

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AU SABLE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020, PURSUANT TO NOTICE

ROLL – Robyn Pray, President

MEMBERS – Mark Allen, Scott Bombard, James E. Martineau, Jr., Sherry Snow, David Whitford

ABSENT – Susan Richards

ADMINISTRATION – Paul D. Savage II, Aimee Defayette, Chris Fey, Mike Francia, Kevin Hulbert, Matt Rogers

FACULTY & STAFF – Scott Brow, Peggy McCallister, Chelley Martineau, Randy Pray, Sarah Brown, Mario LaFranca

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Pray led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

CFES SCHOOLS OF DISTINCTION PRESENTATION – Mr. Chris Mazzella presented Superintendent Savage with an award for the school's recognition for being a School District of Distinction by CFES. Mr. Mazzella recognized that it is the first time that all schools within the district received the distinction, and that it is very impressive with the new administration team, and they should be proud of the accomplishment to create and follow these plans.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT AND PRE-K REPORT – Mr. Hulbert gave a detailed presentation on many aspects of the athletic programs at AVCS. He discussed student participation, the athletic task force that was established, future focus, and the value of athletics. Mr. Hulbert also gave an update on the Pre-K program and stated that the enrollment of students was down this year due to COVID, and also that the teachers at that level are doing an amazing job with the students.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Superintendent Savage expressed how hard everyone is working in these tough times. The district is waiting for final numbers for families that may switch to either remote or hybrid and at that time a decision will be made whether the district will remain hybrid schedule or switch to remote. Superintendent Savage said that other schools who have dealt with positive COVID cases have said that it has gone well. The state has given schools snow day options on whether to still hold remote classes and be able to save any extra days for the end of the year. Mr. Savage thanked the Board for making the commitment to allow for bussing for students to be able to play athletics that may not be able to due to transportation issues, and the commitment to keeping the Pre-K program open this school year even though the numbers were lower than anticipated. Superintendent Savage congratulated all the schools for the hard work in receiving the recognition from the CFES.

VISITORS – None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – On motion by Sherry Snow, seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the Board convened in Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiated items.

REGULAR SESSION – President Pray called the meeting back to order at 7:10 p.m.

ADD PERSONNEL ITEMS #13L, #13M and #13C(2)d – On motion by Scott Bombard seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, Personnel Items #13L, #13M were added to the Agenda, and Item #13C(2)d will be tabled indefinitely.

MINUTES – On motion by Sherry Snow, seconded by James E. Martineau, Jr. and carried unanimously, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLVED, to accept the Minutes of the September 16, 2020, Regular Board Meeting, as presented.

APPLICATIONS FOR NON-INSTRUCTIONAL EMPLOYMENT – President Pray acknowledged the following non-instructional applications: Corin Blaise, Eric Forgette, Amy LaForest, Judith Racine, David Lauzon, Ryan Alloggio.

AU SABLE VALLEY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION REPORT – Sarah Brown stated that it was great to have at least some of the students back in the building with the hybrid schedule, and the students themselves have stated they are thrilled to be back. She also stated it is rough but everyone is getting through it. Mario LaFranca stated that the faculty has risen above the many challenges with the hybrid and remote schedules.

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

RESOLVED, to accept the August 2020 Treasurer's Report, as presented.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TREASURER'S REPORT – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Mark Allen and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to accept the Extra-Curricular Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2020, as presented.

ACCEPT SPECIAL EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS – On motion by Sherry Snow, seconded by Scott Bombard and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to accept the Subcommittee on Special Education recommendations dated June 4, 2020 through September 15, 2020, and the Preschool CPSE recommendations dated September 29, 2020 through October 14, 2020, as presented.

APPROVE DONATION - On motion by Mark Allen, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept a \$10,000 donation from the Johnson Family Foundation, in support of students attending Keeseville Elementary School, to be allocated, as follows:

- 1) Science Field Trips - \$5,000
- 2) Library - \$2,000
- 3) No Excuses University Program - \$3,000

APPROVE DONATIONS - On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to gratefully accept donations in the amount of \$500 to the Au Sable Forks and Keeseville Elementary Schools from the Woodmen Life Chapter 1016.

