varsity Softball
- c. Rob LaFountain – Modified Baseball
- d. Matt Stanley – Modified Softball

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

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

- a. Kayla Taylor – Varsity Softball
- b. Sean Gantor – Modified Track and Field
- c. Matt Stanley – JV Softball
- d. Mason Utzler – Assistant Varsity Softball
- e. Doug Rondeau – JV Baseball
- f. Madison Campbell – Modified Softball
- g. Todd Bailey – Volunteer Assistant Modified Softball

APPROVE REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Courtney Valentin, Food Service Helper at the Middle High School, retroactive to January 24, 2022 through April 1, 2022, per her email dated February 11, 2022.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SOCIAL WORKER

RESOLVED, to grant a probationary appointment to Alexis Guay, in the tenure area of School Social Worker, effective April 1, 2022; the probationary period to end March 30, 2026. Ms. Guay holds a License for Master Social Worker. Salary to be Step K1 (\$15,013 pro-rated) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule. Ms. Guay has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Tonya Darrah, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Middle High School, effective March 16, 2022, per her letter of resignation received March 9, 2022.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TYPIST (200 Days)

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment of Tonya Darrah, as a Typist (200 Days), effective March 17, 2022, salary to be Step 7 (\$7,559 pro-rated) based on the 2021-2022 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Darrah has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Tina Ballard, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at Keeseville Elementary School, effective March 16, 2022, per her letter of resignation dated March 1, 2022.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Sally Fournier, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Middle High School, effective March 18, 2022, per her letter of resignation dated March 7, 2022.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE REQUEST FOR UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Emily Barry, Speech and Language Teacher at Keeseville Elementary School, commencing tentatively on or about April 5, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, per her email dated March 7, 2022.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

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

- a. Chris Dresser – Co-Modified Baseball
- b. Noah Martineau – Co-Modified Baseball

ADJOURNED – On motion by James E., Martineau, Jr., seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy McCallister
Clerk, Board of Education