

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2021

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; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities; Richard Chrisman, ATA; Andrea Renwick, Mike Renwick, Paige Renwick, Kaitlyn Renwick, John Hennessey, Eric Thayer, Ely Thayer, Rob Hennessey
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Kramer called the meeting to order and recited the pledge of allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer congratulated the Girl’s Nordic Ski team for winning their first League Cup, they did outstanding.

Mr. Kramer explained there are a couple of items on the agenda involving Fall II sports and wanted to talk about protocols that Adirondack has to follow. The district has a lot to abide by from buildings and grounds with disinfection protocols, spacing of benches at games, to coaches, officials, members of the team wearing masks at all times. Health survey and temperatures must be taken. If someone is positive it affects the whole team. Coaches must know the guidance put out by New York State. The Board of Education and administration know this guidance changes daily.

BUDGET:

Mrs. Cihocki went over Draft 4 of Revenue for the 2021-2022 Budget, not much change from last meeting; has updated runs, 2.7% tax cap and \$100,000 Workman’s Comp.

Draft 5 includes the reduction of two elementary positions, cut of 4th section to 5th grade at Boonville Elementary, hire of one social worker for K-12 grade level and also includes allowance for summer school/summer enrichment. This draft does not include additional cost of SPO Program since the county will no longer be funding half of the cost any longer.

Mr. Brach asked if Driver’s Ed. was included in the budget. Mrs. Cihocki said if that is what the Board wants it can be pursued. Board agreed they would like to see Driver’s Ed. brought back.

Mrs. Ingersoll asked if the department chairs were still in the budget. Mrs. Cihocki replied yes.

IN-PERSON LEARNING:

Mr. Niznik gave an update on in-person learning. He had a Superintendent’s meeting with OHM BOCES regarding protocols and guidance about kids coming back 100%. Some things discussed were the suggestion of teachers being vaccinated, teachers getting tested, giving teachers the option of wearing a face shield in addition to wearing a mask, putting physical barriers on desks/tables and for transportation requiring face shields in addition to masks for students while on the bus. Moving forward there will be a parent survey sent out to get feedback on kids attending all day five days a week. Administration will be having meetings with faculty and staff. Physical barriers have been ordered. Also parents will be surveyed on transportation of kids, will they be riding the bus or will parents be transporting. District will look at bringing Pre-K, 1st and 2nd, then 3rd through 5th and one high school grade at a time. Will work on this plan once survey is completed. Hopefully after spring break majority of students will be back. Mr. Niznik stated he has a meeting with Lewis County to hear about their guidelines.

Mr. Brach asked if the goal is to have every back after spring break. Mr. Niznik stated Pre-K, 1st and 2nd with working in MS/HS also.

Mr. Brach asked when the plan will be solidified. Mr. Niznik stated hopefully next week once responses are back from the parent survey.

Mr. Brach thanked Mr. Niznik and the administrators for working on this, he appreciates it.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Rob Hennessey, ACS teacher & coach, gave the Board an idea of what students' perspective is about coming back. They ask him every day when they will be coming back full time. It is exciting to see kids wanting to be back in school. The quicker the guidelines can be rolled out the better.

Mr. Kramer told Mrs. Schafer (Boonville Principal) since she was in a meeting when he came to see her today he walked through the building. He did see a few students, but the building is still quiet. He asked the kindergartners if they were glad to be back and they said they were. It will be good to get more students back.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Mr. Teachout – Director of Facilities III:

- He and his staff are making mild changes in classrooms to reflect new protocols, bringing original furniture back making them look like classrooms again. Plans for dividers modified so they fit one-arm desks.
- Temporary walls have been taken down from project.
- New library is being used.
- Pool construction – rebar is being laid down.
- On the field - a few sun spots were made to speed up melting process.

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

- Smart Schools application has been approved to receive new Smart Boards including installation. Credit to Jill Schafer.
- Asked for a waiver for state assessments, but we were denied, so we are planning on giving assessments, 3-8 math/ELA, Science 4/8, ELA and Earth Science.

Mrs. Smith – High School Principal:

- Having regular meetings on summer school, 3-5 program.
- Had grand opening for the new library at the high school. Thank you to Michelle Zeigler, Jamie Benson, Cameron Teachout and his crew.

Ms. Rowlands-Will – Middle School Principal:

- MS/HS forming a 6-12 code of conduct committee to get students involved with the code of conduct.
- Be on the lookout for the Art Department's Virtual Faces of Adirondack Art Show.
- Congratulations to students Riley O'Hara and Cody Kirk for participating in a Chinese singing competition through BOCES.
- MS Student Council will be selling autism puzzle pieces for a dollar each for Autism Awareness.

Mrs. Schafer – BE Principal:

- For Boonville Elementary's PARP challenge students must read 150,000 minutes (10 minutes per kid, per day). If they reach the 150,000 minutes, Mrs. Schafer will get slimed. Mr. Granato (Tech Teacher) has even built a contraption to hold the slime. So far students have read 17,000 minutes. Also looking for a volunteer to be a surprise slime guest.
- Please check out the Faces of Adirondack Virtual Art Show. Mr. Whalen and students have done a great job.
- Thank you to teachers for everything they have done this past year.

