

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024 PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Shannon Stanley, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Jenna Beauregard, Scott Bombard, Aubrey Bresett, Jason Fuller

ABSENT – Amanda Whisher

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

FACULTY & STAFF – Ted Sill, Tammy Sheffer, Randy Pray, Jennifer Daniels, Tabatha Sullivan, Amie Devlin, Cheryl Wiley, Megan Zmijewski, Danielle Brooks, Becky Bassett, Heather Brault, Lenora Winter, Jennifer Stanley, Chelsea Sprague, Katlyn Kelly, Amanda Rondeau, Robin Dragoon, Michael Rafferty, Eric Dwyer, Tammy Seguin, Shelley Hickey, Meghan Stuart, Jessica Depo, Christine Facticeau, Alexis Stiles, Jim Caron, Danielle North, Kate Frederick, Julie Gilbert, Samantha Worthington, Kristi Hackett

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

AU SABLE FORKS ELEMENTARY ANNUAL REPORT & PRESENTATION – Chris Fey, Au Sable Forks Elementary Principal, presented a slideshow detailing the 2023-2024 school year so far. He spoke about the family atmosphere at AFES, collaborations with the Au Sable Forks Free Library, Extended Day Program activities, PTO activities, and the Positivity Project. Mr. Fey also talked about NWEA data, writing initiatives, district wide curriculum meetings and the Capital Project.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Superintendent Francia gave a Capital Project update, reminding everyone that the vote is on February 14th and overview of the 2024-2025 budget. He also spoke about the Zero Emission Transition Plan, all new bus purchases need to be zero emissions by 2027 and the entire bus fleet by 2035.

BOARD COMMENTS – Aubrey thanked everyone involved with the Capital Project and asked that everyone vote. Aubrey and Shannon wished the French Club luck and fun on their upcoming trip. Shannon stated that it was school counselors appreciate week and thanked all of our school counselors for their hard work.

VISITORS – Lee Pray, Lily Butler, Walter Chmura

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS’ ASSOCIATION REPORT – Tabatha Sullivan gave an overview of activities at the Elementary Schools which included making valentines for the Essex County Office of the Aging, planting seeds with the help from Cornell’s Farm to School Program, Bee Bots, a penguin party, mock Passover Seder, biography book reports, afterschool interventions, and participation in the All-County Music Festival. Jennifer Daniels stated that the 7th grade science classes are harvesting vegetables for the cafeteria on a weekly basis and showed a commercial made by the 8th technology classes and 12th grade economics classes about an invention they created. She also stated that Brielle Laundree received an Honorable Mention Award from Harvard Model UN.

CSEA – Amie Devlin stated that the Aides have been working hard to roll with the winter conditions effecting recesses and appreciate administrators willing to help with all the changes that pop up. The cafeteria staff has been serving meals in record numbers, in January they served over 6,800 breakfasts and almost 13,000 lunches. The custodial staff is fully staffed for the first time in six years.

STUDENT COUNCIL – Addie Stanley spoke about surveying students about AP classes, the new pass policy and possibly a winter dance at the end of March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Stanley called the meeting back to order at 8:28 p.m.

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS - On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, to add the following items to the agenda:

New Business Item D, Number 4 –
Consider Approval of Athletic Merger Agreement for the 2023-2024 School Year

Personnel Item L – Consider Resignation of Teacher

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on January 17, 2024, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – Karley Calabrese, Brooklyn Douglass, Christina Stranahan, Tara Twomey-Mulvey, Kailey Mace

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2023, as presented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER’S REPORT- On motion by Jenna Beauregard, 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 December 31, 2023, as presented.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated December 20, 2023 through January 24, 2024, and the Committee on Preschool Special Education recommendations dated January 17, 2024, as presented.

APPROVE CHANGING DATE OF MAY 14, 2024 BOARD MEETING – On motion by Aubrey Bresett, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to change the date of the May 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting to May 21, 2024.

