

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., July 28, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on July 28, 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, absent; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Mrs. Cameron commented that the IL/MO basketball all star game was a really neat event.

Mr. Conkright – Absent.

Mr. Jacquot – Absent.

Ms. Yuskis – Ms. Yuskis thanked Mrs. Nixon for continuing to find ways to come up with money for our District. She also mentioned that the Titan Booster Bash had a great turn out.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – None.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Scoreboard – Mr. Froman thanked the summer help for everything they have been working on, including the floor, painting the parking lot, and many other jobs this summer.

Principals Report – Trevor Knipe

New Job – Mr. Knipe stated that throughout this month he has had the opportunity to meet several staff members, get acquainted with Powers School, and work with Mrs. Nixon on the daily schedule. He stated that he is excited for this opportunity.

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

Updates – Mrs. Nixon updated the board on all of the work being done, the gym has been painted, hallways have been painted, asbestos has been removed, and floors have been waxed. She reported that we are gearing up to have people in the building in a very short time.

Mr. Jacquot arrived at 7:00.

Board Discussion and Action

Consideration and action regarding a new scoreboard for the HS gym was tabled until a later date.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to direct the Superintendent to prepare the Fiscal Year 2026 School District Budget. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the District Safety Hazard Routes for transportation. A voice vote was taken (Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer abstained), the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the Consolidated District Plan. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve Handbook updates, pending approval by lawyers and Bushue. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

Future Meetings - August 27 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:45 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to enter into Executive Session at 8:01 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, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to exit Executive Session at 8:23 p.m. 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.

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

Shannon Grossman

- HS Special Ed.

On roll call: Mr. Conkright, absent; 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 Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to end the meeting at 8:25 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary