

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

**ROLL** – Scott Bombard, President

**MEMBERS** – Mark Allen, Aubrey Bresett, Jenna Beauregard, Shannon Stanley

**ABSENT** – James E. Martineau, Jr., Jason Fuller

**ADMINISTRATION** – Mike Francia, Tammy Casey, Chris Fey, Kevin Hulbert, Nicole O’Connell, Matt Rogers

**FACULTY & STAFF** – Ted Sill, Tammy Sheffer, Randy Pray, Chelley Martineau, Kristi Hathaway, Tabatha Sullivan, Heather Christensen, Kate Frederick, Lindsey Douglas, Matt Fay, Samantha Worthington, Kathryn Inhelder

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Bombard called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

**ATHLETICS PRESENTATION** – Kevin Hulbert presented a power point detailing the athletic accomplishments from July 2022 – Mid March 2023. Mr. Hulbert stated that there would be new classifications for the 2023-2024 school year. He also shared the many off season opportunities that are available to the student athletics. SportsYou and Parent Square are being used to communicate with the student athletics and their families. Mr. Hulbert stated some future goals are to create an academics and behavior contract and to get scores of all contests on the website.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT-** Superintendent Francia provided the Board and public with a power point presentation on the proposed 2023-2024 AVCS Budget. He stated that it is still a work in progress, but there was a 4.34% 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. There will be a public Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023.

**VISITORS** – Josiah D’Elia, Mike Douglas, Tara D’Elia, Daniel Inhelder

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Jenna Beauregard, and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

**REGULAR SESSION** – President Bombard called the meeting back to order at 8:59 p.m.

**ADD PERSONNEL ITEM M** – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, Personnel Item G was added to the Agenda:

Personnel Item G – Consider Appointment of Typist

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on February 15, 2023, and the Special Bus Vote Meeting held on February 15, 2023, as presented.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT** - The following individuals have completed an application for non-instructional employment: Ashlee Estes, Natalie Smith

**AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT** – None

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the January 2023 Treasurer’s Report, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's Report for the period ending January 31, 2023, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated January 26, 2023 through February 15, 2023, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated February 9, 2023 through February 27, 2023, as presented.

**APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DATE** - On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold a Special Board Meeting, remotely, on Thursday, April 20, 2023, 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 Shannon Stanley, seconded by Mark Allen, and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to hold the 2023-2024 Reorganization Meeting on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School-High School Auditorium, unless otherwise noted.

**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 \$394,000 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 15, 2023 approved a proposition authorizing the Board of Education (the "Board") of the District to purchase transportation vehicles for use by the School District, including incidental expenses in connection therewith (collectively, the "Project"), at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$394,000 with such cost 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 \$394,000 of debt obligations of the District, as may be necessary (the "Proposition"); and

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes a "Type II" action within the meaning of the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation thereunder (collectively, "SEQRA") and therefore no further action under SEQRA with respect to the Project need be taken by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District now wishes to appropriate funds for the Project 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 AUSABLE 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. In accordance with the Proposition, the District is hereby authorized to (i) purchase transportation vehicles for use by the School District, including incidental expenses in connection therewith (the "Project"); and (ii) issue up to \$394,000 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 estimated maximum cost of the aforesaid specific objects or purposes is \$394,000, said amount is hereby appropriated therefor and the plan for the financing thereof shall consist of (i) the issuance of up to \$394,000 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 to finance said appropriation 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. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**APPROVE DATE CHANGE OF APRIL 19, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

RESOLVED, to change the date of the April 19, 2023, Board of Education meeting to April 17, 2023.

**APPROVE FREEZE OF ADMISSION FOR NEW NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, to freeze accepting admission for new non-resident students for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

**APPROVE FRENCH CLUB TRIP TO FRANCE**

RESOLVED, to approve the French Club Trip to France in February 2024.

**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 Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section, except Shannon Stanley abstained to Item 13 E (d) – Appointment of Assistant Varsity Girls Flag Football Coach

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Christine Snow, Joanne McGovern, Judy James

**APPROVE TENURE APPOINTMENTS**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Christina Brown, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2023.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Lisa Mintz, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2023.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Maira Engelhardt-Gonyea, in the Spanish (7-12) Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2023.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Holly LaBombard Hull, in the Special Education Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2023.

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Chelsea Sprague, in the Teaching Assistant Tenure Area, effective September 1, 2023.

**APPROVE REVISED TENURE DATE**

**Rescind Resolution 01/18/23 as follows:**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Valerie Bruhn, in the Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 6) Tenure Area, effective February 25, 2023.

**Amended Resolution:**

RESOLVED, to grant a tenure appointment to Valerie Bruhn, in the Students with Disabilities (Birth-Grade 6) Tenure Area, effective March 1, 2023.

**APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES**

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Judy Ford, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective the end of the 2022-2023 school year, per her email dated November 15, 2022.

**PERSONNEL (CON'T)**

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2022-2023 school year who have fingerprint clearance (a-d) from OSPRA or pending fingerprint clearance (e) from OSPRA:

- a. BJ Sprague II – Volunteer JV Baseball Coach
- b. Rob Fountain – JV Baseball Coach
- c. Jim Caron – Varsity Girls Flag Football Coach
- d. Matt Stanley – Assistant Varsity Girls Flag Football Coach
- e. Steve Suloff – Volunteer Assistant Track And Field Coach

**APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TYPIST**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Michelle Drinkwine, Typist at the Middle High School, effective March 3, 2023, per her letter March 3, 2023.

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TYPIST**

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment of Jackie (Hancock) Burke, as a Typist (260 Days), effective March 20, 2023, salary to be Step 1 (\$8,851 pro-rated) based on the 2022-2025 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Burke has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

**ADJOURNED** – On motion by Shannon Stanley, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Sheffer  
Clerk, Board of Education