

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 8, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Michael Kramer – President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President Bruce Brach Mark Emery Richard Gallo Joan Ingersoll Doug Muha	Edward Niznik, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Asst. HS Principal/Interim AD; Jill Rowlands-Will, MS Principal; Linda Weber, WL Principal; Jill Schafer, BE Principal; Kristy McGrath, Director of Technology, Curriculum & Instruction; Brian Maneen, Trans. Supervisor;
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 7:02 p.m. Mr. Kramer called the meeting to order and recited the pledge of allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer welcomed everyone to the meeting which was being livestreamed. Everyone is aware ACS went back to full remote on Monday due to positive cases in the school and area so Board meetings have gone back to being livestreamed. He hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Nothing for public forum.

ADMINISTRATORS’ REPORTS:

Mrs. Smith – High School Principal:

- Handout to update on extracurricular activities
- Thank you to teachers for all of their efforts.

Ms. Rowlands-Will – Middle School Principal:

- 14 MS students were inducted into National Jr. Honor Society in the first virtual ceremony. Thank you to advisors Mr. Cotton and Ms. Allen for making this a successful ceremony. Also thank you to the technology department for setting up livestream/google meets.
- Prior to school going fully remote, the MS had 63 students who were fully remote. This was up from 54 last month.

Ms. Weber – WL Elementary Principal:

- West Leyden Elementary will try to maintain virtual December celebrations including spirit days with ugly sweaters, Christmas colors and Christmas accessories.
- They will explore options to continue their food drive for the Veterans of Central New York.
- Following the Thanksgiving break, West Leyden Elementary from 12 to 18 fully remote students. Most families were requesting to do so over the holiday period and hoped to return to hybrid learning after monitoring infection and exposure rates after the holidays.

Mrs. Schafer – BE Principal:

- Boonville Elementary will have Spirit Week – December 14th – 22nd.
- Google meets are going well. Thank you to teachers.
- Thank you to our teachers, custodians and cafeteria workers.
- In Technology, all hotspots have been distributed, wait list has been taken care of.

Mrs. Foye – Director of Special Education:

No report.

Mrs. McGrath – Director of Technology, Curriculum and Instruction:

- I've been at Adirondack for just 7 days so far and I am very excited about this opportunity.
- We have a Google Classroom for Technology, Curriculum and Instruction that has been shared with all faculty, to help disseminate and organize information on those topics.
- All faculty has been sent a survey on Technology, Curriculum and Instruction to help guide next steps.
- The principals and I have compiled information on the hybrid and 100% remote plans (UPK-5 and 6-12), teachers added Google Meet and Office Hour information, and this will be added to the COVID Re-Opening Plan on the District Website.

Mr. Roberts – Asst. HS Principal/Interim AD:

- The NYSPHSAA moved high risk sports to Jan 4th, but gave no authorization to start. Section III delayed Nordic Ski to Dec 14th. The Center State Conference League moved bowling to start on Jan 4th. However with the district being 100% remote, all sports are on hold until we return to the hybrid model. With so many schools 100% remote, there's a chance the winter season may not start for the league or section until later in January at the earliest.

Mr. Maneen – Transportation Supervisor:

- All drivers are back except one who will hopefully be back soon. Keep fingers crossed that everyone stays healthy as it was a stressful time.
- Now that we are in full remote we have been working with Sharon and Sandra creating the list of students for meal deliveries. Delivers are starting this Wednesday and will continue every Wednesday and Thursday until further notice.
- Mechanics have been getting the buses ready for the winter months with tires and winter front covers. I am also reminding the drivers of the hazards that come along with winter driving and how to keep safe.

Mr. Teachout – Director of Facilities III:

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Muha moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following by a consensus motion:

Minutes:

- November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
- December 1, 2020 Special Meeting

Teaching Substitutes:

- >> Juliana Chrysler – Sub-Teacher
- >> Mareissa Lisowski – Sub-Teacher
- >> Greg Pflieger – Sub-Teacher
- >> Morgan Sweeney – Sub-Teacher

** Pending Background Clearance**

REGULAR AGENDA:**Tenure of Teacher:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Gallo moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education prospectively awarded tenure to Mrs. Jessica Sweredoski in the tenure area of Elementary Education, conditioned upon compliance with APPR requirements or waiver as determined by the State of New York. This award of tenure will be effective January 22, 2021.

