

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **FINAL MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., April 23, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 5:58 p.m. on April 23, 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 Mrs. Cameron, to approve the agenda as is. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of March 2025, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the March 2025 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the April 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.

## Board Elections

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to accept the official canvass of election votes for the April 2025 election:

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| Amber Ruskell-Lamer | - | 385 |
| Tea Cameron         | - | 457 |
| Jared Roskamp       | - | 468 |
| Tom Mecklenburg     | - | 366 |

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Don Roskamp, for the old Board of Education to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Sine Die for reorganization of the new Board.

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., April 23, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on April 23, 2025, by President Courtney Yuskis.

Courtney Yuskis was selected President Pro Tem.  
Amber Ruskell-Lamer was selected Secretary Pro Tem.

### **Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to nominate Ms. Yuskis for Board President. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Cameron.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to nominate Mr. Mecklenburg for Board Vice President. That nomination was seconded by Mr. Jacquot.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to nominate Mr. Conkright for Board Secretary. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Cameron.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to appoint Ellie Froman for District #316 Treasurer. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Cameron.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to cease nominations and elect Courtney Yuskis President, Tom Mecklenburg Vice President, Jeremy Conkright Secretary, and Ellie Froman District Treasurer. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

### **Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – None.

**Mr. Conkright** – Absent.

**Mr. Jacquot** – Ryan congratulated Lewis Siegfried and Gavin Grothaus for signing to play basketball at Carl Sandburg College.

**Ms. Yuskis** – None.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Roskamp** – None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Amber commented on how great the elementary movie trip was as a prize for IAR testing.

### **Principals Report – Brett Ufkes**

**Awards** – Titans of the Month: Allison Mulch & Luke Roskamp.

**IAR Testing Reward** – Mr. Ufkes reported that he took elementary students to see the Minecraft Movie as a reward for finishing IAR testing.

**Upcoming Dates** – Brett stated that Pre K Graduation is May 15<sup>th</sup>, Track and Field Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Elementary Art Show is scheduled for May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### **Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**NIL Signings** – Mr. Froman congratulated all of the following student-athletes and band members for signing their National Letter of Intent: Kaylee Blunier – WIU Band, Renee Blunier – WIU Band, Lewis Siegfried – Carl Sandburg Basketball, Gavin Grothaus – Carl Sandburg Basketball, Lakinn Larson – Carl Sandburg Softball, Bryce Varner – Monmouth College Football.

**Prom Weekend** – Mr. Froman announced that Prom is this weekend. He congratulated the following students elected to the Prom Court. King Candidates: Cooper Knowles, Gunner Grothaus, Jordan Crowley, Braden Hurt, Gage Stull. Queen Candidates: Jadyn Climer, Kennedy Harl, Autumn Hill, Aubree Karle, Evalynn Jones.

Mr. Conkright arrived at 6:48.

## **Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve 4 overnight outings for FFA 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. Conkright, to approve the students and former students that are eligible for the Berlin Wisch Scholarship. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the fuel bid from Halcomb for the 2025-2026 School Year. On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the track.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve Mrs. Nixon on spending \$500 towards Teacher Appreciation Week. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve next year's Graduation date for May 17, 2026. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to set 4 plans for employees to pick from on Health Insurance rates. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, no; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve ESSER Funds. 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. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve paying previous bus lease invoices for repairs. 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.

Future Meetings - May 28 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:42 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to enter into Executive Session at 8:48 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: 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. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to exit Executive Session at 9:56 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the personnel report.

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| Char Cearlock  | - | Resignation     |
| Tiffany Specht | - | Resignation     |
| Saydie Kirby   | - | Kitchen Utility |

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, regarding the extension of the principals contracts.

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| Brad Froman | - | 3 Year (\$103,909) |
| Brett Ufkes | - | 3 Year (\$79,953)  |

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. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to end the meeting at 10:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**