

Avoca Central School Board of Education
Minutes

February 24, 2015

Type of Meeting: Regular **Time:** 7:00 p.m.

Board Members:

Brian Patterson Present
Karen Dgien Present
Michael Slayton Present
John Armstrong Present
Don Lester Present

Administration & Others Present:

Stephen Saxton
Matthew Pfleegor
Stephanie Helgeland
Rosalie Smith
Kelly Buisch, Kim Crane, Hilarie Sutherland,
Steve Zielinski, Melanie Weimer, David Schubmehl

Community Members Present: 7

- 1415-246 Call to Order The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:03 p.m.
- 1415-247 Setting the Agenda Remove Budget Presentation
- 1415-248 Public Forum None
- 1415-249 Elementary and Secondary Principal's Report Mrs. Helgeland reported on the following: Croatia webinar, author visit, and interactive science labs with the Science & Discovery Center. Mr. Pfleegor reported on the following: First Semester Wrap-up and January Testing Information, 2015 3-8 Testing Schedule, Sheriff Cole's Self-Defense Program, and 2015-2016 Scheduling Update.
- 1415-250 Special Report - Technology Overview Mr. Pfleegor did a presentation on Technology.
- 1415-251 Special Report - Student Support Services Mrs. Buisch and Mrs. Helgeland did a presentation on Student Support Services.
- 1415-252 Superintendent's Report Mr. Saxton reported on the following: Thanked the community for their understanding for delays and closings. Any Board Member interest in being nominated for GST BOCES Board? Questar budget workshop 3/4/15; Purchased LED lights for gym; 3/5/15 bid opening; STEM initiative; and non-resident policy.
- 1415-253 CSE Recommendations Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to accept the CSE recommendations of the Committee on Special Education for the meetings listed below and approve the authorization of funds to implement the special education programs and services consistent with such recommendations.

Meeting Dates

1/21/2015 1/28/2015 2/11/2015

Motion Carried 5-0

- 1415-254 Minutes Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Lester to approve the minutes of the January, 20, 2015 meeting.

Motion Carried 5-0

- 1415-255 Warrants Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to approve the Warrants for the period ending January 31, 2015.

Motion Carried 5-0

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| 1415-256 | Treasurer Report | Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to accept the Treasurer Report for the period ending December 30, 2014. | Motion Carried 5-0 |
| 1415-257 | Special and Preschool
Special Education
Committee Parent
Member | Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to approve Kim Cook as a Parent Member for the Committee of Special Education and Preschool Special Education. | Motion Carried 5-0 |
| 1415-258 | Facility Use Request -
Steuben County Youth
Bureau | Motion by Mrs. Dgien seconded by Mr. Armstrong to approve the Facility Use Request from the Steuben County Youth Bureau for a Family Event on Friday, March 20, 2015. | Motion Carried 5-0 |
| 1415-259 | Call for Annual Meeting
and Election | Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to approve the Notice of Public Hearing, Annual Meeting and Election. | |

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION
AVOCA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF STEUBEN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Avoca Central School District, 17-29 Oliver Street, Avoca, New York, will be held in Room 137 of said school, in said district on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. prevailing time, for the presentation of the budget.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the qualified voters of the Avoca Central School District, 17-29 Oliver Street, Avoca, New York will be held on May 19, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the bus garage conference room of said school, in said district, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine upon the following propositions:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2015-2016 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. That the Board of Education be authorized to expend up to \$140,000 from the existing Transportation Vehicle Replacement Reserve Fund and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District for the purchase of one (1) school bus, one (1) passenger vehicle, and one (1) pickup truck with a plow and to expend therefore a gross sum not exceeding \$140,000.
3. To elect one member of the Board of Education for a five year term commencing July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020 to succeed John Armstrong whose term expires on June 30, 2015.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2015-2016, exclusive of public monies, including a copy of the latest tax exemption impact report, may be obtained by any resident and/or taxpayer of the District during the fourteen (14) days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, on the district's website at www.avocacsd.org, at the Business Office, 17-29 Oliver Street, Avoca, New York, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, on any legal school days falling within the aforesaid fourteen (14) day

period during school hours, and also at each public library within the district during normal operating hours within the aforesaid fourteen (14) day period. Business hours beginning Tuesday, April 28, 2015, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, at the Avoca Central School Business Office, 17-29 Oliver Street, Avoca, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Central School Building, not later than April 20, 2015, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Nominating petitions must be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence of each signer; must state the name and residence of the candidate; and, must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated. The petition shall describe at least the length of the term of office and contain the name of the last incumbent.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application for absentee ballots will be obtainable Monday through Friday during school business hours from the District Clerk. Such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 19, 2015. A list of persons to whom absentee ballots are issued will be available for inspection in the district clerk's office on each of the five (5) days prior to the day of the election, except Saturday and Sunday during regular office hours until the day of the election.

Motion Carried 5-0

1415-260 Authorization to Issue Bus Purchase Order Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to authorize the issuance of a purchase order for the purchase of one (1) school bus to the vendor with the statement "pending voter approval on May 19, 2015".

Motion Carried 5-0

1415-261 Disposal of Obsolete District Property Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to declare the Xerox Work Centre 4150 copier as obsolete and approve the disposal of the obsolete property to be sold through an online auction or discarded by the best means possible according to Policy #6900.

Motion Carried 5-0

1415-262 2014-2015 Pathways Lease Agreement Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to approve the 2014-2015 Memorandum of Understanding Between Pathways, Inc. and Avoca Central School.