Surplus Equipment/Books:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education declared textbooks and/or equipment from the District as surplus and be disposed of in the most expedient manner.

Committee on Special Education:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board granted approval for placement of students.

Mr. Gallo left the meeting at 7:32 p.m., returned at 7:34 p.m.

Budget Development Calendar:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the 2021-2022 Budget Development Calendar. Mr. Brach stated he would like to see a full budget by the January 26th meeting.

Budget Transfers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the Budget Transfers for November 2020.

Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for natural gas:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Emery moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education untabled and adopted the following resolution authorizing participation in Cooperative Energy Purchasing Service (NYSMEC) for natural gas:

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the New York State General Municipal Law authorizes municipal corporations to enter into cooperative agreements for the performance or exercise of services, functions, powers or activities on a cooperative or contract basis among themselves or one for the other, and

WHEREAS, Section 119-n of the General Municipal Law defines the term "municipal corporation" for the purposes of Article 5-G as a county outside the city of New York, a city, a town, a village, a board of cooperative educational services, a fire district or a school district; and

WHEREAS, the *Adirondack Central School District* (hereinafter sometimes referred to as "Participant") is a "municipal corporation" as defined above; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes for this municipal corporation to become or remain a Participant pursuant to the Municipal Cooperation Agreement For Energy Purchasing Services dated the 1st day of May, 2005 (the "Agreement"), among municipal corporations collectively identified as the New York School and Municipal Energy Consortium ("NYSMEC") upon the terms of the Agreement and further wishes to authorize participation as an energy consumer as specified below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby determines that it is in the interests of the *Adirondack Central School District* to participate in the NYSMEC, and authorizes and directs *Edward Niznik Superintendent, (Participant Representative)* to sign the Agreement/and or the Billing Schedule and Agreement for natural gas on its behalf; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Board authorizes the Administrative Participant (as defined in the Agreement) to prepare, advertise, disseminate and open bids pursuant to the General Municipal Law and to award, execute and deliver binding contracts on behalf of this Board for the purchase of natural gas delivered to the city gate of the local utility distribution company for the Participant's facility or facilities, on a firm basis, for this Participant to the lowest responsible bidder as is determined by the Administrative Participant at a price for such commodity natural gas not to exceed \$0.583 cents per therm for a term of at least one year and no more than three years commencing

May 1, 2021, and other terms and conditions, all as may be determined by the Administrative Participant, or to reject any or all such bids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Participant agrees to advertise said bid as may be directed by the Administrative Participant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the officers and employees of this Participant are authorized to execute such other confirming agreements, certificates and other documents and take such other actions as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the intent of this resolution.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

➤ **Policies - 1st Reading:**

- Records Management, 5670
- Child Abuse & Maltreatment, 7530

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education adopted the above policies.

➤ **Warrants:**

- TE Fund Warrant #3
- TA Warrant #4
- Capital Fund Warrant #3
- Special Aid Fund Warrant #1
- Lunch Fund Warrant #4
- General Fund Warrant #4
- General Fund Warrant #5

➤ **Receipts:**

- General Fund Receipts #3
- TE Fund Cast Receipts #4
- TA Receipts #4
- Capital Fund Receipts #4
- Special Aid Fund Receipts #1

➤ **Treasurer's Reports – October 2020**

HANDOUTS:

- ACS Enrollment as of December 1, 2020
- District Calendar – December 2020
- Claims Auditor Report for November 2020

Mr. Brach stated he noticed some checks have not been cashed from 2019, how are those individuals contacted? Do the checks have a timeframe written on them? Mrs. Cihocki stated she will look at that.

Mr. Gallo expressed his concerns for the special education students losing out on services/therapies with remote instruction. He believes there should be more in-person opportunities for them as they are at more risk for regressing which affects their quality of life.

At 7:44 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:29 p.m. Mrs. Ingersoll moved and Mr. Gallo seconded; carried 7-0; to go into regular session.

At 9:30 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; to adjourn to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, January 12, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via livestream.