

The regular monthly meeting of the Minerva Central School Board of Education held on February 13, 2025 immediately following the Budget Meeting was called to order by President Nellie R. Halloran at 6:04 pm.

Present: Ms. Halloran, Mrs. West, Mrs. Griffen, Mr. Sanalidro (arrived at 6:38), Mrs. Husson, Mrs. McCauliffe, Mrs. Zappala-Piemme and Mrs. Green.

1 Faculty Staff Member

1 Community Member

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to enter into Executive Session at 6:23 pm.

Carried 3-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. West to exit Executive Session at 7:11 pm. Carried 4-0

Open Session - Public Comment: Mr. Taylor suggested that board members ride the bus for a pickup or delivery of students to see how it works.

Mrs. Husson gave Superintendent's Report including: Posting of Mrs. Monthony's business office position internally first then externally if needed, Spanish and Director of Student Services position will be posted in March, Capital project electricians, water line is now on the top of repair list for project, Student activities - Birds of prey funded by Stewarts, Crazy 8's, elementary basketball, first grade sight words completed and moving to second grade list, counting to 100, sledding adventure, mural, parent/teacher conferences, calendar for next school year, student board member, next board meeting, policy meeting, winter break, Superintendent's coffee hour, new BOCES building and cost to schools, more BOCES programs with new building, Irish Pride week and events.

Mrs. Zappala-Piemme gave Curriculum and Instruction report including: I-Ready, annual review process starting in March, ELA curriculum with Ready Gen phasing out, choosing a new ELA program that aligns with standards, reorganize special ed, RTI for behavior is working, placements, appropriate programs, least restrictive, transition planning and extended school year for regression if needed.

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. West to approve Reading and Approval of Minutes.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. West to approve Financial Reports/ Treasure's Reports including: Treasures report, Warrant #16 \$64,986.49, Budget Status – General Fund, Revenue Status-General Fund and Extra Classroom Report \$32,860.22.

Carried 4-0

Correspondence: Letter from N. Griffen and Letter from J. Sauer Jones.

New Business – item a. was tabled:

a. Action to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to approve New Business items b-e:

b. Action to surplus weight room equipment.

c. Action to approve the updated Substitute list.

d. Action to recognize the following coaching appointments made by Johnsburg Central School for the Spring Sports Season:

- i. Boys Modified Baseball- Joe San Antonio and Tom Zauner
- ii. Girls Modified Softball- Charlize Bernard
- iii. Tennis - Aaron Chambers

e. Action to appoint the following Spring Coaches:

- i. Girls Varsity Softball Co- Coach- Carly Morano @ 72% of Varsity Softball Stipend
- ii. Girls Varsity Softball Co- Coach- Molly Rascoe @ 28% of Varsity Softball Stipend
- iii. Boys Varsity Baseball- Jake Sauer Jones

Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mr. Sanalitra to approve New Business item f:

f. Action to approve Nichole Griffen as an unpaid volunteer on the Class of 2026 Senior Trip

Carried 3-0

1 Abstained – Mrs. Griffen

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to approve New Business items g-i:

g. Action to approve the following sports merger with Johnsburg and North Warren:

- i. Girls Modified Soccer
- ii. Girls Varsity Soccer

h. Action to approve the contract with R.G. Timbs Inc. for Long Range Financial Analysis/Planning.

i. Action to appoint Michelle French as Alternate CSE Chair from February 13, 2025 to June 30, 2025 and approves the Employment Agreement dated February 13, 2025 setting forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and employment.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalitra seconded by Mrs. West to approve New Business item j:

j. WHEREAS, on September 8, 2023, the Governor of the State of New York signed Senate Bill S7573 which amended Education Law section 3604(8) to declare that students shall not be “in session” in public schools in New York State on Asian Lunar New Year; and

WHEREAS, Asian Lunar New Year falls on January 29, 2025, during the 2024-2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of New York State designating Asian Lunar New Year as a “school holiday”, the District wishes to provide specific employees, not subject to a collective bargaining agreement, Asian Lunar New Year as a paid holiday for the 2024-2025 school year only; and

WHEREAS, the District hereby grants the following:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT in consideration of New York State designating Asian Lunar New Year as a State holiday, the Board of Education hereby grants and approves Asian Lunar New Year as a paid holiday for the Secretary to the Superintendent, the Business Manager/District Treasurer, and the Administrative Aide/Typist employed by the Minerva Central School District for the 2024-2025 school year only. As such, the Secretary to the Superintendent, Business Official and Payroll Clerk shall not report to work on January 29, 2025. This resolution shall be for the 2024-25 school year only, unless otherwise modified by the future action of the Board.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalitra seconded by Mrs. Griffen to approve New Business item k:

k. Action to approve the following resolution:

i. WHEREAS, the Minerva Central School District (the “District”) and the CSEA, Local 100 AFSCME, AFL-CIO CSEA, Minerva CSD Unit #6809, Essex County Local 816 (the “Association”) are parties to a collective bargaining agreement (the “Agreement”) dated July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026; and WHEREAS, the Agreement provides for certain paid holidays for which members need not work but will be paid, and Lunar New Year is not included as a paid holiday; and

WHEREAS, due to the declaration of Lunar New Year being a holiday in New York State for which students may not be in session, the District wishes to provide this day as a paid holiday for 10-month and 12-month Association members for the 2024-2025 school year only. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. West seconded by Mrs. Griffen to accept the recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the students numbered 7757, 7758, 7732 and 7565. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. West to enter into Executive Session at 7:46 pm. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. West to exit Executive Session at 8:01 pm. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Griffen seconded by Mrs. West to adjourn meeting at 8:02 pm. Carried 4-0

Lynn Green
District Clerk
2/14/2025

