

**ADIRONDACK CENTRAL SCHOOL  
BOONVILLE, NY 13309  
Via Livestream**

**DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING – December 21, 2020**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Michael Kramer, President Bruce Brach Mark Emery Joan Ingersoll Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator Michelle Freeman, District Clerk
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b> Almanda Sturtevant, Vice-President Richard Gallo	

Mr. Kramer called the special meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

**PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:**

Mr. Kramer welcomed everyone to the livestream meeting. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Board members for jumping on for this morning meeting.

**REGULAR AGENDA:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0; the Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 Furlough Memorandum of Agreement between the Adirondack Central School District and the Related Professionals Union.

At 7:33 a.m. Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery second, carried 4-1; to go into Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

At 7:44 a.m. Mrs. Ingersoll moved and Mr. Emery second, carried 5-0; to go into Regular Session.

**New Business:**

Resolved that, upon motion by Mr. Brach and second by Mr. Emery, the Board of Education adopted the following resolution regarding the City of Rome filed tax certiorari:

**WHEREAS**, City of Rome filed tax certiorari proceedings challenging the assessment of the Tagasoke Reservoir and Boyd Dam located in the Town of Lewis (“Property”), for the 2012-13 through 2020-21 tax years; and

**WHEREAS**, a trial was held in the Lewis County Courthouse in October 2018 to determine the assessment of the Property for the 2012-13 through 2014-15 tax years; and

**WHEREAS**, the trial Judge, Hon. Charles C. Merrell, J.S.C. issued a decision on November 24, 2020 with respect to the valuation of property and the respondents’ motion to strike the petitioner’s appraisal reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Lewis and County of Lewis intend to appeal the decision of the Hon. Charles C. Merrell, J.S.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to appeal the decision of the Hon. Charles C. Merrell, J.S.C. in connection with the above-referenced proceedings; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The Board of Education hereby authorizes Ferrara Fiorenza PC to file and Notice of Appeal and proceed with perfecting an appeal of the Hon. Charles C. Merrell's November 2020 decisions involving the Property.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Poll Vote:** Mr. Brach, Mr. Kramer, Mrs. Ingersoll, Mr. Emery, Mr. Muha  
5 **Yes**, 0 **No**, 2 **Absent**

The Resolution was thereupon declared adopted.

At 7:48 a.m. Mrs. Ingersoll moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0, to adjourn to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via livestream.