

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., August 27, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 27, 2025, by Vice President Tom Mecklenburg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

## **Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron stated that she subbed in the Elementary and everyone was great! She even stated that she heard some high school students talking about how awesome their teachers are.

**Mr. Conkright** – None.

**Mr. Jacquot** – Absent.

**Ms. Yuskis** – Absent

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - Mr. Mecklenburg stated that volleyball is up and going well and he thanked the admin. and teachers for making our school a great place.

**Mr. Roskamp** – None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer stated that the art room in the elementary looks really good!

## **Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Start Of Year** – Mr. Froman stated that open house and orientation both went well. They handed out laptops and got them logged into the active directory.

**Fall Sports** – Mr. Froman reported that fall sports are in full swing and going well.

## **Principals Report – Trevor Knipe**

**New School Year** – Mr. Knipe stated that the school year has started off very well. He is working to implement his cultures and values and everyone is responding well. He mentioned that he has enjoyed getting to know our students and building relationships with them.

## **Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**HVAC** – Mrs. Nixon updated the board on all of the work being done on the HVAC units and problems. They are all up and running as of now.

**Bus Routes** – Mrs. Nixon reported that bus routes are finalized to the best they can be with our shortness of drivers.

**Dot Food Grant** – Mrs. Nixon stated that we received a grant for \$30,000 from Dot Food for new Ipads for K-1.

### **Board Discussion and Action**

Discussion was held regarding transportation updates.

Discussion was held regarding lunch debt, more options will be discussed next month.

Discussion was held regarding the FY26 Budget.

Discussion was held regarding the District's current and future financial status.

Consideration and action to approve any, all or non of the Keck HVAC proposal project was postponed until next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to declare the old grasshopper mower surplus to sell. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

Future Meetings	-	September 24 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
		September 30 5:45 p.m. Budget Hearing Meeting

Short break taken at 7:40 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to enter into Executive Session at 7:54 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: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, absent; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to exit Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, absent; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the following items on the personnel report.

Kaitlin Krueger	-	Assistant Volleyball Coach
Buddy Hornung	-	Bus Driver

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

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to RIF the elementary para position that is no longer needed. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, absent; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to end the meeting at 8:18 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**