

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., March 26, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on March 26, 2025, by President Courtney Yuskis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, here; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, here; Mrs. Cameron, here; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the agenda as is. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of February 2025, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the February 2025 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the March 2025 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes, Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – None.

Mr. Conkright – Absent.

Mr. Jacquot – Ryan congratulated the Elementary kids who were in the paper for their awards for the coloring contest. He also congratulated the boys and girls basketball players who received all conference honors.

Ms. Yuskis – Courtney commented on how great the FFA auction was and she welcomed Jerad Roskamp to our board.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – Mr. Roskamp also commented on how well the FFA auction went.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Amber commented on how great the cadaver trip was today.

Principals Report – Brett Ufkes

Awards – Titans of the Month: Nissa Carel & Jace Londri.

Elementary Yard Sale – Mr. Ufkes and Mrs. Weirather will be working hard to hold a yard sale and the money earned will be split between the elementary, the music department and the District.

Upcoming Dates – Brett stated that Pre K Graduation is May 15th, Track and Field Day is May 16th, IAR testing is beginning March 31st, and the Elementary Art Show is scheduled for May 14th.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Band News – Mr. Froman congratulated all of the HS students who participated in solo/ensemble contest, we had 27 Division I and 2 Division II ratings. The Kaleidoscope concert was held on March 12th and it highlighted some of our best Solo/Ensemble performances.

FFA News – Mr. Froman announced that the Junior High and High School FFA participated in the Section XI Meats CDE. Our Greenhand team placed 1st which included Jared DiPrima, Adelaide McMillen, Abigail Wilson and Aden Woods. Jared placed 3rd and Adelaide placed 4th in their divisions. He also reported that the FFA Auction was very successful and raised over \$18,000. He thanked Mrs. Morey and the FFA Leadership team and all FFA students who helped with that event.

Essay Contest – Brad stated that Kiera Moore was Warsaw High Schools winner of the Bicentennial Essay Contest. Congrats to her!

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

One Cent Sales Tax – Mrs. Nixon reported that enough Districts passed the resolution so that the One Cent Sales Tax will be on the April voting ballot.

Mr. Conkright arrived at 6:48.

Board Discussion and Action

Discussion was held regarding the Warsaw High School Staff that receives the CTE Grant.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve joining the IHSA and IESA for the 2025-2026 school year. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve letting out bids for fuel, milk, and bread for the 2025-2026 school year. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding mandated reporter status for school board members.

Discussion was held regarding confirmation of the scholarship committee.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to not approve using the Johnson Control proposal for HVAC renovation. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve Katrina to move forward with getting bids for the HVAC renovation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Future Meetings - April 23 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:42 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to enter into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. The appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular district finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.
3. Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21).
4. Student Discipline.

On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the personnel report.

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Resignation

On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to end the meeting at 8:44 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary