

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Michael Kramer – President Almanda Sturtevant – Vice-President Bruce Brach Maureen Healt Robert Healt Abby Podkowka Keith Redhead	Kristy McGrath, Superintendent, Sharon Cihocki, Business Administrator, Michelle Freeman, District Clerk, Heidi Smith, HS Principal; Dan Roberts, Asst. Secondary 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;
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President called the Regular meeting to order and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

President Kramer stated there is a lot going on with the new Board of Regents graduation requirements coming out. He, Board member Mr. Brach and Superintendent McGrath attended the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Annual Conference in Buffalo, attending many informative sessions. There is a lot to be proud of in ACS sports, swim, track/x-country, football all winning sectional titles, job well done by all. Winter sports started up this past Monday.

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. She asked that each Board member introduce themselves then each administrator introduced each new employee.

>> Mrs. Foye – Director of Special Ed. introduced two of our new teacher aides, Scarlett Jennings and Holly Kittleman assigned to the HS/MS

>> Mrs. Czepiel – Administrative Intern at Boonville introduced Michele Lucia, AIS Teacher at Boonville Elementary

Everyone enjoyed refreshments following the introductions.

PRESENTATION:

Professional Development at Adirondack – Mr. Faustino – Director of Technology, Curriculum & Instruction gave an overview of the updated Professional Development Plan talking about Wildcat Wednesdays, three Superintendent Conference Days this school year and the collective efforts of the administration.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Clayton Christiansen (student) – explained he would like to participate in Nordic Ski and Indoor Track this year. He runs track and field and really wants to run Indoor Track, but doesn’t want to give up Nordic Ski, which is at the same time, because that would make the ski team incomplete. He was told doing both sports is not possible, but wanted to ask the Board. He is dedicated to both sports and is a good student. When there is no snow, they run indoors for ski, so the running he does for indoor track would keep him in shape for ski.

Board members commended Clayton for coming to the meeting and speaking. Superintendent McGrath stated she would like to speak to the interim athletic director and coaches of both Nordic Ski and Indoor Track and she will get back to Clayton about their decision.

Mr. Brach spoke about a very informative session he attended at the NYSSBA Convention conducted by Mike Nagler, Superintendent at Mineola School District who talked about giving students a choice, mentorship, getting away from grading. Every teacher has to be a mentor to 18 students, meet with them every other day and teach them how to be responsible for themselves. It was very encouraging to hear this kind of change.

Public Forum ended at 7:59 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the following Consent Agenda:

Minutes:

- October 11, 2023 Audit Committee Meeting & Regular Meeting
- October 24, 2023 Special Vote
- November 7, 2023 Special Meeting - Board Retreat ****Mr. Kramer thanked the members who attended and thanked Superintendent McGrath for arranging the retreat****

Substitutes:

Non-Teaching:

- >> Julie Fox – Sub-Nurse
- >> Kristin Williams – Sub Food Svs. Helper
- >> Wendy Schultz – Sub Food Svs. Helper

Teaching:

- >> Hannah Beasock – Sub-Teacher
- >> Hayden Flinchum – Sub-Teacher
- >> Julie Fox – Sub-Teacher
- >> Vanessa Slone – Sub-Teacher

****pending background clearance****

Field Trips:

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE:
Adirondack Athletic Association	Syracuse Dome	11/6/2023
Utica University	Math Competition	11/8/2023
HS Chorus/Band	Area All State in Phoenix, NY	11/17 & 11/18/23
HS English	MVCC in Utica for Open House	11/17/23
Model UN	Canton High School for Conference	12/1/2023
Model UN	Syracuse University for Conference	1/5 & 1/6/2024
Boonville & West Leyden 5 th Graders	Howe Caverns	6/18/2024

REGULAR AGENDA:

Permanent Positions:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed the following to permanent positions after successful completion of their Civil Service probationary periods:

- >> Shari Reed – Cook
- >> Erin Dragan – Office Specialist I

Musical Scene Co-Directors:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed the following Musical Scene Co-Directors for the 2023-2024 high school musical:

- >> Joseph Underwood
- >> Jim Marcinkowski

Coaches & Assistant Volunteers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed the following for the winter 2023-24 season:

- >> Cali McConnell, - Girls’ MOD Basketball coach
- >> Cassie Armstrong – Vol. Asst. Volleyball
- >> Melissa Fox – Vol. Asst. Bowling
- >> Randy Kierfen – Vol. Asst. Indoor Track

Unified Bowling Advisor:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed Ms. Sabrina Prieto, Special Education Teacher, as the Unified Bowling Advisor for the 2023-24 season at a rate of \$20/hr.

Coach Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Justin Wiedrick as Boys’ MOD B Basketball coach.

Teacher Aide Resignation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Healt moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Mrs. Denise Ventiquattro, Teacher Aide effective November 17, 2023.

Surplus Equipment and/or Books:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Healt moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; 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, Ms. Healt moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education granted approval for placement of students.

School Tax Adjustments:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the following school tax adjustments:

Parcel #	Town/Village	Reason	Tax Year
33.000-1-25.5	Town of Boonville	Property has been subdivided	2023
36.003-1-10	Town of Forestport	Corrected assessment value – Refund \$823.56	2023

Lead Evaluators of Teachers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded; the Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Central School Administrators, Brandie Collins, Wendy Foye, Linda Weber, Jill Schafer and Michael Faustino have completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Adirondack Central School District’s Annual Professional Review Plan for certification as Lead Evaluators of teachers.

BE IT RESOLVED, that upon recommendation of the superintendent of schools, the Board of Education approves the listed administrators as Lead Evaluators of teachers.

Lead Evaluator of Principals:

Resolved that, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Kristy McGrath, Superintendent of Schools, has completed training which meets the requirements of 8 NYCRR 30-2.9 and the Adirondack Central School District’s Annual Professional Review Plan for certification as a Lead Evaluator of principals.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education approves Mrs. McGrath as a certified Lead Evaluator of principals.

Professional Staff:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the following professional staff:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Area</i>	<i>Appointment Type</i>	<i>Certification</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>	<i>Rate of Pay</i>
Crystalanne Boots	Elementary Education	4-year Probationary	Initial	12/18/23	D1, Step 4 +Masters

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

➤ **Policies - 1st Readings:**

Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board adopted the following:

- Code of Conduct - 3410
- Corporal Punishment/Emergency Intervention - 7350

➤ **Warrants, Receipts, Appropriation Status:**

Warrants:	Receipts:
Cafeteria Fund Warrant – Oct.	Federal Fund Cash Receipts – July, Aug., Sept.
Federal Fund Warrant – Oct.	Scholarship Fund Cash Receipts –July, Aug. Sept.
Capital Fund Warrant – Oct.	Cafeteria Fund Cash Receipts – July, Aug., Sept.
General Fund Warrant – Oct.	General Fund Cash Receipts – July, Aug. Sept.
Scholarship Fund Warrant – Oct.	Appropriation Status – Sept.

- Treasurer’s Report – July, August & September.
- Jeff-Lewis School Boards – Current Issues Facing Boards of Education presented by Patrick Longo, Member Relations – Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. BOCES Watertown. RSVP to Michelle at the meeting.
- Electric Bus Vote Re-Cap – Mr. Brach stated this was a hot topic at the Board Convention. Superintendent McGrath stated she has seen/heard that local politicians are getting involved writing letters to the governor.
- Total Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024 – Early Dismissal since it is going to occur at 3:23 p.m. This is a once in a lifetime experience. Schools and communities are planning activities, hotels are already booked. In the Buffalo area they are closing schools for that day. Superintendent McGrath is looking at an early dismissal and hold activities with students leading up to that day. Insurance is saying children need to be monitored to wear the sunglasses, could be a liability. Maybe have parents sign permission slips.
- Dual sports participation – continued discussion from public forum – There is question of conflicted events, how to do 2 practices, how do coaches feel about this, are certain sports compatible, some are not. This is a district decision. Remsen, Old Forge do allow it because of their size and to keep their sports going. Most larger schools do not allow it. Some facts to consider – calendar to see if games, practices overlap, # of students on each team, worry about spreading too thin. How do you determine which sports to allow it for and will coaches be supportive.

