

The regular monthly meeting of the Minerva Central School Board of Education held on Thursday, August 13, 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. Farrell, Mrs. McCauliffe, and Mrs. O'Brien

2 community members

2 Faculty

Pledge of allegiance

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mrs. Tucker to accept the minutes of the July 9, 2020 reorganization and regular meeting. Carried 4-0

Agenda Changes – Special reception

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mrs. Killon to go into executive session at 7:04 PM for the purpose of personnel matters leading to the appointment of personnel.

Carried 4-0

Mr. Sanalidro arrived at 7:08

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to come out of executive session at 7:17 PM and return to regular session. Carried 5-0

Correspondence: A letter from Mrs. Beaulieu requesting a maternity leave extension to February 1, 2021.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mrs. Killon to approve financial reports including: Warrant #4 with General Fund expenses \$89,260.46, Cafeteria Fund expenses \$32.94, Central Treasure's June and July 2020, Treasurer's Monthly report for July, Budget and Revenue status for June and July 2020.

Carried 5-0

Superintendent report: Mr. Farrell reported on school reopening plans which included; transportation, contact tracing, staggered start and end times, meal program, cohorts, health screenings, and remote learning. Buildings and grounds completed 3 classroom overhauls as well as the physical education office. Ms. Jody Hyatt presented curriculum project; reviewed gaps in remote learning, BOCES presented to faculty - what to look at to move forward, resources and education in September, moving forward with math curriculum review, attendance policy, standards and long term effects on COVID.

Mr. Farrell reported on staffing updates; Cheri Smith cafeteria manager and cook, Rebecca Hartwell special education teacher, Teacher's Aide position on hold as student will remote learn, Audit response to the NYS Comptroller's Office. Adirondack Area School Boards 2020-2021 meetings.

Motion by Mr. Killon seconded by Mrs. Crouse to open an account with Glens Falls National Bank for the Donnelly Award. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to transfer funds from the Glens Falls National Capital Reserve Account to existing Capital Reserve for future projects. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mr. Scott to close the Glens Falls National Capital Reserve Account. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to set school tax rate for 2020-2021 at 10.96.
Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Crouse seconded by Mr. Scott to participate in the New York State contract for heating fuel.
Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mrs. Killon to appoint certified personnel: Rebecca Hartwell – K-12 special education teacher, contract salary step one masters, regular probationary appointment effective September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024.

Personnel appointment: Cheri Smith – head cook / cafeteria manager, contract salary step 4, probationary appointment effective September 1, 2020.

Extracurricular appointments for 2020-2021: Elementary Lead Teacher – Candice Husson; Secondary Lead Teacher – Bruce Hodgson; CSE Chair – James Dorsey; CPSE Chair – Jody Hyatt; Student Council Advisor – Trish Gardner; Grade 12 Advisor – Lynn Green; Grade 11 Advisor – Candice Husson and Stacie McNally; Grade 10 Advisor Katherine Smith; Ember – Robert Kirker and Anna Bowers; Outing Club – Christopher Fink; Academic Bowl – Robert Kirker; Youth in Government – Candice Husson; Honor Society – James Dorsey; Athletic Director – Candice Husson; Yearbook Advisor – Katherine Smith; Audio Visual Coordinator – Katherine Smith
Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Sanalidro seconded by Mr. Scott to approve updates to School Policies, Plans and Handbooks; Attendance Policy, Code of Conduct and Extra Curricular Handbook. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mrs. Crouse second to adopt Policy 7132 – Admission and Tuition of Non-Resident Students. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Sanalidro action to approve the 2020-2021 District Wide School Safety Plan. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mrs. Killon seconded by Mr. Scott action to approve the 2020-2021 Building Level School Safety Plan. Carried 5-0

Motion by Mr. Scott seconded by Mr. Sanalidro to proceed with Pre-K with or without State funding. Carried 5-0

General Discussion – Danae Tucker reported on the Essex County tax issue. A Town resolution has been made to move money to the tax line and will be paid next week when vouchers come out.

Miscellaneous – None

Public Comment – None

Motion by Mrs. Crouse and seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn at 9:10pm. Carried 5-0

Special reception for Nancy O'Brien was held for her retirement.

Lynn Green
District Clerk
August 18, 2020