

The regular meeting of the Minerva Central School Board of Education held on Thursday, January 13, 2022 was called to order by President Danae Tucker at 6:04 pm.

Present: Mrs. Danae Tucker (virtually), Mrs. Hayley Killon, Mr. Ron Sanalidro, Mrs. Joshua Scott, Mr. Kyle McFarland, Ms. Jody Hyatt, Mrs. Lynn Green.

Absent: Miss Stephanie Palmateer

2 Faculty Members

1 Student

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment – None

Superintendent Report – Mr. McFarland reported on Budget workshop was present last month, no new business. COVID quarantine, contract tracing and changes from NY State. One Call Now system will soon be calling parents of students that are not in the building to inform them of absences. State audit will require a new submission as the letter was sent to soon after 2019 audit. Will need to include measures to spend down Fund balance. Possibility of single payer insurance being approved by legislation and what this could mean for schools.

Curriculum Report – Ms. Hyatt reported on special education referrals, OT service increase with testing. Bench mark testing and teacher / parent conference day plans.

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mrs. Killon to approve the reading and approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2021. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mr. Scott to approve Financial Reports including: Treasure's Report, Warrant #14, Budget Status – General Fund, Revenue Status – General Fund and Extra Classroom Report. Carried 4-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon Seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to approve the first reading of Federal Funds Procedure Manual, to wave second and third readings and adopt Procedural Manual. Carried 4-0

Correspondence: Letter of resignation from Cheri Smith

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mr. Scott to approve New Business including:

- a) Action to approve the resignation of Cheri Smith (cook/manager) effective January 15th, 2022.
- b) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Minerva Central School District, does hereby appoint Melanie Galusha to a 52-week probationary appointment as a Cook/Cafeteria Manager, effective January 17th, 2022. Pay and benefits shall be as set forth in the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.
- c) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Minerva Central School District, does hereby appoint Robin Green to a 52-week probationary appointment as a Food Service Helper/Assistant Cook Manager, effective January 17th, 2022. Pay and benefits shall be as set forth in the CSEA collective bargaining agreement.
- d) Action to approve an adjustment to the salary of Joseph Camara from Head Mechanic/Bus Driver Step 1 No CDL \$38,480.00 to Head Mechanic/Bus Driver Step 1 w/CDL \$50,000.00 effective 12/16/2021.
- e) Action to approve the District hereby amends the start date of Kathleen Arnold from September 1st, 2021 to January 1st, 2022.
- f) Action to approve the participation in the WSWHE BOCES Cooperative Bid for the 2022-2023 school year.

- g) Motion to approve the merged program with Johnsbury for the 2022-2023 School Year for the following programs: girls/boys modified and varsity soccer, boys/girls modified and varsity basketball, girls modified and varsity softball, and boys modified and varsity baseball.
- h) Motion to approve the merged program with Johnsbury/North Warren for the 2022-2023 School Year for the following programs: girls/boys modified and varsity cross country, girls/boys modified and varsity Nordic, and girls/boys tennis.
- i) To approve the following resolution regarding the Board of Education’s 2022 Advocacy Priorities:
  - I. WHEREAS, the Minerva Central School District strives to provide an outstanding education and post-secondary pathway for each and every student; and
  - II. WHEREAS; the district recognizes the deep commitment shown by the legislature and the Executive to fully fund the foundation formula; and
  - III. WHEREAS, the District works diligently to meet the needs of all students while still fulfilling its core mission, even while in our third year of a pandemic, and
  - IV. WHEREAS, the District is facing significant increased costs due to inflationary factors for labor, fuel and goods; and
  - V. WHEREAS, property tax levy legislation at the state level has provided an increased need for State Aid to maintain quality programs; and
  - VI. WHEREAS, public schools are being asked to do more for students than ever before, so they are prepared for college, military or a career; and
  - VII. WHEREAS, each child in Minerva Central School District only has one opportunity to go through the full elementary and secondary educational experience;
  - VIII. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minerva Central School Board of Education calls on the New York State Legislature and Governor Kathy Hochul to act upon the following priorities:
    - 1. Fund and Adjust the Foundation Formula
      - a. A. Include a due minimum increase for all districts, regardless of Foundation Aid phase-in level.
      - b. B. Maintain the “SAVE Harmless” provision.
      - c. Fully fund expense-based aids.
    - 2. Increase the \$30,000 threshold on BOCES Aid for Career and Technical Education (CTE) Programs by providing 100% aidability for the salaries of CTE teachers.
    - 3. Building Aid for Small Capital Projects
      - a. Increase the threshold for base year capital outlay expenses from the current amount, established in 2002 from \$100,000 to \$250,000 to assist districts in making critical capital improvements.

Carried 4-0

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to approve the Committee on Special Education recommendations for students numbered: 7713, 7463, 7497, 7654, and 7690.

Carried 4-0

Public Comment: Mr. McFarland thanked the board for their continued support. Updates will be sent out regarding the new regulations on contract tracing and quarantine. Mrs. Tucker thanked the staff for going above and beyond with contact tracing. Mrs. Tucker also reported a successful first day of the Minerva Ski Program with the new changes this year.

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to adjourn meeting at 6:55 pm.

Carried 4-0

Lynn Green  
 District Clerk  
 January 14, 2022