

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – December 12, 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; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities III; Marie Yager, Kendra Hopsicker-ATA, Leo Mosher, Phil Squadrito
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

Board members were given a tour of the high school/middle school campus at 6:30 p.m. by Heidi Smith, HS Principal & Brandie Collins, MS Principal.

At 7:06 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President called the Regular meeting to order and led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer welcomed everyone to the meeting. He recognized three former teachers of Adirondack who recently passed away, Ms. Sue Kornatowski and Mrs. Doris Egnaczyk, both elementary teachers and Mr. Andy DeSetto who taught Driver’s Ed and was a coach. A lot happening, wrestling team did well this past weekend, football banquet was held, Middle School concert tomorrow evening and High School concert next week.

PRESENTATION:

Next Capital Project – Mrs. McGrath updated the Board on the next capital project. State Ed. has not given us the definitive numbers needed to move forward. The options are still the same as discussed back at the June 2022 meeting, only difference is numbers will be different using the most recent Buildings Condition Survey.

- >> Boonville Elem, built 1928, 43,000 sq. ft., approximately 400 students enrolled currently.
- >> West Leyden Elem, built 1929, 34,000 sq. ft., approximately 125 students enrolled currently.
- >> High School, built 1969, approximately 334 students enrolled currently.
- >> Middle School, built 1998, approximately 291 students enrolled currently (189,746 sq. ft. HS/MS combined)

Mr. Leo Moshier of King & King reviewed the options being considered,

Scenario #1 - Keep buildings as they are – estimated project cost \$35,100,000.

Scenario #2 - Close West Leyden Elementary and move students to Boonville Elementary, moving 5th grade to the middle school making Boonville Elementary a UPK– 4th grade - estimated project cost \$25,700,000.

Scenario #3 – Close both elementary buildings and add an elementary addition to the MS/HS campus making it UPK-5th grade – estimated project cost \$26,900,000.

Mrs. McGrath went over the additional anticipated cost savings:

	Scenario 2	Scenario 3	
Transportation	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	- Students would be picked up with 1 bus run in the a.m.
Heating/Maintenance/Fees	\$126,000	\$170,000	
Staffing	\$287,000	\$455,000	
TOTAL	\$433,000	\$645,000	

Mr. Healt asked about parent drop off for elementary in scenario #3. Mr. Moshier pointed out where that would be at the elementary addition.

Ms. Podkowka voiced her concern of having young kids walking through the MS/HS, intermingling with 13, 14 & 15 year olds.

Mrs. Yager commented kids will adapt, make sure buildings are secure.

Mrs. McGrath stated as soon as State Ed. gives us more definitive numbers we can move forward.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Mrs. Yager wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. She is proud of everyone serving on the Board. She feels children need to have God in their lives. God should be brought back to school.

Mr. Kramer commented being of the Jewish faith, religious education classes used to be taught after school, buses use to transport students to the churches. Today, by law, there is a separation of church and state.

Public Forum ended at 7:57 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes: >> November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting

Substitute: >> Brenton Laskowski – Sub-Bus Driver
pending background clearance

Field Trips:

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE:
STEAM Class	South Lewis CSD to collaborate with their FTC team	1/4/24
Jr. High All County	Auditions at Whitesboro H.S.	1/10/24
Robotics Team	MVCC to compete in first Tech Challenge	1/21/24

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resignations:

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

- >> Brittany Vinette, MS Math Teacher effective December 21, 2023
- >> Daniel Webber, Bus Driver effective January 1, 2024
- >> Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities III effective January 5, 2024

Long-Term Substitutes:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Healt moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed the following long-term substitutes:

- >> Katrina Fiorenza effective March 4, 2024 until approximately April 29, 2024
- >> Gabrielle Stemmer effective January 24, 2024 until June 26, 2024

Coach Appointment:

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

- >> Jason Reppard – Boys MOD B Basketball

Surplus Equipment and/or Books:

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

New High School Class:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the proposal for a new class, Geometry Next Generation Honors:

Professional Staff:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Healt 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>
Anna Burke	Mathematics 7-12	3-year Probationary	Permanent	TBD	D6.5 Step 15 +Masters

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

➤ **Warrants:**

Warrants - November:
Capital Fund Warrant
Scholarship Fund Warrant
Lunch Fund Warrant
Federal Fund Warrant
General Fund Warrant

- Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association – Legislative Forum – Feb. 2, 2024, Watertown, 3:00 p.m.
- Electric Bus Letter/Notes
- Board member resignation & replacement options – Mr. Redhead was elected as the Town of Ava Town Supervisor effective January 1, 2024. The Board wishes him the best of luck in his new role. Thank you for his time served as Board member.
The Board wishes to advertise the vacant seat and appoint an interested individual until the election this coming May 2024.

➤ Early Field Experience Hours:

Name	College	Dates	Mentoring Teacher
Ashley Williams	SUNY Cortland	January 9 – January 16, 2024	Brittany Lewis (PE)

HANDOUTS:

- ACS Enrollment as of December 1, 2023
- District Calendar – December 2023
- Claims Auditor Report – November 2023
- Building Uses Approved by the Superintendent
- Conferences Approved by the Superintendent
- Conference Reports:
 - >> *STANYS Conference* – Cinnamon Marchione, Ira Smith, Matt Yoder, Alexandra deJong, Jennifer Bowman
 - >> *Conferences for School-Based SLP’s: Practical Resources, Strategies & Activities to Enhance Your Speech-Language Therapy* – Amy Tabor, Rachel Fauvelle
 - >> *NYS School Counselor Association Fall Conference* – Gabby Scerbak, Kim Pitcher

- Letter of thanks from the Boonville VFW for Veteran’s Day Musical Salute
- Code of Ethics – will be discussed at next meeting.
- Connected Community Schools Report

At 8:19 p.m. Mr. Healt moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0 to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel.

Board members returned from executive session at 9:02 p.m. Ms. Podkowka moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded; carried 7-0; to go into regular session.

At 9:03 p.m. Mr. Healt moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; to adjourn to the Regular Meeting to be held in the the LGI room at the high school on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.