Motion Carried 5-0

1415-263 Volunteers

<u>Motion by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Motion</u>
Mr. Lester	Mr. Armstrong	Baseball Varsity	Aaron Mullen	Carried 5-0
Mrs. Dgien	Mr. Armstrong	Baseball Varsity	Derek Nadjadi	Carried 5-0
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Lester	Baseball Varsity	Halen Allison	Carried 5-0
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Lester	Baseball JV	Dana Wightman	Carried 5-0

Mrs. Dgien	Mr. Lester	Baseball Modified	Mike Stowe	Carried 5-0
Mrs. Dgien	Mr. Armstrong	Softball Varsity	Darla McMahon	Carried 5-0
Mr. Lester	Mrs. Dgien	Softball Varsity	Pam Robords	Carried 5-0
Mrs. Dgien	Mr. Lester	Softball Modified	Sara Becker	Carried 5-0
Mrs. Dgien	Mr. Lester	Softball Modified	Alecia Becker	Carried 5-0
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Lester	Tennis	Steve Sutfin	Carried 5-0
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Lester	Tennis	Roger (Pat) Wright	Carried 5-0
Mr. Armstrong	Mr. Lester	Track	John Welc	Carried 5-0

1415-264 Resignation Kenneth Parsels, Bus Driver
 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Lester to accept the resignation of Kenneth Parsels, Bus Driver effective January 23, 2015.
 Motion Carried 5-0

1415-265 Resignation Charles Keltz, Bus Driver
 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Dgien to accept the resignation of Charles Keltz, Bus Driver effective January 27, 2015.
 Motion Carried 5-0

1415-266 Appoint Roger Knowles, Bus Driver
 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Lester to appoint Roger Knowles, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, to the position of Bus Driver effective February 25, 2015.
 Position: Bus Driver
 Effective: February 25, 2015
 Probationary Period: February 25, 2015 to August 26, 2015
 Salary 2014-2015: \$14.32/Hour
 Motion Carried 5-0

1415-267 Appoint Mark Illig, Bus Driver
 Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to appoint Mark Illig, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, to the position of Bus Driver effective February 25, 2015.
 Position: Bus Driver
 Effective: February 25, 2015
 Probationary Period: February 25, 2015 to August 26, 2015
 Salary 2014-2015: \$14.32/Hour
 Motion Carried 5-0

1415-268 Appoint Teresa Perry, Bus Driver
 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Lester to appoint Teresa Perry, pursuant to Section 4.5 of the Rules and Regulations of the Civil Service Law, to the position of Bus Driver effective February 25, 2015.
 Position: Bus Driver
 Effective: February 25, 2015
 Probationary Period: February 25, 2015 to August 26, 2015
 Salary 2014-2015: \$14.32/Hour
 Motion Carried 5-0

1415-269 Election Inspectors
 Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mrs. Dgien to approve the appointment of Beverly Belanger, Rena Ruest, and Linda Calkins as Election Inspectors for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2015 at an hourly rate of \$8.75.
 Motion Carried 5-0

- 1415-270 Voting Machine Custodian Motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Mr. Lester to approve the appointment of Ron Saxton as Voting Machine Custodian for the Annual Meeting on May 19, 2015 at a rate of \$75 per machine.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-271 Substitutes
- | <u>Motion by</u> | <u>Seconded by</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Area</u> | <u>Motion</u> |
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| Mr. Armstrong | Mr. Lester | Nevin Benedict | Bus Driver | Carried 5-0 |
| Mrs. Dgien | Mr. Armstrong | Scott Bulkley | Bus Driver | Carried 5-0 |
| Mrs. Dgien | Mr. Lester | Fonda Gardiner | Bus Attendant | Carried 5-0 |
| Mrs. Dgien | Mr. Lester | Michael Manley | Bus Driver | Carried 5-0 |
- 1415-272 Resignation for Retirement, Gail Hammond Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to accept the resignation for retirement from Gail Hammond, Cleaner effective February 26, 2016.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-273 First Reading - Section 1000 By-Laws Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to conduct the first reading of Section 1000 By-Laws.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-274 Public Comments Mr. Bill Stevens asked about Student Support Services; if 1-1 computers would be mandated by 17-18; and stated that his question was never answered “how many teacher absences before it is detrimental to a student?”. Megan Hubbard thanked the Superintendent for the non-resident discussion. Tom Edwards asked about taking the truck to BOCES Auto Body.
- 1415-275 Executive Session Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester to enter into Executive Session at 8:36 p.m. for the Appeal of William Stevens and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-276 Regular Session Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Armstrong to enter into Regular Session at 10:05 p.m.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-277 William Stevens Appeal Motion by Mrs. Dgien, seconded by Mr. Lester having had an opportunity to review the documents submitted by the parent, the investigative notes and decision of the Superintendent, dated December 1, 2014, as well as the communications between the parent and Principal investigating the matter in November of 2013, as well as the parent having had an opportunity to address the Board of Education, RESOLVED: That the Superintendent’s decision is upheld. That the interaction between the teacher and the student was not intended to be, nor reasonably interpreted to be bullying or harassment as defined by law, nor is there any allegations or evidence that the interaction substantially interfered with the student’s academic performance in the class.
Motion Carried 5-0
- 1415-278 Adjourn Motion by Mrs. Dgien seconded by Mr. Slayton to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 p.m.
Motion Carried 5-0

Rosalie Smith, District Clerk

BOE Meeting 2/24/15