

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., February 25, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 25, 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, here; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Tea congratulated Lewis Seigfreid for scoring over 1,000 points in his basketball career. She also complimented the firemen on their soup supper and donation to Reese Ramsey from Pittsfield.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Mr. Jacquot – Ryan congratulated our fine arts department on having some students qualifying for State.

Ms. Yuskis – Courtney stated that the Elementary Family Reading night was really fun and we had a great turn out. She also thanked Mrs. Nixon for working on the bus in the middle of the road.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Amber also thought the Reading night was a huge success as the Elementary had 82 students show up. She also thanked the other board members for turning in their homework.

Principals Report – Brett Ufkes

Awards – Titans of the Month: Adeline Wollbrink, Kaitlin Brownlee,

Family Reading Night – Mr. Ufkes thanked Mrs. Ritter and everyone that helped with a very successful night.

Pre-K Career Night – Brett stated that the night included firefighters, teachers, bakers, etc. and the kids all loved it.

6th Grade Chorus – Brett reported that we had 5 individuals win Division 1 medals and 8 win Division 2 medals at the IGSMMA Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

Transportation Update – Mrs. Nixon reported that we have had some illness and family emergencies that we have had to navigate with bus drivers but we now have everyone back and ready for the spring activities.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the overnight Senior trip. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the overnight FBLA trip. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Press Plus updates.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve a single location for sporting events starting next year. A voice vote was taken and it passed 5-2.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the lowest bid from Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust as our new insurance plan/company. 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 - March 26 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:37 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 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. 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 Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to exit Executive Session at 8:42 p.m. 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 Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the personnel report.

Melissa Finch	-	3 Year Retirement Notice
Cheri Kemp	-	Retirement Notice

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to end the meeting at 8:43 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary