

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Scott Bombard, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett, James E. Martineau, Jr., Shannon Stanley

ABSENT – Jason Fuller

ADMINISTRATION – Mike Francia, Tammy Casey, Chris Fey, Gigi Mason, Brittany Trybendis

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

CALL TO ORDER – President Bombard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT & PRESENTATION – Tammy Casey, High School Principal, presented a slideshow which detailed some focus areas at the Middle-High School. There is a weekly newsletter for the faculty/staff and a monthly newsletter for the parents to keep everyone informed. They have been meeting with a group of teachers looking to add more electives to the schedule for the students, which includes, a Life Skills class, Digital Citizenship, and more CAP or AP courses. Mrs. Casey also stated that they were working on some positivity projects like teaching character traits in every classroom and focusing on individual strengths.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Francia gave a comprehensive power point presentation and overview of the 2023-2024 AVCS Budget. He reminded everyone that there is a public Budget Hearing scheduled for Monday, May 8th at 6 p.m. in the MHS auditorium. Brittany Trybendis, Director of 21st Century Programs and Student Services, gave a grant update. She stated that the Community Fitness Center would be opening on May 16th. There are 210 students signed up for the 2023 Summer Program and 187 signed up for the Learn to Swim Program. Mrs. Trybendis stated that we have also been awarded a grant from the Office of Mental Health for programming.

VISITORS – Amanda Whisher, Jaci Kelleher, Brian Christensen

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION –President Bombard called the meeting back to order at 8:24 p.m.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the March 15, 2023 Board Meeting, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Bombard acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: William (Dale) Gearhart, Shirley Snow, Kelly Lane, Hannah Shirley

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Kristi Hathaway stated that everyone was gearing up for the upcoming ELA/Math/Science State tests and the June Regents. She thanked the AVTA members for donating sick time to others that were in need, including members of the CSEA.

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

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Shannon Stanley, 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 February 28, 2023, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated March 9, 2023 through March 20, 2023, as presented.

APPROVE TO ADOPT 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET – On motion by Shannon Stanley, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to adopt the proposed School Budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$36,506,950.

APPROVE PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the 2023-2024 Property Tax Report Card, as presented.

ADOPT SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023-2024 – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar, as presented.

APPROVE DONATION – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept a \$3,000 donation from the American Legion Post 504, in support of two annual scholarships, The Missing Children's Basketball Tournament Scholarship, to be given to two graduating seniors who participated in the Au Sable Valley basketball program in the amount of \$250 each.

APPROVE CONTRACT FOR 403 (b) & 457 (b) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOVLED, to approve Mike Francia, Superintendent of Schools, to sign a service agreement with the U.S. OMNI & TSACG Compliance Services for Administration of 403 (b) and 457 (b) retirement plans.

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.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis who has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Avery Tromblee, Sydney Burdo, Ed Mason, David Butler, Ashlee Estes

PERSONNEL (CON'T)**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COORDINATOR AND INSPECTORS FOR MAY 16, 2023, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION OF BOARD CANDIDATES**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District appoint Nicole O'Neill, as Coordinator/Inspector and the following persons as Inspectors: Ron Wilkins, Phyllis Brown, Sara Roy and Pamela Rushia for the May 16, 2023, School Budget Vote and Election of Board Candidates. Inspectors will receive \$15.21 per hour and the Coordinator will receive \$15.21 per hour, plus an additional \$25.00 for the day.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Jackie Burke, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective March 17, 2023, per her email dated March 20, 2023.

APPROVE RESCINDING RESOLUTION – RETIREMENT DATE

RESOLVED, to rescind a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Jennifer Knapp, Math Teacher at Middle High School, effective June 30, 2023, per her letter dated March 16, 2023.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Frances Merkel, Special Education Teacher at the Keeseville Elementary School, effective June 30, 2023, per her letter dated March 21, 2023.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF RPN

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment to Gwentyth McNamara as a RPN (7 hrs/day), effective April 24, 2023, salary to be Step 3; (\$12,054 pro-rated) of the CSEA contract based on the 2022-2025 Agreement, pending Ms. McNamara's fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret, a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Cynthia Carey, Special Education Teacher at the Middle High School, effective June 30, 2024, per her letter dated March 28, 2023.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER ASSISTANT

RESOLVED, to accept with regret, a letter of resignation from Lisa Zielinski, Teacher Assistant at the Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective end of the 2022-2023 school year, per her letter dated March 28, 2023.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Bryce Douglass, Special Education Teacher at the Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective April 4, 2023, per her letter dated April 4, 2023.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CSE CHAIRPERSON

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation from Katharine Frederick, CSE Chairperson, effective June 23, 2023, per her letter dated April 4, 2023. Ms. Frederick is looking to return to a teaching position in the AVCS school district.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder – Special Board Meeting (CVES Budget and Board Member Vote) Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 7:30 a.m., to be held remotely.

Reminder - Clinton County School Board Recognition Dinner for the top 10% of the senior class is Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6 p.m. at the Rainbow Wedding & Banquet Hall.

Reminder – Annual Budget Hearing, Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School-High School Auditorium.

Reminder – Board of Education Meeting/Annual Budget Vote is Tuesday, May 16, 2023. The Board meeting will be held in the conference room.

ADJOURNED – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Shannon Stanley and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Sheffer
Clerk, Board of Education