

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL
BOONVILLE ELEMENTARY
BOONVILLE, NY 13309**

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES – April 4, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Abdo - President Richard Gallo – Vice-President Sandra Beasock Mark Emery Michael Kramer Doug Muha Almanda Sturtevant	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Jill Rowlands-Will, MS Principal; Dan Roberts; Asst. HS Principal, Brian Maneen, Transportation Supervisor; Wendy Keehfus-Jones, BE Principal; Marie Yager, Ed Moore, Alicia Morales, Bruce Brach, Shannon Brach, Rod Smith, Linda Smith, Joseph Kirk, Roy Johnson, Marianne Johnson, Rebecca Pisani, Nancy Kardash, Amanda Jasek, Amy Weaver, Cheri Pulquerio, Kendra Hopsicker, Jill Hoke, Kristina Noto, Lori Lee, Jackie Layton, Joseph Healt, Samantha Krantz, Miriam Doud, Richard Chrisman, ATA; Joan Sturtevant, Sandra Joslin, Tracy Northrop, Donna Sweeney, Ron Davies, Sue Davies, Michelle Lisowski, TJ Lisowski, Disgruntled Tax Payer, Jamie Benson, Gene Peck, Rhonda Peck, Lesa Wilbert, ATA; Erica Ready, Kyle Ready, Brittany Smith, Kody Smith, Charles Scott, Wendy Muller, Sharon Hannon, Shelley Entwistle, TJ Entwistle, Darlene DeFazio, Esther & Norbert _____, Nicole James, Shannon Johnson, Laura Johnson, Karen Norton, Charles _____, Melissa Miller
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Abdo, President, called the meeting to order.

Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded; carried 6-0; to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. Mr. Niznik was appointed Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Mr. Kramer entered the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Board members returned from executive session at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; to go to regular session.

At 7:01 p.m. Mr. Abdo led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Bruce Brach – stated with the state budget increase to Adirondack of \$638,000 that should cover the shortfall. Some say this is about equity. Equity is an interesting word. What does it mean? Employees, students, community? Is equity the right thing to do? We have been fortunate to reduce positions through attrition. The Board really needs to think if equity is priority. Mrs. Cihocki clarified that the \$638,000 is an increase from 2018-2019, not an increase from January runs.

Miriam Doud – stated she is concerned about a transition plan and the amount of time kids will be on the bus. She respects the Board can make the decision to close, but just because they can doesn't mean they have to. Two months is not long enough to make such a decision.

Public Forum ended at 7:15 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resolved that, by motion of Mrs. Beasock and second by Mr. Gallo, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the following SEQRA resolution:

SEQRA Resolution for Closure:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District (the “Board”) has considered the effect upon the environment of the following:

Closure of Forestport Elementary School.

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the scope of the action with respect to the potential for environmental impacts resulting from the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Proposed Action with respect to the Type II criteria set forth in 6 NYCRR part 617.5(c), now therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education as follows:

1. The proposed closure of the school building does not exceed thresholds established under 6 NYCRR Part 617, State Environmental Quality Review Act, (SEQRA).
2. The Board hereby determines the Proposed Action as a Type II action in accordance with the SEQRA regulations.
3. No further review of the Proposed Action is required under SEQRA.
4. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mr. Muha
7 Yes 0 No; 0 Absent

Forestport Elementary School Closure Resolution:

Resolved that, by motion of Mr. Kramer and second by Mr. Abdo, carried 7-0; the Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

Deliberation to approve the closing of Forestport Elementary School and Relocation of k-5 students to Boonville Elementary

Background Information :

The Board of Education and Administration have been investigating and researching opportunities for cost saving plans to support the long-term fiscal health of Adirondack Central School District, while supporting the programs and services for our students. Based on a declining student enrollment, declining State and Federal aid, increase in expenditures, increase use of our fund balance, and a 2% tax cap, the recommendation at this time is to close Forestport Elementary, and relocate Forestport K-5 students to Boonville Elementary School.

WHERE AS, the Board of Education of Adirondack Central School District has carefully studied and examined the education, financial and facilities functions associated with an efficient operation of the Forestport Elementary School, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has reviewed the current and projected pupil enrollment, the prospective need for such building; ramifications of such closure upon the community; the initial cost and savings from such closing; and the potential disposability of the closed school; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined a need to consolidate its operations into fewer buildings to preserve resources for education programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined Boonville Elementary School can accommodate all K-5 from Forestport Elementary School: and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education determines that the Forestport Elementary School located at 10275 State Route 28, Forestport, New York will be closed effective June 30, 2019 and be it further

RESOLVED that Forestport Elementary School's K-5 students be relocated to Boonville Elementary School effective June 30, 2019, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to establish and thereafter, communicate all necessary plans to facilitate a smooth transition for the relocation of students and reassignment of personnel, and upon further approval of the Board to implement the same; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to proceed with all necessary plans for the sale or disposal of the current Forestport Elementary School building at 10275 State Route 28, Forestport, New York, and to advise the Board accordingly, subject to the requirements for the disposal of unneeded real property as contained in the Education law of New York State.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mrs. Sturtevant, Mr. Muha
7 Yes 0 No; 0 Absent

At 7:16 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Kramer seconded, carried 7-0; to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel.

Michelle Freeman, District Clerk

Board members returned from executive session at 8:25 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded; carried 7-0, to go into regular session.

At 8:26 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adjourned to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 in the Boonville Elementary cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

Edward S. Niznik, Clerk Pro-Tem