

ARVON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING VIA ZOOM  
February 9, 2021, 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Linda Griffith, Nancy Soli, Natalie Wahmhoff, Mary DeLine, School Personnel: Lori Johnson, teacher /Principal; Christina Waara, teacher; Diane Paulsen, Office manager.

Visitors: George Stockero, ISD Superintendent; Rebecca & Todd Huttema; Heather Stiebe; Jill Wiseman.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President/Acting President Linda Griffith at 6:29.

Agenda adopted by MMS DeLine and Soli.

Minutes of January 28, 2021 Special board meeting approved by Soli and Griffith. All in favor.

Communication/Correspondence:

No new correspondence.

No response to either the ad for a Business Manager or the School Board member ad placed in last week's L'Anse Sentinel. Both ads are in the L'Anse Sentinel again on Feb. 10. The closing date is February 19, 2021.

Principal's Report:

Johnson reported that students are making progress in Math and Reading based on benchmark testing done in October and again in January.

Reports of activities in both lower and upper elementary rooms were shared.

Finance Report:

Paulsen reviewed the monthly statements and bills. Total liabilities and equity equals \$527,557.26. On MMS Soli and DeLine to accept the monthly statement and pay the bills. All ayes.

Reorganization for Board President and REMC representative:

Nomination of DeLine as president by Wahmhoff and Griffith. DeLine accepted the nomination. All in favor.

Nomination of Wahmhoff as Vice-president by Griffith, Soli. Wahmhoff accepted the nomination. All Ayes.

Nomination of DeLine as the REMC representative by MMS Griffith, Wahmhoff. DeLine accepted the nomination. All in favor

Nomination of Griffith as Secretary by DeLine and Wahmhoff. Griffith accepted. MMS DeLine, All in favor. Linda Griffith will have her name added to the ATS account. Previous secretary will be removed.

Old Business:

School Reopening:

The school received responses regarding the attendance of three children returning to school: One child is definitely not returning; one child is definitely returning to school and three children are conditional. (If other children in their room will be there)

After discussion with families in the audience; families will contact each other to see if friends are planning to attend. A list of names (Registry information) will be sent home to help in contacting each other.

School Re-Opening Committee Report:

Johnson and Waara voiced concerns regarding the discussion they had previously with the School Re-Opening Committee. Johnson tendered a letter of resignation effective March 1, 2021. The resignation was accepted. Warra expressed an interest in doing Principal duties. DeLine and Griffith will meet with her.

Discussion centered around cleaning frequently touched surfaces during the day. Upon notification by Stockero of significant COVID funds coming to the district, it was a consensus vote to hire a day time cleaning person to wipe surfaces every two hours. This person would also handle COVID related issues brought to the school. Light office duties i.e. answer the phone, until a business manager person is hired would also be on the job description. Mrs. Warra's concerns were addressed.

Personnel:

Nancy Soli verbally resigned from the board.

The board accepted the verbal resignation of Soli.

Soli will be removed from ATS bank accounts.

Paulsen's last day is Friday February 12. Stockero informed the board that Baraga Area Schools would take over Business Manager duties for the next couple months for a fee. A person (Tracy) from Baraga will contact Paulsen tomorrow 2/9 to begin the process of transferring responsibilities. They will help out until ATS hires someone.

An ad will be placed in the paper for another teacher to replace Johnson effective March 1, 2021.

COVID-19 Learning Plan:

Information will be updated by Principal Johnson to reflect the school offering both in person and distance learning options.

Lamers Bus Lines:

Griffith contacted Lamers. They will provide drivers beginning on February 23 when ATS opens.

New Business:

Griffith and Wahmhoff will interview Business Manager applicants.

MASB Board of Directors Region 1 candidates

The board cast their ballot for Brad Baltensperger for a 2 year term on the Board of Directors .

Next Meeting Date: March 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 on MMS Griffith and DeLine

Linda Griffith, Vice President/Acting President

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Mary DeLine, Secretary

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