

**Minerva Central School District
Board of Education - December 2025 Agenda**

To prepare students to succeed as responsible citizens in an ever-changing world, Minerva Central School, in partnership with the community, will provide an individualized, well-rounded education in order to build a strong foundation for personal growth and life-long learning.

Date: Thursday, December 11th, 6:30 PM

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Budget Development Workshop

Request to Enter Executive Session

- *A Particular Matter of Personnel/CSE Items*

Open Session - Public Comment

Special Presentation

BOCES- Tony Muller, Senior Executive Officer; David Ashdown, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and School Support Operations and Jared Davis, Director of Career and Technical Education, BOCES BOE members: Lin King, Dave Petruska, Mike Erickson and Peter Thomas

MCS BOCES Students:

Killian Vanderwarker- Construction Trades
Teyah Graves- Environmental Conservation & Forestry
Caitlin Wamsley- New Visions Health Career Explorations

Danae Tucker- Tax Report

Reports

1. Superintendent- C. Husson
2. Coordinator of Student Services- E. McCauliffe
3. Curriculum & Instruction- A. Ordway
4. Student BOE Member Report- M. Ordway

Regular Session - Agenda

1. **Reading and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Regular Meeting - November 13th, 2025
2. **Financial Reports / Treasurer's Items**
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. Warrant #12
 - c. Budget Status - General Fund (as available)
 - d. Revenue Status - General Fund (as available)
 - e. Extra Classroom Report

3. New Business

- a. Action to approve the Standard Work Day and Reporting for Elected and Appointed Officials.
- b. Action to approve the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements
- c. Action to approve the 2024-2025 Audited Financial Statements corrective action plan.
- d. Action to approve the updated Substitute List.
- e. Action to accept the tax collector's report.
- f. Action to approve to increase the aged exemption income amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 effective with the 2026-2027 school year.
- g. Action to approve the following Winter 2025-2026 athletic appointments:
 - i. Clark Griffen- BV Basketball Team Manager
- h. Action to approve the surplus of 12 Common Core Algebra and Geometry textbooks.
- i. Action to Adopt Advocacy Priorities for the 2026 New York State Legislative Session

WHEREAS, the Minerva Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and

WHEREAS; the District recognizes the deep commitment shown by the legislature and the Executive to fully fund and update the foundation formula; and

WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling its core mission, and

WHEREAS, the District is facing significant increased costs due to inflationary factors for labor, fuel and goods; and

WHEREAS, property tax levy cap has left districts with limited ability to raise local revenue and therefore increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and

WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military and career; and

WHEREAS, each child in Minerva Central School District only has one opportunity to go through their elementary and secondary educational experience;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minerva Central Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to act upon the following priorities:

1. Zero-Emission Buses
 - A. Authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue waivers in instances where the district has made a good faith effort to comply with the 2027 and 2035 requirements.
 - B. Amend relevant funding streams to ensure that all needed changes and "make-ready" expenses are aidable.
 - C. Hold all stakeholders accountable for supporting this transition, including clear guidance on who should be responsible for financing needed updates to the State electrical grid to support this transition.
 - D. Evaluate how delays from vendors, including bus and charger manufacturers, energy providers, and consultants for needs assessments and transportation

- systems, may impact school districts' success, and adjust timelines as necessary.
- E. Immediately adopt a procedure and guidance for alternatives to address defeated bus bond initiatives.
 - F. Clearly define the “purchase” of a bus executed purchase contract in place as of June 30, 2027, regardless of delivery date.
2. School Aid Including Foundation Aid
- A. Continue to, at a minimum, fully fund the current law Foundation Aid formula for the 2026-27 school year.
 - B. Adopt adjustments to the Foundation Aid formula which:
 - C. Adopt adjustments to the Foundation Aid formula which:
 - Reflect the fixed costs for every district.
 - Reflect actual cost for mandated services.
 - Reflect the increases in fixed and mandated costs year over year.
 - Reflect the limitations on generating anticipated local contributions under the tax cap.
 - Reflect increases in special education costs.
 - D. Fund FAPE 22.
 - E. Fully fund expense-based aids.
3. Small Group Health Insurance
- A. Permanently authorize school districts to remain in their health insurance consortiums, despite having 50-100 full time equivalent employees.
4. Workforce Development
- A. Reduce requirements for professionals certified in other states and other mid-career professions to enter the teaching profession.
 - B. Continue to align Tier 6 retirement benefits more closely with those offered to Tier 3 and 4 members by allowing retirement at age 55 with 30 years of service.
 - C. Continue to modernize civil service practices.
5. Ongoing Capital Projects
- A. Increase the capital project threshold to \$250,000.

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Adjournment