APPROVE INSTALLMENT PURCHASE CONTRACT – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Jason Fuller and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District (hereinafter referred to as the “District”) desires to enter into a three year service agreement with the Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady-Saratoga Board of Cooperative Educational Services (hereinafter referred to as “CR BOCES”) in order for the CR BOCES to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to New York State Education Law §1950(4)(jj), those services being instructional services in Co-Ser 512.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Au Sable Valley Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the CR BOCES for the provision of said services to the District and not to exceed in total over the life of this agreement the total amount of \$118,919.00 and associated CR BOCES charges with such amount to include annual CR BOCES support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges, and with such support costs and applicable taxes and surcharges included at the current rate and subject to change as established in the CR BOCES budget or mandated by any federal, state or local authority.

This amount may be amended with the approval of both parties. The District will be liable to CR BOCES for early cancellation or withdrawal from this agreement to the same extent that CR BOCES is liable to any vendor(s) of these services, including liability for applicable penalties or liquidated damages, and the District will also be liable for costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys’ fees and disbursements, incurred by CR BOCES as consequence of any such early cancellation or withdrawal. The District further agrees to indemnify, defend and hold BOCES, its elected officials, its employees, and agents, harmless from any and all liability, claims including bodily injury or property damage, causes of action, damages and expenses, including attorney fees, which may arise out of the negligent actions of the District, its elected officials, employees, agents, invitees, and volunteers while using this service.

Payment will be made as part of a regular annual CR BOCES contract for services. Further, this agreement is subject to the approval of the Board of Education of CR BOCES. This contract will be for a maximum period of three commencing on or about March 18, 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2027.

APPROVE ATHLETIC MERGER AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

On motion by Jenna Beauregard, seconded by Aubrey Bresett and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve the following Athletic Merger Agreements for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

1. Varsity Baseball - Adirondack Christian School with AVCS
2. Varsity Softball – Adirondack Christian School with AVCS
3. Girls Outdoor Track & Field (Varsity) –
Adirondack Christian School & Willsboro with AVCS
4. Softball (Modified, JV & Varsity) – Seton with AVCS

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

On motion by Mark Allen, 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, except Shannon Stanley abstained to Item G (b) – 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: Karley Calabrese

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Debra Pelkey, Cook at Keeseville Elementary School, effective June of 2024, per her letter dated January 18, 2024.

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Linda Goslin, School Counselor at Keeseville Elementary School, effective June 30, 2024, per her letter dated January 19, 2024.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Brenda Martin, AIS Teacher at Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective February 1, 2025 – March 1, 2025, per her letter dated January 19, 2024.

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Caroline Douglas, Library Aide at Au Sable Forks Elementary School, effective September 14, 2024, per her letter dated January 23, 2024.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF SENIOR AUTOMOTIVE MECHANIC

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Bryan Lincoln, part time Senior Automotive Mechanic, effective February 1, 2024, per his letter dated January 19, 2024.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

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

- a. Jim Caron – Varsity Girls Flag Football Coach
- b. Matt Stanley – Assistant Varsity Girls Flag Football Coach
- c. Todd Bailey – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach
- d. Shane Perrotte – Volunteer Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

APPROVE RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Jennifer Knapp, Math Teacher at Middle High School, effective June 30, 2024, per her letter dated January 22, 2024.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF CO-CURRICULAR ADVISOR

RESOLVED, to appoint the following person as Co-Curricular Advisor for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

Band Club Advisor (Volunteer) – Matt Pray

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL BUS MONITOR (4 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to grant a 52-week probationary appointment to Margaret Bombard, as School Bus Monitor (4 hrs/day), effective February 8, 2024, salary to be Step 1, \$11,332/yr (\$5,225 pro-rated) based on the 2022-2025 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Bombard has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

PERSONNEL (CON'T)

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) Ryley O'Connell

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF TEACHER

RESOLVED, to accept a letter of resignation from Nicole Coonrod, Special Education Teacher at the Keeseville Elementary School, effective February 29, 2024, per her letter dated February 5, 2024.

VISTORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS - None

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Sheffer, District Clerk
Board of Education