

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2023 PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Shannon Stanley, President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Jason Fuller, Amanda Whisher

ABSENT – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett

ADMINISTRATION – Michael Francia, Tammy Casey, Kevin Hulbert, Jennifer Mousseau, Nicole O’Connell, Matt Rogers, Samantha Trudeau

FACULTY & STAFF – Ted Sill, Tammy Sheffer, Randy Pray, Jennifer Daniels, Danielle North, Michael Rafferty

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –President Stanley led the Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

DISRICT EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN SUMMARY – Randy Pray explained the generic plan is available for the public to view on our website. The policy plan was updated with the new administrators’ names, in-school social worker, communicable disease precautions, and a remote instruction plan.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Francia informed the board that the administrative team had been meeting bi-weekly over the summer to prepare for the new school year. He also stated that this was the third year of the summer youth program and it was a huge success with 154 students participating. Chelsea Sprague, Coordinator, added new opportunities for the students. The students went on hikes, to a magic show and tie-dyed t-shirts (donated by Casella) during the Field Day. The swim program had 214 participants this year, they ran ten 30 minutes lessons each day.

VISTORS – Robyn Pray

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Daniels stated that she was looking forward to her new role as Co-President. She stated that there has been great communication over the summer, but was concerned that schedules were not out yet. AVTA is looking forward to a great school year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the following items are added to the agenda:

New Business Item D - Consider Approval of Participation in the NYS Department of Education School Food Management and Nutrition Program of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP)

Personnel Item G (1) c – Modified Girls Soccer Coach
d- Volunteer Assistant JV Girls Soccer Coach

Personnel Item L - Consider Resignation of Modified Girls Soccer Coach

Personnel Item M – Consider Resignation of Teacher Aide/Student Aide

Personnel Item N – Consider Appointment of Teacher Aide/Student Aide

Personnel Item O – Consider Appointment of District Coordinator of 21st Century Extended Day and Summer Youth Program

Personnel Item P – Consider Appointment of Site Coordinator of 21st Century Extended Day Program

MINUTES – On motion by Amanda Whisher, seconded by Jason Fuller and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Reorganization Board Meeting held on July 5, 2023, and the Special Board Meeting held on July 18, 2023.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – The following individuals have completed an application for non-instructional employment: Barbara Soulia, Raychel Miller, Kellie Trim, Brenda Ford

TREASURER’S REPORT – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER’S REPORT – On motion by Amanda Whisher, seconded by Jason Fuller and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's report for the period ending June 30, 2023, as presented.

APPROVE INCREASE TO EMPLOYEE BENEFIT RESERVE - On motion by Jason Fuller, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to increase the Employee Benefit Reserve by \$100,000, raising the balance to \$700,000, effective June 30, 2023.

APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Sub-Committee on Special Education recommendations dated March 6, 2023 through June 29, 2023, and the Sub-Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated July 11, 2023, as presented.

APPROVE TAX WARRANT – On motion by Jason Fuller, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following motion was approved:

RESOLVED, to approve the tax warrant for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$15,645,000.

APPROVE THE UPDATED DISTRICT WIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN POLICY #8131.1 – On motion by Amanda Whisher, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to approve the Updated District Wide Emergency Response Plan Policy #8131.1, as presented.

APPROVE THE PARTICIPATION IN THE NYS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOL FOOD MANAGEMENT AND NUTRITION PROGRAM OF COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROVISION – On motion by Amanda Whisher, seconded by Jason Fuller and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, that Au Sable Valley Central School is authorized to participate in the State Education Department’s Bureau of School Food Management and Nutrition Program of Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Further Resolved, to revise the school lunch prices for the 2023-2024 as follows:

ELEMENTARY: Breakfast – No Charge (Doubles - \$1.00), Lunch – No Charge (Doubles - \$2.00), Veggies - \$1.50, White Milk - \$.75, Chocolate Milk - \$.75, Ice Cream - \$1.00, Adult Breakfast - \$3.50, Adult Lunch - \$5.75.

MIDDLE SCHOOL-HIGH SCHOOL: Breakfast – No Charge (Doubles - \$1.00), Lunch – No Charge (Doubles - \$2.00), Veggies - \$1.50, Salads - \$4.00, White Milk - \$.75, Chocolate Milk - \$.75, Ice Cream - \$1.00, Adult Breakfast - \$3.50, Adult Lunch - \$5.75.

