

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AUSABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Mary B. Bailey, President

MEMBERS – Scott Bombard, Robyn Pray, Susan Richards, David Whitford

ABSENT – Sherry Snow, Vice President

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Aimee Defayette, Matt Rogers, Phil Mero, Kurt Munson, Ginene Mason

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Donna Douglas, Jennifer Knapp, Denise Sypek, Scott Carter, Randy Pray, Andy Johnson, Sue Bjornstad, Annie Rochon

CALL TO ORDER – President Mary Bailey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Mary Bailey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION TO BOARD MEMBERS – Superintendent Paul D. Savage II said October 31 – November 4 was School Board Appreciation Week and expressed how proud he is to have such a great Board and a team that works very hard for our school and community. He said it was his pleasure to show the great appreciation we have for our School Board members for their effort and presented them with tokens of appreciation.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT – Scott Carter, Student Council Advisor, introduced James Rock, Nate Casey, and Eli Blaise, Student Council members, who reported on the activities of the Dance Club, Drama Club, Music Department, National Honor Society, Senior Class, SADD, Junior Class, Sophomore Class, and Student Council.

ATHLETIC PRESENTATION AND ANNUAL REPORT – Kurt Munson, Athletic Director, introduced Alexis Facteau who reported on her experiences and her meaning of being an athlete at AVCS.

Mr. Munson distributed a packet of information to Board members and discussed concussion management and how it is addressed at AVCS. He reviewed the various communications that the Athletic Department uses throughout the year and thanked the Board and Superintendent Savage for their tireless commitment and support of AVCS athletics.

DANCE CLUB TRIP PRESENTATION – Annie Rochon, Dance Club Advisor, addressed the Board with a request for a proposed trip to Montreal. She distributed information on the trip and answered questions.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage highlighted the wood chip plants status and the plan for a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, November 16th at 5:00 p.m. He recognized Congressman Owens' visit to AVCS to recognize our students for their tremendous community service during Hurricane Irene.

VISITORS – Shannon Stanley – AuSable Forks

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated agreements.

REGULAR SESSION – President Mary B. Bailey called the meeting back to order at 8:08 p.m.

ADD AGENDA ITEM – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, it was resolved to add the following agenda item: 13.I Requirement for Medical Examination.

MINUTES – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, to accept as presented, the Minutes of the September 21, 2011, Regular Board Meeting.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Mary B. Bailey acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Tammy Freebern, Howard Plumadore.

AUSABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Jennifer Knapp and Denise Sypek, Co-Presidents of the AVTA, reported that 5 members represented their association at the North Country Leadership Conference in Lake Placid. Topics that were discussed included Annual Professional Performance Review, Common Core and Political Action.

TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2011, as presented.

EXTRACURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by Susan Richards, seconded by Robyn Pray and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Extracurricular Treasurer's report for the period ending September 30, 2011, as presented.

APPROVE SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated April 4, 2011, through September 28, 2011, as presented.

APPROVE DATE OF GRADUATION – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, that the 2012 Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. in the AuSable Valley Middle School-High School Gymnasium.

ACCEPT DONATION – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept an \$800.00 donation, from Richard Weerts II for the Keeseville Elementary School Gifted and Talented Enrichment Program.

PERSONNEL – President Bailey asked if there were any items in the Personnel Section that Board members wished to be considered separately.

On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to approve a consent agenda for all items in the Personnel Section.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following persons as substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis pending clearance through OSPRA, effective October 19, 2011: Christine Fleury, Monique Wicks.

APPOINTMENT OF PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER

RESOLVED, to appoint Deanna Prins, as Part-time Food Service Helper (3 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011; salary to be step 1/hourly (\$9.16 per hour) based on the 2010-2012 CSEA Agreement. Ms. Prins has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF COOK

RESOLVED, to appoint Lori Robbins, as Cook (6 hours per day), effective October 24, 2011; salary to be step 1 (\$11,409 pro-rated) based on the 2010-2012 CSEA Agreement. Mrs. Robbins has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA.

PERSONNEL (CONT'D.)**APPOINTMENT OF MENTORING COORDINATORS**

RESOLVED, to appoint Melinda Preston as Keeseville Elementary School Safe Schools Healthy Students Federal Grant Mentoring Coordinator effective July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, at a stipend of \$1,000.

RESOLVED, to appoint Fabienne Rossi as AuSable Forks Elementary School Safe Schools Healthy Students Federal Grant Mentoring Coordinator effective July 1, 2011, and ending June 30, 2012, at a stipend of \$1,000.00

APPROVE REQUEST FOR FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

RESOLVED, to grant Andrew Johnson, Science teacher, a Family Medical Leave according to the terms and conditions of the AVTA agreement 2011-2013. Mr. Johnson's leave will commence around November 1, 2011, per his letter received on October 12, 2011.

COACHING APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED, to appoint Jay Hamilton as Boys Modified Swimming Coach for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Hamilton is exempt from fingerprinting from OSPRA.

APPOINTMENT OF PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE

RESOLVED, to appoint Joel Brandt as a permanent substitute teacher at the Middle School-High School, retro-active to October 11, 2011, and ending June 15, 2012. Mr. Brandt has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

Per Board Resolution dated March 20, 2002, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLVED, to offer health insurance to long-term and permanent substitute teachers, at their (employee) expense, after they have worked in the position for a period of ten weeks.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE

RESOLVED, to grant Lori Deslauriers, Elementary teacher, a Family Medical Leave according to the terms and conditions of the AVTA agreement 2011-2013. Mrs. Deslauriers' leave will commence at the end of November 2011, per her letter received on October 12, 2011.

REQUIREMENT FOR A MEDICAL EXAMINATION

RESOLVED, to order a certain tenured teacher of the School District be directed to submit to a medical examination by a physician selected by the School District in order to determine the physical or mental capacity of such teacher to perform his/her duties.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS – The Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington School Board Association Meeting is planned for November 3, 2011, at Cricket's Restaurant in Peru, NY. The Agenda will be Legal Update.

ADJOURNED – On motion by Robyn Pray, seconded by Susan Richards and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Douglas, Clerk
Board of Education