Ms. Weber – WL Elementary Principal:

- Both West Leyden and Boonville Elementary have been holding meetings to establish a summer school program. Have been in contact with the Village of Boonville’s Summer Rec Program to develop a schedule so kids can attend both and won’t have to choose. This summer school program will be open to everyone.
- West Leyden’s PARP challenge is to read the book World According to Hungry with virtual activities to go along with it. If students reach the 10,000 minute goal would consider adopting their own mascot.

Mr. Maneen – Transportation Supervisor:

- With Daylight Savings time change next weekend, always a scary time.
- Kudos to drivers with the last couple of weeks picking up kids in the snow and bringing them home in the snow.
- Looking forward to kids coming back full time.

Mrs. Foye – Director of Special Education:

- Gave Board members a handout showing an overview of where we are at with students with disabilities return to school. It was done in a 5-phase approach.
- A Utica College Occupational Therapy student will be shadowing our Occupational Therapist, Mrs. Youngs for three months. A great opportunity.

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

- For Fall II sports a scrimmage for football has been added to the schedule.
- Swim is all set to use the pool at the School for the Deaf in Rome.
- Varsity Girls’ Soccer schedule is set.
- Cross Country has 4-5 meets tentatively set.
- MOD Boys’ Soccer and Football, talking about doing intermurals.
- Holding signups for spring sports.

Mrs. Cihocki stated someone will need to be paid to run the intermurals.

Mr. Kramer asked if there were any questions for the administrators.

Mr. Brach asked if a student carrying an 85 average who normally carried a 94 could they attend summer school?

Mrs. McGrath stated right now high school level summer school will be for those who are failing. In the future we are hoping to do enrichment camps.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes:

- >> February 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
- >> February 23, 2021 2nd Regular Meeting
- >> March 3, 2021 Budget Workshop
- >> March 3, 2021 Special Meeting

Substitute:

- >> Beth Fox – Substitute Teacher

REGULAR AGENDA:

Fall II Sports:

Mrs. Sturtevant moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 5-1-1; Mr. Emery –No; Mrs. Ingersoll – Abstain:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following Fall II high-risk sport with a start date of March 15th:

- >>Varsity Football
- >> Varsity Girls’ Soccer
- >> MOD Girls’ Soccer

Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Gallo seconded, carried 7-0;

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approved the following Fall II low-risk sports:

- >> Varsity Boys' & Girls' Cross Country (starting March 15th)
- >> Varsity Swim (starting on March 10th) (per Board pay for full week)

Coaches for Fall II Sports:

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, and consistent with the terms and conditions enumerated in the Resolution to Conditionally Appoint Athletic Coaches during the 2020-2021 School Year, which resolution was duly adopted by the Board of Education hereto on January 21, 2021, the Adirondack Central School District Board of Education hereby conditionally appoints the following individuals to serve as coaches:

Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 6-1; Mr. Emery-No; the Board approved the following Fall II high-risk sports coaches:

- >> R. Hennessey – Varsity Football
- >> S. Case – Varsity Girls' Soccer
- >> S. Bala – Asst. V. Football
- >> C. Streifert – MOD Girls' Soccer
- >> D. Gray – Asst. V. Football

Mr. Muha moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the following Fall II low-risk sports coaches:

- >> E. Ritter – Varsity Swim
- >> R. Jennings – Varsity Boys' & Girls' Cross Country

Committee on Special Education:

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

Surplus Equipment/Books:

Resolved that, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board 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.

Mr. Brach asked if it is possible to add a column on the surplus/disposal sheet to document when item(s) were purchased.

Budget Transfers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0; the Board approved the Budget Transfers for February 2021.

Mr. Brach asked about the reimbursement ratio for BOCES. Mr. Cihocki replied it is 64%.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION: {Enclosures}

➤ Warrants:

- TE Warrant #6
- TA Warrant #8
- Capital Fund Warrant #7
- Special Aid Fund Warrant #5
- Lunch Fund Warrant #8
- General Fund Warrant #9

➤ Receipts:

- TE Receipts #8
- TA Receipts #7
- Capital Fund Receipts #7
- Special Aid Fund Receipts #5
- Lunch Fund Receipts #8
- General Fund Receipts #8

➤ Treasurer’s Report – January 31, 2021

➤ Internship:

Name	College	Dates	Internship With
Omotola Balogun	Utica College	March 29 – June 25 th Mon. & Thurs.	Miranda Youngs – Occ. Therapist

Mr. Brach asked Mrs. Cihocki for the next meeting if the Board could have information on cafeteria deficit.

HANDOUTS:

- District Calendar for month of March 2021.
- Enrollment Figures as of March 1, 2021.
- Claims Auditor Report – February 2021

Mr. Kramer stated the Board would like to meet at the high school for the next meeting.

At 8:34 p.m. Mr. Gallo moved and Mr. Muha seconded, carried 7-0 to adjourn to the 2nd Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.