

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

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2nd REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 25, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Michael Kramer – President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President Bruce Brach Mark Emery Joan Ingersoll	Kristy McGrath, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Marie Yager, Arthur Bailey, Christine Crowley, Mike Shusda, Richard Chrisman- ATA, Ray _____
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u> Robert Healt Doug Muha	

At 6:29 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President called the meeting to order.

Mr. Emery moved and Mr. Brach seconded; carried 5-0; to go into executive session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel and ATA contract negotiations. Mrs. McGrath served as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Mrs. Sturtevant left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Board members returned from executive session at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Joan seconded, carried 4-0; to go to regular session.

At 7:05 p.m. Mr. Kramer led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer asked if anyone had anything for President’s Moment. Mr. Brach thanked Mrs. McGrath for everything that is being done in the HS gym foyer, addition of scrolling TVs, looks great.

PRESENTATION:

Christine Crowley and Mike Shusda from Fiscal Advisors spoke to the Board about the District’s bonding credit and long-range planning. Mrs. Crowley gave the Board a handout on Assessing A School District’s Credit which covered Assessing Your Credit, Rating Definitions, Rating Agency Criteria, Standard & Poor’s Rating Medians. Mr. Shusda and Mrs. Crowley answered questions from the Board on long-range planning, discussed the tax cap. Adirondack is in good shape.

Mrs. Sturtevant returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

BUDGET:

Mrs. Cihocki – Business Administrator- went over the 2022-2023 Budget information:

- >> Revenue Draft 1 – Tax Cap currently at 2% which will change, final to be calculated in February based on governor’s proposal and Phase II of current project.
- >> State Aid Runs – baseline includes BOCES and transportation aide projections. Building aide number is not accurate due to existing capital project. Fiscal Advisors working on final cost report to calculate actual numbers for building aid. This is baseline of aid for the 22-23 school year. State legislature increases this allocation. Unclear at this time how much it will increase.

>> Budget Draft 1 – This includes salaries which are not finalized, BOCES costs which cost estimates come in February, heating oil and natural gas increased 30%, a vehicle for Driver Ed., increase in cost for 3 SPOs from the Sheriff’s Department, decrease in textbook allocation, increase in out-of-district placement tuition for students with disabilities, projected increase in TRS from 9.8 to 10.5, health insurance rates showing an 8% increase, but rates are established in March, debt service that will be finalized in February.

Mrs. Cihocki answered questions from the Board regarding Draft 1.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Art Bailey – taxpayer and Adirondack bus driver – asked the Board to think about their obligation to the taxpayers before looking at making one campus. He has seen them on his sports runs and one campus schools cost a lot of money. He doesn’t feel that is the way to go. He has three grandchildren at SL and since doing one campus their school taxes have gone up. About the turf field, it is full of carcinogens, keep that in mind when your children and grandchildren are playing on it.

Public forum ended at 8:02 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 5-0; the Board of Education approved the following:

Minutes:

- January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting

Substitutes:

Non-Teaching:

- Kevin Underwood – Sub-Bus Driver
- Uerick Joslyn – Sub-Bus Driver
- Jessica Briones – Sub-Library Aide
- Kayla Kelly – Sub-Teacher Aide

** Pending Background Clearance**

Field Trips:

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE:
Skills USA	Morrisville College for competition	February 11, 2022

REGULAR AGENDA:

Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0; resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approved the following support staff and long-term substitutes:

Support Staff:

Name	Position	Civil Service Classification	Type/Duration of Appointment	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Wendy Page	School Bus Driver	Non-Competitive	26-week probationary	01/26/2022	Grade 20, Step 1

Long-Term Substitutes:

Name	Area	Type of Appointment	Rate of Pay
Jennifer Bowman	Family & Consumer Science	Long-Term Substitute 3/4/22 – 3/4/23	D1, Step 2 +Masters
Kyle Taranto	School Counselor	Long-Term Substitute 2/14/22 - 2/1/23	D1, Step 4 +Masters

INFO & DISCUSSION:

➤ **Policy:**

- >> Universal Pre-K (UPK) Policy – Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Emery seconded, carried 5-0; the Board of Education approved the policy with the addition that it is a full day program.
- Track Sectionals – May 24, 2022 at Adirondack – Will be after school at 4:00 p.m., will need to accommodate parking. Get a percentage back on tickets and concessions. Board wants to move forward, great way to use the track.
- Nominating Procedures and minimum qualifications for BOCES Board election – will bring to February meeting.
- Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association – Virtual Legislative Discussion with State Senators Joe Griffo & Patty Richie along with Assemblymen William Barclay, Ken Blankenbush, Robert Smullen, Mark Walczyk and Congresswoman Elise Stefanik – Friday, February 4, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. via webex.
- February 22, 2022, 2nd Regular Board meeting, is during February winter break. Board would like to cancel meeting and do budget as part of the February 8th meeting.
- COVID-19 Update – Mrs. McGrath updated the Board. There is a lot of stress, confusion and miscommunication for everyone about the mask mandate which remains in effect. As of 5:30 p.m. this evening the stay by the judge is still in place. Contingent that it becomes a local decision for Boards of Education, Mrs. McGrath asked the Board what their feelings are on still mandating masks or personal choice.
 - >> Board held a vote moved by Mr. Brach, seconded by Mrs. Sturtevant, 3 members in favor of personal choice, 2 not in favor; not a majority vote.

HANDOUT:

- Conference Report – *Understanding the new US History Regents Exam* – S. Ferris

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Ingersoll seconded, carried 5-0; to go into Executive Session to the employment history of particular personnel.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:56 p.m. Mr. Emery moved and Mrs. Ingersoll seconded; carried 5-0; to go into regular session.

At 9:57 p.m. Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 5-0; to adjourn to the Regular Meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at the high school.