

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – June 11, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
John Abdo - President Richard Gallo – Vice-President Sandra Beasock Mark Emery Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Linda Guernsey; Director of Curriculum; Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Asst. HS Principal; Wendy Foye, FPT Principal/Director of Special Ed., Jill Shafer, WL Principal/Tech Director; Jill Rowlands-Will, MS Principal; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities III; Cynthia Lauzon, Athletic Director; Kelly Hoehn, WL 5 th grade teacher; Marie Yager, Bruce Brach,
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u> Almanda Sturtevant Michael Kramer	

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

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded; carried 5-0; to go into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition, sale, or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof and to discuss the employment history of particular personnel. Mr. Niznik was appointed as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Board members returned from executive session at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 5-0; to go to regular session.

At 7:03 p.m. Mr. Abdo led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Hoehn and a few of her West Leyden 5th graders gave a presentation on project-based learning. The question presented to her students was “How we can implement a successful recycling program at school”. Students visited places and spoke to people throughout the community.

Emma Martin - explained why we need to recycle, how they visited the Solid Waste Authority learning many things about recycling.

Logan & Michael – explained how plastic bags and bottles are important to recycle. “If you see a bag or bottle pick it up otherwise animals can be harmed”.

Darren Sadlowski – explained they visited the Ava Landfill and learned how it burns down greenhouse gas to energy. Mrs. Tuttle from the recycling center came and taught them how to recycle even more items. They also assembled a Green Team.

Rilee O’Hara – explained how a worker from the Oneida Co. Waste Authority, Josh, came to school to teach them about how landfills work, what gets thrown into the garbage, what is recycled and how to help others recycle. Mrs. Zeigler, our Library Media Specialist, spoke to their group about credible internet sources to get reliable information.

Mr. Niznik thanked Mrs. Hoehn and her students for presenting to the Board, they did an excellent job!

Board member presentation:

Mr. Niznik presented outgoing Board member, Mrs. Beasock with a certificate thanking her for her time serving as a Board member for 15 years.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs. Yager – Thanked Mrs. Beasock for all she has done, she will be missed. Congratulated board members who were elected/re-elected. She is concerned about buses being dirty. She overheard there is an issue with not having soap to wash them. Mr. Niznik and Mr. Teachout explained there was an issue with the bus wash and that has been repaired.

Mr. Brach – Questioned how the sale of Forestport Elementary fits into executive session as a topic. He spoke with School Boards and it is a topic that should be discussed in public. He is concerned how the Board does not discuss topics in public session.

Public Forum ended at 7:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**Ms. Lauzon – Director of PE, Health Athletics/MS Principal:**

- Baseball and softball sectional finals – a fun ride.
- Boys' track and golf teams all are improving.
- Attended the Section III scholar athletes' dinner recognizing Hunter Carr and Shania Steria from Adirondack.
- Coaching for the upcoming school year is on the Agenda, will have to advertise for the open positions.
- Banquets for spring sports are being held.

Mrs. Rowlands-Will – Middle School Principal:

- 6th graders did a great job at their concert/art show last week.
- 8th grade Science testing is done.
- Family Fun Night was well attended.
- MS Honors Dinner was held for students who have a 94.5 or higher average for 3 marking periods.
- 6th graders had a 2-day team building activity. One day half the students went to Oswegatchie and the other half participated in various community service activities throughout the Boonville community. The next day the groups switched. Thank you to community for welcoming students.
- Last middle school dance will be held this Friday, summer fun theme.
- On June 19th middle school will host 5th graders moving up to 6th grade and show them around the middle school.
- June 20th MS awards.
- June 21st will be the last day of school and is Fun Day for students, some will be going to BREIA.

Mr. Teachout – Director of Facilities III:

- 100K project is complete – doors, locks.
- 35K project is underway now – security camera upgrades to digital format.
- Large capital project – masonry, roofs, HS gym, pool and auditorium. Vapor barrier at MS going up as soon as students are done.
- Field project – topsoil stock piled – drainage going in, goal posts arrived.
- Internal housekeeping – a fair amount of chemicals, paint going to Solid Waste for disposal.

