

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

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES – September 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; Jill Schafer, BE Principal; Linda Weber, WL Principal; Michael Faustino, Director of Technology, Instr. & Curriculum; Wendy Foye, CSE Director; Jennifer Badaracco, Transportation Supervisor; Cameron Teachout, Director of Facilities; Marie Yager, Patrick Fiorenza, Katrina Fiorenza, Bruce Rounds, Darlene DeFazio, Kendra Hopsicker-ATA, Jennifer Gallo-ATA, Ashlynn Czepiel
<u>MEMBERS EXCUSED:</u>	

At 6:30 p.m. a tour of the Boonville Elementary building was given to Board members by Principal Jill Schafer.

At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Kramer, Board President called the meeting to order and led the recitation of the pledge of allegiance.

PRESIDENT’S MOMENT:

Mr. Kramer welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new school year. The hottest first week of school is out of the way. Sports and clubs are in full swing. He did attend the opening Superintendent’s Conference Day which was a great day, a lot of activities, a lot of enthusiasm. The Transportation Department was the most enthusiastic group. He was very impressed and honored to be their representing the Board.

Mr. Brach mentioned his son Luke, ACS graduate, will be interning with Claudia Tenney’s office and he wanted to say thank you because a lot of people at the meeting at some point taught Luke.

PRESENTATIONS:

Bench Donation – Pat Fiorenza spoke to the Board on behalf of his father who would like to donate a stone bench to the school in honor of his wife, former Home Economics teacher and Booster Club member, Mrs. Elinor Fiorenza who passed away in May. The bench would be located between the high school outdoor concession stand and bleachers. It will be engraved and set in place by Steve Fox of Fox Monuments.

Mrs. McGrath explained as per District policy, the Board will have to make a motion to accept the donation.

Summer School Enrichment & Wildcat Camp: Mrs. Ashlynn Czepiel spoke to the Board about the Summer School Program & Wildcat Camp. She thanked everyone and she learned a lot leading these successful programs this summer. She presented a slide show on the numbers and what each program entailed. There were approximately 200 students who attended the Summer Program and almost all of those students attended the Wildcat Camp in the afternoon. At the high school level, Credit Recovery and Regents, 34 students attended. Fifteen student’s attended the Driver’s Ed. summer session.

Mrs. Cihocki went over the fiscal responsibility and financial impact of both the Summer Program and Wildcat Camp what salaries, materials, transportation, food service and presenter costs were.

Mr. Kramer welcomed our Adirondack Teachers’ Association new presidents Kendra Hopsicker and Jennifer Gallo.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Marie Yager – stated she is very disappointed about a certain person not getting a job in the district. He deserved it over the others that got the job. She also stated she was a student of Mrs. Fiorenza’s in Home Ec and she taught her how to do laundry.

Public Forum ended at 8:13 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

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

Minutes:

- August 29, 2023 – Special Meeting

Non-Teaching & Teaching Substitutes:

Non-Teaching:

- >> Matt O’Brien - Sub-Bus Driver
- >> Aaron Woodworth – Sub-Bus Driver
- >> Alexis Hall – Sub-Food Service Helper
- >> Lauren Johnson – Sub-Teacher Aide
- >> Victoria Roberts – Sub-Teacher Aide

Teaching:

- >> Kathy Lisowski – Sub-Teacher
- >> Bryce Daskiewich – Sub-Teacher

pending background clearance

Field Trip Requests:

REQUESTOR:	DESTINATION:	DATE(S):
ACS Senior Class	Fort Drum for Education Fair	9/14/2023

REGULAR AGENDA:

Resignations:

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

- >> Nastassia Alger – Teacher Aide – effective August 25, 2023
- >> Kasidy Rogers – Teacher Aide – effective September 1, 2023
- >> Lauren Johnson – Teacher Aide – effective September 5, 2023
- >> Kristin Williams – Food Service Helper – effective September 15, 2023

Support Staff:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed the following support staff:

Name	Position	Civil Service Classification	Type/Duration of Appointment	Effective Date	Rate of Pay
Holly Isom	School Monitor	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	09/13/2023	Grade 6, Step 1
Emma Reppard	Teacher Aide	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	09/01/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Scarlett Jennings	Teacher Aide	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	09/13/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Tiffany Quinn	Teacher Aide	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	09/18/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Holly Kittleman	Teacher Aide	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	9/27/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Jessica Huebner	Teacher Aide	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	9/18/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Cassandra Brooks	6-hour GW/Cleaner	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	10/16/2023	Grade 12, Step 1
Keith Platt	8-hour GW/Cleaner	Non-competitive	26-week probationary	10/02/2023	Grade 12, Step 1

Food Service Helper Appointment:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education appointed current 2-hour Food Service Helper, Ms. Beatrice Joslin, to the position of 2.5 hour Food Service Helper effective September 18, 2023.

School Counselor Retirement:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education accepted the resignation for the purpose of irrevocable retirement of Mrs. Sandra Stoquert, School Counselor effective August 31, 2024 after 16 years with the district.

Committee on Special Education:

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

Surplus Equipment:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Ms. Healt 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.

Town of Forestport Transportation Request:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education approved the request from the Town of Forestport to use a school bus and driver to transport members of their Senior Program to and from Tug Hill Estates in Lowville on October 1, 2023 from approximately 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. The cost of the fuel and driver will be paid through the Town Voucher System.

Parent Representative Committee on Special Education:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Podkowka moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education rescinded the appointment of a parent representative serving on the Committee on Special Education effective September 1, 2023.

Budget Transfers:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approved the Budget Transfers for June 2023.

Bench Donation:

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board accepted the bench donation from the Fiorenza family in honor of Mrs. Elinor Fiorenza.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION:

➤ Warrants:

Warrants	Receipts
General Fund Warrant – August 2023	General Fund Receipts – June 2023
Cafeteria Fund Warrant – August 2023	Cafeteria Fund Receipts – June 2023
Federal Fund Warrant – August 2023	Federal Fund Receipts – June 2023
	Scholarship Fund Receipts – June 2023
	Budget Status – June 2023

➤ Treasurer’s Report – June 30, 2023

➤ Homecoming Game – time changed to 3 p.m. due to game official’s schedule.

➤ Jeff-Lewis School Boards Association 2023-24 Calendar of Events and invite to the Fall Dinner on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 in Watertown. RSVP due by Sept. 13th.

➤ STEAM Donation

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Redhead moved and Mrs. Sturtevant seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education accepted a \$5,000 donation to the Adirondack STEAM Program.

HANDOUTS:

- Enrollment – September 1, 2023
- District Calendar – September 2023
- Claims Auditor Report – August 2023
- Attendance Letter Being Provided to All Parents
- Conference Requests Approved by the Superintendent
- Conference Report – *DATAG Summer Conference & Annual Meeting* – Linda Weber/Mike Faustino
- Building Use Requests
- District Handbook 2023-2024
- Welcome Back PowerPoint from 9-1-2023

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Healt moved and Mr. Redhead seconded, carried 7-0 to go into Executive Session to discuss the employment history of particular personnel.

Board members returned from executive session at 8:55 p.m. Mr. Brach moved and Mr. Redhead seconded; carried 7-0; to go into regular session.

Resolved that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Brach moved and Ms. Healt seconded, carried 7-0; the Board of Education terminated the employment of a non-instructional employee effective September 20, 2023.

At 8:57 p.m. Ms. Healt moved and Ms. Podkowka seconded, carried 7-0; to adjourn to the Regular Meeting to be held at West Leyden Elementary on Wednesday, October 11, 2023 (date changed from Tuesday to Wednesday).