

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Shannon Stanley, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Aubrey Bresett, Jason Fuller, Amanda Whisher

ABSENT – Scott Bombard

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

FACULTY & STAFF – Ted Sill, Tammy Sheffer, Chelley Martineau, Randy Pray, Heather Christensen, Tabatha Sullivan, Amie Devlin, Tonya Darrah, Laurie Goddeau, Eve Lavallee, Debbie Pelkey, Peg Bombard, Breanna Roy, Chelsea Sprague, Heather Brault, Becky Bassett, Jen Stanley, Lenora Winter, Michael Rafferty, Kelly Fitts, Dan Liegel, Christine Facteau, Alexis Stiles, Tim Butler, Val Bruhn, Rebecca Lloyd, Cheryl Wiley, Rocio Gomez, Amanda Rondeau, Leighann Greene, Danielle North, Logan Snow, Cynthia Carey, Lesley Ramos, Sam Worthington, Julie Gilbert, Meghan Stuart

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Stanley asked Lily Butler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CV-TEC PRESENTATION - Dr. Davey thanked Superintendent Francia for his leadership and gave an overview of the new CVES logo. Amy Campbell gave an overview of the support & services offered through CVES including CO-SER. AVCS is currently using 15 of them including audio books and health trainings.

CAFETERIA REPORT – Chelley Martineau presented a comprehensive slideshow detailing the past year in the cafeteria department. Ms. Martineau was thankful to finally be fully staffed and explained all the required trainings that her department employees must complete yearly. Through the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) from September 7th through November 30th, her staff has served 20,563 breakfasts and 39,704 lunches and provided 10,670 snacks for the Extended Day Program.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Francia started his presentation by thanking everyone for pulling together on December 18th, when flooding in the district caused the need for an emergency early release. Superintendent Francia informed the board that capital project videos were on the website and went out through Parent Square, a mailing was going out later in the week and another scheduled to be mailed in the middle of January. The strategic planning is continuing to work on the new vision statement. Updates were given on the American Rescue Plan funding coming to an end and reserve funding. Superintendent Francia stated that it was great to see all of the wonderful things going on in the buildings for the Holiday Season donations were made to a local nursing home, each building had a Holiday Concert, and there was a Giving Tree to name a few.

BOARD COMMENTS - Aubrey stated that she had met with Conor about making our website more user friendly and was grateful for his help. Amanda stated that the board policy committee would start meeting in the New Year. Shannon thanked the teachers. She stated that the Holiday concerts were wonderful and that she had read a book to Ms. Bombard's class at AFES.

VISITORS – none

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Samantha Worthington stated that the MHS had been busy this month. The art students participated in an Art Show in Plattsburgh, the French Club had two successful fundraisers including a fun night for the elementary aged students, Aidan Lacey was making a chess table for the library at CV-TEC, and all the schools participated in musical concerts. The Drama Club is getting ready to start after school rehearsals for Guys & Dolls. Tabatha Sullivan stated the AFES was busy with a sing-a-long and writing stories about who will pull Santa's sleigh after the reindeer went on vacation. KES was busy with an after school group working to save the turtles, Holiday performances, and writing letters to persuade Santa to hire them as elves.

CSEA REPORT – Heather Christensen stated that the kitchen staff had been busy with the increase in meals being served. She informed the Board that CSEA members decorated buses and participated in the Christmas parades in Au Sable Forks and Keeseville, and there would be group caroling later in the week. Heather also thanked everyone for working together to make sure everyone made it home safely during the emergency early release.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT - none

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 15, 2023, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Stanley acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Morgan Thompson, Haley Hickey, Mya Bushey, Tyler Crowe, Katherine Rondeau, Domonick Betters, Marcus Dubay, Isabella Vasquez, Robyn Lewis

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT- On motion by Mark Allen, 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 October 31, 2023, as presented.

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated November 1, 2023 through December 5, 2023, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated November 15, 2023 through December 1, 2023, as presented.

APPROVE CLOSING AND TRANSFER OF CHECKING ACCOUNT- On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Jason Fuller and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to close the TD Bank checking account, which has a balance of \$80,085.10, and transfer the balance to the Community Bank account.

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 Jason Fuller 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 pending fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Katherine Rondeau, Melissa Walton, Isabella Vasquez

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER AIDE/STUDENT AIDE

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Amy LaForest, Teacher Aide/Student Aide at Keeseville Elementary School, effective November 16, 2023, per her letter dated November 16, 2023.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Miranda O'Neill, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective November 16, 2023, per her email dated November 27, 2023.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF FITNESS CENTER SUPERVISOR

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

- (1) Kelly Zimmerman

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF PARENT COORDINATOR OF VOLUNTEERS

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Brooke Sorrell, Parent Coordinator of Volunteers, effective December 4, 2023, per her email dated December 4, 2023.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF MUSIC TEACHER

RESOLVED, to grant a probationary appointment to Matthew Pray, in the tenure area of Music, effective January 3, 2024; the probationary period to end January 2, 2027. Mr. Pray has professional certification in Music. Salary to be Step F19, \$74,607(\$39,915 pro-rated) of the 2018-2023 salary schedule. Mr. Pray has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC SWIM COORDINATOR

RESOLVED, to appoint Margaret Rock as Public Swim Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$500.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF COACH

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

- a. Chris Dresser – Modified Baseball Coach

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACH

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

- a. Chris Dresser – Volunteer JV & Modified Assistant Baseball Coach

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURNED – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Jenna Beauregard and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Sheffer, District Clerk
Board of Education