Mrs. Smith – High School Principal:

- HS school hosted a Senior Show.
- HS Concert/Art Show to be held tomorrow evening. Awards the next evening.
- Mrs. Carroll and Ms. Barlow, HS Yearbook Advisors and yearbook members were recognized by Jostens Yearbooks for the work they did on our high school yearbook. Congratulations.
- Graduation will be held on the 29th in the auditorium.

Mr. Roberts – Asst. HS Principal:

- Seniors traveled to Allentown, PA to Dourney Park, had a wonderful time, did a lot of fundraising for the trip.
- Awards ceremony on the 13th.
- Monday, June 17th is last day for high school students.

Mrs. Foye – Forestport Principal/Director of Special Ed:

- Busy with year-end activities – field trips to the MOST Museum, Lake George, Water Safari. Will have a meet and greet at Boonville Elementary for Forestport students to meet with their teachers and fellow classmates for next year. There will be a moving up ceremony for 5th graders and an ice cream social.
- Elementary concert held last week was phenomenal.
- We have a Special Ed 12:1:3:1 teacher position open, hope to conduct interviews and have someone to be approved at the July meeting.
- Going through transition indicator IEP for students 15 and older.

Mrs. Keehfus-Jones – Boonville Elementary Principal: *Given by Mrs. Foye:*

- On May 16th the first transition activity was held for Forestport students. Forestport students/teachers were given a tour of Boonville Elementary and enjoyed snacks.
- On June 4th a parent information night was held for Forestport parents. Approximately 50 parents attended. They were given an overview of Boonville Elementary and tour by Boonville teachers/staff.
- On June 19th there is a Fun Day transition activity planned with Forestport students.

Mrs. Schafer – West Leyden Elementary Principal:

- Elementary Art Show/Concert was most fun.
- Thank you to the amazing 5th graders for their presentation to the Board this evening.
- Spelling Bee is coming up.
- Kindergartners came to Boonville to the Canal Museum. Thank you to the Board for their support of all the field trips.
- Awards will be on the 18th and Fun Day with be on the 19th.
- Science tests are done.
- In Technology – Upcoming Superintendent Conference Days will offer continued training for teachers. There will be a Google meet & greet with question and answer sessions for teachers and a plan for support.
- There will be a live-streaming link for graduation on the ACS homepage so anyone who can't make it to graduation can watch.

Mrs. Guernsey – Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment & Data:

- In Data – doing year-end reports to State Ed. to rollover to the new school year. Local data – STAR test results, Regents data.
- Grade level meetings have wrapped up. A lot of work for next year – new grade level teams.
- Professional Development on 6/24 and 6/25 offering different training opportunities, tech training, presenters on curriculum, options for health training.
- Summer professional development to be offered – curriculum hours.
- Closing out the year, planning for the summer and upcoming school year.

Brian Maneen – Transportation Supervisor

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 5-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:

Minutes:

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| >> May 14, 2019 Public Hearing | >> May 14, 2019 Regular Meeting |
| >> May 21, 2018 Budget Vote | >> June 6, 2019 Special Meeting – Executive Session |

Non-Teaching Substitutes:

- >> Amanda Prashaw – Sub-Teacher Aide
pending background clearance

Building Use:

Just Dance Program Showcase to use the BE auditorium and music room	6/22/19
Class of 2019 to use the MS/HS gym area and outside for Senior Picnic	6/28/19
Boonville Fair to use the HS parking areas during the week of the fair	7/23-7/28/19
NYS Woodsmen’s Field Days to use the HS property and parking areas; and locker rooms	8/15-8/18/19
Rick Turk Tree Services to use a classroom at the HS	8/16/19
Boonville Elem PTA to use BE auditorium for Book Fairs	10/21-10/25/19 5/11/ - 5/15/20

Field Trips:

Skills USA members to The National Convention in Kentucky for competition	6/23/19 -6/28/19
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REGULAR AGENDA:

Brokerage Firm:

Mr. Abdo moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 5-0; the Board selected Pyramid Brokerage Firm to handle the sale or lease of the Forestport Elementary building.

