

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023, PURSUANT TO NOTICE**

**ROLL** – Shannon Stanley, President

**MEMBERS** – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Scott Bombard, Aubrey Bresett, Amanda Whisher

**ABSENT** – Jason Fuller

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

**FACULTY & STAFF** – Tammy Sheffer, Chelley Martineau, Tracy Tender, Jennifer Daniels, Tabatha Sullivan, Scott Brow, Amie Devlin, Amy Wood, Barb Boulerice, Jennifer Stanley, Becky Bassett, Michael Rafferty, Heather Brault, Christine Facticeau, Alexis Stiles, Colleen Costin, Chelsea Sprague, Amanda Rondeau, Katie Wright, Cheryl Wiley, Kristi Hathaway, Samantha Worthington, Sacha Burdo, Andy Johnson, Joel Brandt, Julie Gilbert, Carrie Abernethy, Leighann Greene, Danielle North, Nicole Richards, Kristina Perry, Madeline Barber, Marybeth Taylor, Danielle Brooks, Todd Pierson

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – President Stanley asked Lizz Douglas to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**AUDIT REPORT** – Samantha Hillman, of Telling & Hillman, PC, started her presentation by thanking the District Office staff for their attention to detail, preparedness, and help during the audit, then she gave a detailed report on the 2022-2023 Independent Audit.

**GRANTS & ASSESSMENT ANNUAL PRESENTATION/ REPORT** – Nicole O’Connell, Administrative Director of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education & Assessment, presented a detailed slideshow to the Board and discussed the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Grant, School Violence Prevention Grant, and Office of Mental Health Grant. Mrs. O’Connell also gave details about NYS 3-8 Assessments, Regent Exams, and NWEA Assessments.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** – Superintendent Francia began with acknowledging that it was Board of Education Appreciation Month and thanked the Board for their service. Superintendent Francia gave an update of the capital project, facilities planning meetings, strategic planning meetings, and school safety planning. He also read the draft of the new vision statement that was sent out to the public.

**BOARD COMMENTS** – Aubrey stated that she appreciated being part of the strategic planning committee that drafted the new vision statement. Shannon informed everyone that she would be attending the annual NYSBBA conference in Buffalo and that she had been a delegate for the Annual NYSBBA Business meeting.

**VISITORS** – none

**AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT** – Jennifer Daniels updated the Board on all of the positive things going on at the MHS including the 8<sup>th</sup> graders field trip to SUNY Plattsburgh, the new middle school jazz band, and new electives being offered by the physical education teachers. Tabatha Sullivan updated the Board on all the wonderful things going on at both elementary schools including many fall and Halloween activities, new clubs, and a CVPH Cancer Center fundraiser. She also shared a picture of a couple of old exercise bikes that were converted into “pedal desks” that students use during science class.

**STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT** – Liz Douglas gave an update on the Elective/Club recruitment fair, which is tentatively set for November 10<sup>th</sup>. She stated a few students will be attending a leadership conference. When asked about the new backpack policy, she stated that students were adjusting and accepting it.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated items.

**REGULAR SESSION** – President Stanley called the meeting back to order at 8:22 p.m.

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

Personnel Items:

- F. Consider Appointment of Custodial Worker
- G. Consider Appointment of Special Education Teacher

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the September 20, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT** – President Stanley acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Sylvia Benatti, Abigail Jarrett

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

RESOLVED, to accept the August 2023 Treasurer's Report, as presented.

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

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

**ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS** – On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated September 12, 2023 through October 5, 2023, and the Preschool CPSE recommendations dated September 14, 2023 through October 4, 2023, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, that the 2024 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 28, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., at the Au Sable Valley Middle School-High School.

**ACCEPT ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR** – On motion by Amanda Whisher, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Annual Independent Audit of the 2022-2023 school year performed by Telling & Hillman, PC, as presented.

**APPROVE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN** – On motion by Scott Bombard., seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the year ending June 30, 2023, as presented.

**APPROVE DONATION** - On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept a \$10,000 donation from the Johnson Family Foundation, in support of students attending Keeseville Elementary School, to be allocated, as follows:

- 1) Science Field Trips - \$5,000
- 2) Library - \$2,000
- 3) No Excuses University Program - \$3,000

**PERSONNEL** – President Stanley 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 Scott Bombard and carried unanimously the following resolution was adopted:

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

**PERSONNEL (CON'T)****APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL**

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis who has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Lynn McCarty, Charlene Barry, Gustav Rugg, Kailey Mace, Mollie Drew, Don Loreman, Jr., Jordyne Russell, Caroline Harrington, Carolyn Welch, Abigail Jarrett

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES**

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

- a. Steve Suloff – Volunteer Indoor Track Coach

**APPROVE RESIGNATION OF CUSTODIAL WORKER**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Renita Lincoln, Custodial Worker (3 hrs/week) at the Au Sable Forks Bus Garage, effective October 15, 2023, per her letter dated October 4, 2023.

**APPROVE AMENDING RESOLUTION – RETIREMENT DATE (BUS MONITOR)****Rescind Resolution 5/16/23 as follows:**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter to change retirement date from Gail Rondeau, School Bus Monitor, from June 2023 to November 25, 2023, per her letter dated May 11, 2023.

**Amended Resolution:**

RESOLVED, to accept a letter to change retirement date from Gail Rondeau, School Bus Monitor, from November 25, 2023 to sometime during the 2023-2024 school year with a minimum of a two week notice, per her letter dated October 12, 2023.

**APPROVE RATIFICATION OF SAANYS CONTRACT**

RESOLVED, to ratify a New Collective Bargaining Agreement with the SAANYS/Au Sable Valley Central School District Administrative Association for the period July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026, based on the terms set forth in Agreement dated October 12, 2023, as presented.

**APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME CUSTODIAL WORKER**

RESOLVED, to approve the appointment of Cathie Ano, as a Part-time Custodial Worker (3 hours per week), at Au Sable Forks Bus Garage, salary to be Step 1; (\$15.74/hourly) of the CSEA contract based on the 2022-2025 Agreement. Ms. Ano has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

**PERSONNEL (CON'T)**

**APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

RESOLVED, to grant a probationary appointment to Lynn McCarty, in the tenure area of Students with Disabilities (All Grades), effective October 19, 2023; the probationary period to end October 18, 2026. Ms. McCarty has pending professional certification in Students with Disabilities (All Grades). Salary to be Step H16 (\$51,989 pro-rated) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule. Ms. McCarty has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

**VISITORS** – None

**OTHER BUSINESS** – None

**ADJOURNED** – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Amanda Whisher and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Sheffer, District Clerk  
Board of Education