

The Budget Meeting and Regular Board Meeting of Minerva Central School Board of Education held on December 11, 2025 was called to order by President Nellie R. Halloran at 6:04 pm.

Present Nellie R. Halloran, Nichole Griffen, Jessica West, Hayley Killon, Ron Sanalitro, Candice Husson and Lynn Green.

5 staff Members

11 Community Members

Budget Meeting: Budgets were presented by Kenneth Smith, Joe Camara and Robin Green for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Mrs. Griffen Seconded by Mrs. West to enter into Executive Session at 6:19 pm.

Carried 3-0

Mr. Sanalitro and Mrs. Killon arrived at 6:23 pm.

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to exit Executive Session at 6:35 pm. Carried 5-0

Special Presentations: David Ashdown presented the CTE programs through BOCES. Killian Vanderwarker, Caitlin Wamsley and Teyah Graves presented their programs, certificates they have already earned and answered questions. Tony Muller presented the new BOCES building and programs that will be implemented when it opens. The need to expand to be able to accommodate more students in the future. Future sale of educational sites no longer being used.

Public Comment: Danae Tucker commented on the BOCES program and how they can help with college credits and shortening the length of college with credits earned at programs.

Tax Report: Danae Tucker gave tax collection report.

Mrs. Husson gave the Superintendent's Report, Student Services, Curriculum and Instruction and Student Report including: Capital project updates, honors breakfast, perfect attendance, fieldtrip and presentations including the Opera Nutcracker, silent film and Crandall library visit. Upcoming events; Fa la-la-la week, K-9 visit, cookie making, Red Hat ladies visit, star lab, and other holiday events. Veteran's day assembly, grant for science materials for \$3,600. Curriculum IReady challenge and winners, athletic merger for girls modified soccer, building sports relationship, uniform replacement, and middle school program to help with student transitioning (Ms. Halloran asked about student numbers for sports merger). Next budget and board meeting to be held January 8, 2026.

Motion by Mr. Sanalitro seconded by Mrs. Killon to approve the Reading and Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2025. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Killon to approve the Financial Reports/Treasure's Items including: Treasure's Report, Warrant # 12 for \$1,484,101.90, Budget Status – General Fund as available, Revenue Status - General Fund as available, Extra Classroom Report \$37,177.65. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalitro seconded by Mrs. West to approve New Business Items a-h:

- 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 sub 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.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalitro seconded by Mrs. West to approve New Business item i:

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:
 - 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.
 - C. Fund FAPE 22.
 - D. 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.

Open Public Comment – The board was thanked for the Christmas ornament gift to all the staff.

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mrs. Griffen to adjourn meeting at 7:48 pm. Carried 5-0