

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

**DRAFT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 8, 2022**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	<b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>
Michael Kramer – President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President Bruce Brach Robert Healt Abby Podkowka Keith Redhead	Kristy McGrath, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Brandie Collins, MS Principal; Linda Weber, WL Principal; Jill Schafer, BE Principal; Michael Faustino, Director of Technology, Instr. & Curriculum; Wendy Foye, CSE Director; Jennifer Badaracco, Transportation Supervisor; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities; Marie Yager, Darlene DeFazio, Dana Ely, Wendy Page, Malachi Hutchings, Ian Klingbail, Richard Chrisman-ATA, Kristin Williams, Paige Crego, Kelsey Charbonneau, Lillian Gazitano-Carro
<b><u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u></b> Joan Ingersoll	

At 6:04 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President called the Regular meeting to order.

Ms. Podkowka moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 5-0; to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual negotiations. Mrs. McGrath served as Clerk Pro-Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.

Mr. Brach entered the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Board members returned from executive session at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded; carried 6-0; to go into regular session.

Board members were given a tour of the high school by Mrs. Smith, Principal and Mr. Teachout, Director of Facilities.

At 7:09 p.m. Mr. Kramer led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:**

Mr. Kramer explained how the administrators submit their reports to the Board on a monthly basis which the Board appreciates. It is nice to see what is going on in each of their buildings/departments.

After attending the Annual NYSSBA Convention in Syracuse last month, meeting people from other school districts, learning and seeing a lot of things, Adirondack has a lot to be proud of. Our programs are flourishing, sports, concerts, art exhibits, beautiful grounds, we have a lot going on in our District.

**WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS:**

Mrs. McGrath explained to the Board she likes to have the new employees come to a meeting so the Board can put a face to the name of those they approve for employment here. Principals or supervisors introduced those in attendance or spoke about those unable to attend:

Transportation –Wendy Page, Bus Dispatcher; Ian Klingbail, Bus Driver; Malachi Hutchings, Bus Driver; Daniel Webber, Bus Driver; Michael Dano, Bus Driver; William Deiter, Bus Attendant.

Teacher Aides – Denise Ventiquattro, Nastassia Alger, Kassidy Rogers, Lauren Johnson

High School Teachers – Lillian Gazitano-Caro, French and Kelsey Charbonneau, American Sign Language

Boonville Elementary – Paige Crego, Music and Teresa Grower, Part-Time Office Specialist I

Cafeteria – Kristin Williams, Food Service Helper

Grounds – Robert Fruin, GW/Cleaner

Everyone enjoyed refreshments following the introductions.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Katie Redhead – parent – Asked if the state requires each child to be flu and COVID vaccinated in order to attend school, who makes the final decision and how does the Board feel about this mandate? Board member Redhead stated there is a bill out there to mandate this. Superintendent McGrath stated that historically the school district has followed all mandates, this would warrant a discussion amongst the Board if and when the time comes to consider all options and guidelines. Board President Kramer stated this is something definitely to be monitored.

Public Forum ended at 7:37 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Mr. Redhead moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda:**

**Minutes:**

- October 12, 2022 – Audit Committee Meeting & Regular Meeting Minutes

**Substitutes:****Non-Teaching:**

- >> Mattison Lunderman – Sub-Teacher Aide
- >> Keith Maher – Sub-Teacher Aide

**Teaching:**

- >> Christina Schubert – Sub-Teacher
- >> Andrea Thayer – Sub-Teacher

\*\*pending background clearance\*\*

**Building Use:**

REQUESTOR:	AREA/BUILDING REQUESTED:	DATE(S):
Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	Boonville Elementary gym	Tuesdays evenings throughout school year
Youth Basketball	MS or HS gym for 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball and 4 <sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball	Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays November to April
Connected Community Schools	HS Hub to hold resume writing/employment workshop	November 30, 2022
MS Student Council	MS gym to hold winter dance	December 9, 2022
North Country White Out	HS and MS gyms for youth basketball program	1-2 nights per week & Saturdays
National Jr. Honor Society	HS gym for Billy Martin Circus	Saturday, February 11, 2023
3D Blood Drive	HS gym lobby, multipurpose room, concession stand	Thurs. October 19, 2023

**Field Trips:**

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE:
Senior Class	Watertown Airport for Workforce Connections	11/16/22
HS Music Dept.	Area All State in Little Falls	11/18 -11/19/22
Digital Photography Class	MVCC in Utica	12/9/22

**REGULAR AGENDA:****Teacher Tenure:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education awarded tenure to Mrs. Heather Groff in the Area of Elementary Education effective January 24, 2023.

**Permanent Positions:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education appointed the following to permanent positions after successful completion of their Civil Service probationary periods:

- >> Tina Zeigler – Cook
- >> Christopher Williams – GW/Cleaner
- >> Emma Ripp – Library Aide
- >> Jessica Marsh – Library Aide

**Musical Scene Director:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Brach seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education appointed Mr. Nick Palczak as the Musical Scene Director for the 2022-2023 high school musical.

**MVCC Credit Course – French 201:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education approved a new MVCC Credit Course – French 201 starting in January of 2023.

**Surplus Equipment and/or Books:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education declared equipment and/or text books 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 the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education granted approval for placement of students.

**Budget Transfers:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education approved the Budget Transfers for September 2022.

**Coach Appointment:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 6-0; the Board of Education appointed Ms. Cali McConnell as Girls' MOD Basketball coach for the 2022-2023 season.

**INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:****➤ Policies - 1st Readings:**

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 6-0; the Board adopted the following policies:

- Curriculum Development, Resources, and Evaluation – 8110 – with change of wording to “support District staff”
- Textbooks, Library Materials & Other Instructional Materials - 8320

**➤ Warrants:**

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Cafeteria Fund Warrant
Capital Fund Warrant
Scholarship Fund Warrant
Federal Fund Warrant
General Fund Warrant

**➤ Treasurer's Report – September 30, 2022****➤ Board Retreat has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in the HS library. Mr. Kramer stated this is open to the public.****HANDOUTS:**

- ACS Enrollment as of November 1, 2022
- District Calendar – November 2022
- Claims Auditor Report for September & October 2022
- Conferences Approved by the Superintendent
- Conference Reports – American Speech, Language & Hearing Association Online Conference – *R. Fauvelle*

Mr. Kramer spoke about reporting on the NYSSBA Convention and the Jeff-Lewis School Boards presentation in Watertown on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Brach stated he would like to work towards a Board self-evaluation.

At 7:51 p.m. Mr. Healt moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 6-0; to adjourn to the Board retreat to be held in the in the high school library on Saturday, December 3, 2022.