APPROVE REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR – On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by David Whitford and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to adopt the Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar, as presented.

APPROVE REVISED 2020-2021 SCHOOL COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION PLAN – On motion by Scott Bombard, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, to approve the Revised 2020-2021 School Comprehensive Education Plan, which has been approved by the New York State Education Department, as presented.

APPROVE ATHLETIC MERGER AGREEMENT FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR
On motion by James E. Martineau, Jr., seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the following resolution was approved:

RESOLVED, TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING Athletic Merger Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented:

1. Competitive Cheerleading with Peru Central School

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

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

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

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

RESOLVED, to appoint the following substitute personnel on an emergency conditional basis who has fingerprint clearance through OSPRA: Ryan Hanley, Taylor Saltus, Henry Aguilar.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to accept letters of resignation from the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Heith Ford – Assistant Cross Country
2. Madison Bedard – Modified Girls Swimming

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF COACHES

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year, who have fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

1. Michael Douglas – Varsity Girls Soccer Assistant
2. Tamar Weerts – Varsity Cross Country Assistant
3. Madison Bedard – Varsity Girls Swimming Assistant

RESOLVED, to appoint the following coaches for the 2020-2021 school year pending fingerprint clearance from OSPRA:

4. Caleb Hamilton – Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant
5. Alex Nelson – Modified Wrestling
6. Zachary Rock – Volunteer Modified Wrestling
7. Hannah Lawrence – Volunteer Cross Country Coach –tabled indefinitely

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF BUS DRIVER

RESOLVED, to accept with regret the resignation of Fran Shumway, Bus Driver, effective September 19, 2020, per her email dated September 15, 2020.

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RESOLVED, to accept with regret the resignation of Steve Shumway, Bus Driver, effective September 19, 2020, per his email dated September 15, 2020.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BUS DRIVER (4 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment of Tammy Santo, as a Bus Driver retroactive to October 6, 2020, salary to be Step 1; (\$11,467 pro-rated) of the CSEA contract based on the 2016-2021 Agreement. Ms. Santo has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BUS DRIVER (2 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment of Jeffrey LaMountain, as a Bus Driver retroactive to October 6, 2020, salary to be Step 1; (\$5,734 pro-rated) of the CSEA

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contract based on the 2016-2021 Agreement. Mr. LaMountain has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF BUS DRIVER (2 hrs/day)

RESOLVED, to approve a 52-week probationary appointment of James Hammaker, Jr., as a Bus Driver retroactive to October 6, 2020, salary to be Step 1; (\$5,734 pro-rated) of the CSEA contract based on the 2016-2021 Agreement. Mr. Hammaker has fingerprint clearance from OSPRA.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES

RESOLVED, to accept with regret a letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Lawrence Gumlaw, Custodial Worker, effective October 31, 2020, per his letter dated October 1, 2020.

APPROVE REQUEST FOR UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RESOLVED, to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for Lisa Zielinski, teaching Assistant at Au Sable Forks Elementary School, commencing on October 5, 2020 through October 16, 2020, per her email dated October 2, 2020.

APPROVE RESIGNATION OF SECURITY GUARD

RESOLVED, to accept with regret the resignation of Ronald Wilkins, Security Guard, effective October 6, 2020, per his letter dated October 6, 2020.

APPROVE ACCEPTING RESIGNATION

RESOLVED, to accept the resignation of Joshua Hotaling as District Treasurer, Data Privacy officer, Records Management Officer, Title XI Hearing Officer, effective October 16, 2020.

APPROVE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

RESOLVED, to appoint Scott Brow as the District Treasurer, retroactive to October 16, 2020.

VISITORS – None

OTHER BUSINESS – None

ADJOURNED – On motion by David Whitford, seconded by Sherry Snow and carried unanimously, the Board adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy McCallister, Clerk
Board of Education