

The regular monthly meeting of the Minerva Central School Board of Education held on Thursday, October 9, 2020 was called to order by president Danae Tucker at 7:02 pm.

Present: Mrs. Danae Tucker, Mr. Ron Sanalidro, Mr. Joshua Scott, Mrs. Sue Crouse, Mrs. Hayley Killon, Mr. Timothy Farrell, and Mrs. Lynn Green

4 Community member

4 Students

3 Faculty

Pledge of allegiance

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro and seconded by Mr. Scott to accept minutes of the September 10, 2020 regular meeting. Carried 5-0

Agenda Change: Action item E, Permission to pay employee HRA deductible reimbursement off warrant.

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mrs. Crouse to go into executive session at 7:05 pm for the purpose of committee on preschool special education recommendations and committee on special education recommendations. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mr. Scott to come out of executive session at 7:10 pm and return to regular session. Carried 5-0

Correspondence: Letter from the class of 2021 regarding the senior trip. Letter from Mrs. Gardner regarding leave of absence. Letter from Mrs. Green regarding leave time.

Public Comment: Members of the senior class presented reasons for asking for extension of time to choose destination of senior trip due to COVID-19 concerns with health and safety. Concerns with insurance coverage of students if they had to travel after graduation.

Danae Tucker thanked Mr. Farrell for his years of service at Minerva Central School as a teacher, a principal and as a Superintendent.

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mr. Scott to approve financial reports including: Warrant # 8 With General Fund expenses of \$95,160.13 and Cafeteria Fund expenses of \$3,503.27 for a grand total of 98,663.40, budget and revenue status for September 2020. Carried 5-0

Mr. Farrell gave his superintendent report including: School reopening update, final NYS audit report. Donations to the school, a picnic table from Essex Industries, fries from Irving Tissues and a grant to support Chromebooks from Adirondack Foundation. Interscholastic athletics, delayed of start for seasons, risks of playing low risk sports vs outdoor sports. Options for sports and after school activities were discussed with board members, parents, students and staff that were present at meeting.

Jody Hyatt gave her report on: October staff development sessions for math, ELA program report and virtual Open House.

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. Crouse to accept the recommendations of the Committee of Preschool Special Education for student number 07682 and student number 07672 was approved.

Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to accept the recommendations of the Committee of Special Education for student number 07698 was approved. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to approve per diem rate of \$300 for Nancy O'Brien to provide school business manager training. Carried 5-0

School Board Policy first read, discussion and consideration of policies: 3520 – Extraordinary Circumstances, 6570 – Remote Working and 7150 – Remote Learning.

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mr. Scott to approve permission to pay employee HRA deductible reimbursements off warrant. Carried 5-0

General Discussion: Potential for board member vacancy and the process to fill position if needed. Mrs. Tucker will draft a letter to the community for board interest for approval at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous: The Town of Minerva will be moving forward with the ski program.

Public Comment: Mr. Corey commented on the Irish Times, the school web site and the community informed and the school as normal as possible for students. "Hats off to teachers, staff, students, school board and special thanks to Mr. Farrell."

Special reception for Mr. Farrell was held for his retirement.

Mr. Scott left meeting at 8:55 pm

Motion by Mrs. Tucker seconded by Mrs. Killon to adjourn meeting at 9:05 pm. Carried 4-0