

The regular monthly board meeting on September 23, 2024 under the direction of Board President Nellie R. Halloran immediately followed an Open Session Public Comment Session where 29 residents spoke their opinions about the merger at 6:31 pm.

Present: Nellie R. Halloran, Hayley Killon, Ron Sanalidro, Nichole Griffen, Jessica West, Candice Husson, Jody Hyatt, Cortney McCauliffe and Lynn Green.

Call to Order

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. Killon to vote on the following New Business item #4:

a. Motion to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Minerva Central School District (the "District") and the Johnsborg Central School District have completed a merger feasibility study; and

WHEREAS, the Minerva Board of Education would like to provide an opportunity for feedback from voters in the District on this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Minerva Board of Education hereby authorizes the district to hold a non-binding advisory referendum on the merger issue and directs the District Clerk to schedule the date of the advisory referendum.

Roll Call:

Ron Sanalidro – no, Hayley Killon – no, Nellie R. Halloran – no, Nichole Griffen – no, Jessica West – no.

Motion lost 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. Killon to enter into Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to exit Executive Session at 6:56 pm. Carried 5-0

Mrs. Husson gave Superintendent's Report including: Posting of bus driver/custodial position, coverage is working at the moment, Mrs. McCauliffe discussed SUV bid and BOCES in house bid and 1 dealer sending bid. Mrs. Husson continued: Capital Project has been approved and updated timeline to start projects, curtains for the stage, COVID Grant money has been spent, great start to the school year, back to school carnival, assembly for elementary and secondary, bus safety, responsibility, student of the month, back to school BBQ, Athletics, Johnsborg and Minerva mixing up elementary teams when they play against each other. (Mrs. Griffen praised Lizbeth Ordway's work as the athletic director) Cell phone policy and creating cell phone committee, (Mrs. Killon volunteered to be on committee) new student from Korea for the Exchange program and a new family Jon Fish and Grace Colette, vape sensors, vape policy, incorporate expectation of vape course to educate them, Policy Review starts in October, Superintendent's conference day, next board meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hyatt gave Curriculum and Instruction Report including: 38 students with IEP or 504, 5-8 curriculum updates, testing results should be in soon, Gore Mt. Grant of \$1,000, Crazy 8's program costs and volunteer student helpers, COVID money has been spent, SEL, reset rug kits, Brave Lion program, Prevention Team program and letters to parents, field trip to historical museum, K-6 Opera in Newcomb, Up Yonda Farm and Wild Life Program in Ms. Riley's 9-12 class.

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. Killon for the Reading and Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 8, 2024. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen for Reading and Approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on August 21, 2024. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. West to approve the Financial Reports and Treasures items including: Treasurer's Report, Warrant #6 \$156,264.08, Budget Status – General Fund, Revenue Status- General Fund and Extra Classroom Report \$46,428.23. Carried 5-0

Correspondence: Letter of resignation N. Owens, Thank you card K Tucker, Letter – Air Rifle Shooting – Assemblyman Matt Simpson.

Discussion about getting more information on the air rifle program.

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mrs. Griffen to approve New Business b-h:

- b. Action to approve the surplus of bricks for monument repair.
- c. Action to approve updated Substitute list.
- d. Action to approve the Resignation of Nicole Owens as Bus Driver/Custodian effective September 5, 2024.
- e. Action to approve the following extracurricular appointments:
  - i. Ember- Rob Kirker and Ed Corcoran- Co- Advisors
- f. Action to appoint Amy Gosselin as a mentor for the 2024-2025 school year.
- g. Action to approve the MOA Between the Minerva Central School District and the Minerva Central School Teachers' Association regarding the Faculty Room for Counseling Services, dated September 19, 2024.
- h. Action to approve the MOA between the Minerva Central School District and the Minerva Central School Teachers' Association regarding the compensation for the Weight Lifting Club Advisor, dated September 19, 2024.

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to accept the recommendations of the Committee of Special Education for students numbered 7726 and 7732. Carried 5-0

Open Session Public: Mr. Kirker reported on the great job of after school and extracurricular, more clubs than ever. Studies show kids involved do better and show more interest. A small school with lots of opportunities.

Sharon Stone thanked the board members now and before for all their work.

Danae Tucker thanked the board members for the hard job and appreciate them. She also thanked them for hiring her for the tax collector position and asked about bussing for modified sports players.

Terri Brannon-Strohmeyer thanked the board for all their work.

Kevin Stockman – thanked the board.

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to adjourn meeting at 7:32 pm. Carried 5-0

District Clerk  
Lynn Green  
9-25-2025