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 5-0; the Board approved the following:

Abolished Teaching Positions:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Central School District, has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency it is necessary to abolish certain positions. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the following teaching positions be abolished effective June 30, 2019:

- Elementary 2 FTE
- Elementary 1 FTE (retirement)
- Physical Education 1 Part-Time

Abolished Non-Teaching Positions:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Central School District, has determined that for reasons of economy and efficiency it is necessary to abolish certain positions. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the following non-teaching positions be abolished effective June 30, 2019:

- Groundworker/Cleaner 1 Part-Time (abolished effective September 1, 2019)
- Office Specialist 1 Part-Time
- Food Service Helper 1 Part-Time

Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0; the Board adopted the following resolution:

Employee Disciplinary Resolution:

WHEREAS, on or about December 5, 2018, the District Superintendent of Schools, the Adirondack Central School Related Professionals Union and a District employee entered into a disciplinary agreement resolving potential disciplinary charges against the District employee, pursuant to which the employee waived all rights to a disciplinary proceeding and agreed to accept certain disciplinary action and to accept certain terms and conditions as a condition of continued employment; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the agreement is in the best interest of the District; and,

THEREFORE, the agreement executed by the Superintendent of Schools on or about December 5, 2018 is hereby approved and ratified by the Board, retroactively to the date of the execution of the agreement.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Muha **Yes 5, No 0;**
Absent 2: Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Sturtevant

Bus Driver Resignation:**Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Natalie Roth, Bus Driver effective May 10, 2019.

Confidential Employees:**Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 5-0:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following resolution for Confidential/Managerial employees for the 2019-20 school year:

Upon request of the Superintendent and pursuant to his Memorandum to the Board of Education, the Board hereby approves the recommended modifications to the Confidential/Managerial employees of the District as identified in the Memorandum as they relate to salary increases for the 2019-20 school year and for increases to the respective employees' percentage contributions for health insurance plan coverage as provided by the District.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Muha. **Yes:** 5 **No:** 0
Absent: 2 – Mr. Kramer, Mr. Sturtevant

Superintendent's contract:**Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0, the Board adopted the following resolution for the Superintendent's contract:**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of the existing Employment Agreement with Edward S. Niznik as Superintendent of Schools, as amended, which commenced on or about July 1, 2014, the Board, having met and conferred with Mr. Niznik, is desirous of modifying certain portions of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Board, Counsel to the District has prepared an Amendment to the Employment Agreement with such Amendment modifying the Superintendent's current compensation, further extending the unexpired term of the Agreement and modifying other terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the Superintendent agree to such proposed Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby accepts and agrees to the Amendment Agreement, dated June 11, 2019, and hereby authorizes the President of the Board, or the Vice President in the absence, to execute said Agreement on behalf of the District and to file same with the District Clerk.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Muha. **Yes:** 5 **No:** 0
Absent: 2- Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Sturtevant.

Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 5-0; the Board approved the following:**ELA Long-Term Substitute:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved Mrs. Lorna DeSantis as a Long-Term ELA Substitute at \$200 a day from approximately September 3, 2019 to October 21, 2019.

Special Education Agreement with South Lewis:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board entered into agreement with the South Lewis Board of Education for Adirondack CSD to contract with South Lewis CSD for the instruction of students with disabilities in a program that is appropriate for the 2019-2020 school year.

Board Meeting Schedule:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 Board Meeting schedule.

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 5-0; the Board approved the following:

Fine Arts Calendar:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the 2019-2020 Fine Arts Schedule.