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

On motion by Jason Fuller, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section for this meeting.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis who has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Anne Cotrona

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Kayla Mills, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Keeseville Elementary School, effective July 19, 2023, per her email dated July 19, 2023.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE AVCS PRINCIPALS, ADMINISTRATORS AND SUPERINTENDENT AS RECERTIFIED APPR LEAD EVALUATORS

RESOLVED, to approve and recertify the following APPR lead evaluators for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Michael Francia
- Chris Fey
- Kevin Hulbert
- Jennifer Mousseau
- Nicole O’Connell
- Tammy Casey
- Samantha Trudeau

APPROVE DIGNITY ACT COORDINATORS FOR AVCS

RESOLVED, to approve the following Dignity Act Coordinators for AVCS, at no additional compensation for the 2023-2024 school year:

- A.V.H.S. – Tammy Casey
- K.E.S. – Samantha Trudeau
- A.F.E.S. – Chris Fey
- A.V.M.S. – Jennifer Mousseau
- District – Kevin Hulbert

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF FITNESS CENTER SUPERVISORS

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as Fitness Center Supervisors for the Summer of 2023 and the 2023-2024 school year who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA at the rate of \$25 hourly to be paid through the 21st Century Grant:

- (1) Michael Purtell
- (2) Ashlee Estes
- (3) Sara Richards

PERSONNEL (CON'T)**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR**

RESOLVED, to appoint Max Longware as a Permanent Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, effective September 5, 2023, and ending June 23, 2024, salary will be at the rate of \$112/day. Mr. Longware 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.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

(1) RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2023-2024 school year who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

- a. Max Longware – Modified Boys Soccer
- b. Jeanna Manning – Modified Volleyball
- c. Kyli Miller – Modified Girls Soccer
- d. Ian Ater – Volunteer Assistant JV Girls Soccer Coach

(2) RESOLVED, to appoint the following coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

- a. Carol Pearl - Volunteer Varsity Girls Swimming

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 APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

RESOLVED, to appoint Miranda O'Neill as a Permanent Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, effective September 5, 2023, and ending June 23, 2024, salary will be at the rate of \$112/day. Ms. O'Neill 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.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TEACHING ASSISTANT

RESOLVED, to grant a probationary appointment to Jessica Depo in the tenure area of Teaching Assistant, effective September 5, 2023; the probationary period to end September 4, 2027. Ms. Depo has Level 1 Teaching Assistant Certification. This appointment is a tenured track full-time position; salary to be Step 1 of the Teaching Assistant salary schedule (\$27,753) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule between the Au Sable Valley Central School District and the Au Sable Valley Teachers' Association. Ms. Depo has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TEACHING ASSISTANT (40% FTE)

Resolved, to grant an appointment to Amanda Fialkiewicz in the area of Teaching Assistant (40% FTE) for the 2023-2024 school year at Keeseville Elementary School, effective September 5, 2023; Ms. Fialkiewicz's Level 1 Teaching Assistant Certification is pending. This appointment is a non-tenured track part-time position (40% FTE); salary to be Step 1 of the Teaching Assistant salary schedule \$11,101 (\$27,753 at 40% FTE) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule between the Au Sable Valley Central School District and the Au Sable Valley Teachers' Association. Ms. Fialkiewicz has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF COACH

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from the following coach for the 2023-2024 school year:

- a. Ian Ater – Modified Girls Soccer

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Emily Patenaude, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at the Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective August 16, 2023, per her email dated August 16, 2023.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF TEACHER/STUDENT AIDE (6.5 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment to Selina Hart as a Teacher Aide/Student Aide (6.5 hrs/day), effective September 5, 2023, salary to be Step 1; (\$18,415) of the CSEA contract based on the 2022-2025 Agreement. Ms. Hart has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COORDINATOR OF 21ST CENTURY EXTENDED DAY AND SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

RESOLVED, to appointment Chelsea Sprague as District Coordinator of 21st Century Extended Day and Summer Youth Program for the 2023-2024 school year at the annual rate of \$18,000.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SITE COORDINATOR OF 21ST CENTURY EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM – AFES

RESOLVED, to appointment Fabienne Rossi as Site Coordinator of 21st Century Extended Day Program at AFES for the 2023-2024 school year at the annual rate of \$14,400.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Sheffer, District Clerk
Board of Education