Surplus Equipment/Books:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education declared equipment and/or textbooks from the District as surplus and be disposed of in the most expedient manner as per the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

Committee on Special Education:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, the Board granted approval for placement of students

Coaches for 2019-2020 Sports:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education approved the following coaches:

FALL SPORTS	NAME	WINTER SPORTS	NAME	SPRING SPORTS	NAME
HEAD V. FOOTBALL	R. Hennessey	BOYS V. BASKETBALL	RJ Lewis	Varsity Baseball	P. Puleo
ASST. V. FOOTBALL	S. Bala	BOYS J.V. BASKETBALL		J.V. Baseball	M. Santa Maria
ASST. V. FOOTBALL	D. Gray	BOYS MOD A BASKETBALL		MOD Baseball	J. Cosser
HEAD MOD A FOOTBALL	M. Santa Maria	BOYS MOD B BASKETBALL			
ASST. MOD A FOOTBALL	J. Cosser			Varsity Softball	A. Ventiquattro
ASST. MOD A FOOTBALL		GIRLS V. BASKETBALL	J. Youngs	J.V. Softball	C. Clafin
		GIRLS J.V. BASKETBALL	E. Charbonneau	MOD Softball	E. Ritter
BOYS & GIRLS XC	R. Jennings	GIRLS MOD A BASKETBALL	D. Ventiquattro		
		GIRLS MOD B BASKETBALL	A. Ventiquattro	Varsity Golf	N. Palczak
GIRLS Varsity Swim	E. Ritter				
GIRLS MOD SWIM	M. Maryhugh	Varsity Wrestling	J. Galligan	BOYS V. TRACK	S. Bala
		J.V. Wrestling	R. Hennessey	GIRLS V. TRACK	R. Jennings
GIRLS Varsity Soccer	S. Case	MOD Wrestling	S. Bala		
GIRLS J.V. SOCCER	M. Lastowski			HEAD MOD TRACK	C. Bradish
GIRLS MOD SOCCER		GIRLS V. VOLLEYBALL	B. Coscomb	ASST. MOD TRACK	
		GIRLS J.V. VOLLEYBALL	C. Bradish		
BOYS Varsity Soccer		GIRLS MOD A-VOLLEYBALL	P. Puleo		
BOYS J.V. SOCCER		GIRLS MOD B- VOLLEYBALL			
BOYS MOD SOCCER	B. Lewis				
		BOYS & GIRLS XC SKI	P. Fiorenza		
CHEERLEADING	L. Wawrzyniak				
		BOYS & GIRLS BOWLING	M. Candee		
		SKI CHAPERONE (Snow Ridge)	K. Allen		

MORIC Resolution:

Mrs. Beasock moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 5-0:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution to enter into contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES for the Mohawk Regional Information Center:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District desires to enter into a 5-year contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES in order for the Mohawk Regional Information Center to furnish certain services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950(4)(jj), those services being Broadband Telecommunications as defined on the attached sheet(s).

NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Adirondack Central School District agrees to enter into a contract with the Madison-Oneida BOCES through the provision of said services to the District not to exceed \$583.00 monthly (High School), \$583.00 (West Leyden Elementary), \$583.00 (K-5 Boonville

Elementary) plus any one time vendor installation costs, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Education for a period of 5 years, beginning on or about June 1, 2019, and ending on or about June 30, 2024.

Poll Vote: Mr. Emery, Mrs. Beasock, Mr. Abdo, Mr. Gallo, Mr. Muha. **Yes:** 5 **No:** 0

Absent: 2- Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Sturtevant

Bus Driver Resignation:

Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 5-0:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mr. Larry Myers, Bus Driver, effective June 14, 2019.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION {Enclosures}:

- **Policies: 1st Reading - Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 5-0; the policies will be brought back for a second reading.**
 - Independent Educational Evaluations -7680
 - Universal Pre-K Policy (UPK)
- Student Accident Insurance
- Thank you from the Northern NY Community Foundation

HANDOUTS:

- Enrollment Figures as of June 1, 2019
- District Calendar for June 2019
- Claims Auditor Report May 2019
- Conferences approved by the Superintendent
- Conference reports:
 - >> *Mohawk River Watershed Ecology Teacher Training* – C. Schubert
 - >> *OPALS User Group Training* – K. Roberts

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Beasock seconded, carried 5-0; the Board adjourned to the Re-Organizational and Regular Meetings to be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boonville Elementary cafeteria.