

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 5:58 p.m. on May 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, here; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, 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 Ms. Yuskis, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of April 2025, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the April 2025 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the May 2025 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, here; 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 – None.

Mr. Jacquot – Ryan congratulated the band for sounding great at Graduation and the tracks athletes that have been doing amazing and breaking records.

Ms. Yuskis – Courtney commented how happy she was with the Graduation turnout.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – Mr. Roskamp congratulated the Bass Fishing team for qualifying for State.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Amber commented on how great the Elementary Art show and wax museums were, along with the music concert and track and field day.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Graduation – Mr. Froman commented on Graduation and thanks all of that families that attended.

State Competitions – Mr. Froman mentioned the state track athletes and bass fishing team as they will be competing at State.

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

End of Year – Mrs. Nixon reported on wrapping up that last week of school things, Graduation and getting summer projects ready.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the reinvestment of the current CD's coming due. 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. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve a resolution for abatement of \$500,000 of working cash 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 Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Amended Budget Hearing for June 25, 2025 at 5:45 p.m. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the new 2025-2026 substitute salaries. 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. Jacquot, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the bud from Keck Heating and Air for electrical work for HVAC renovations. On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, no; Mr. Mecklenburg, no; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

Future Meetings	-	June 26	5:45 p.m. Budget Hearing Meeting
			6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:52 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to enter into Executive Session at 8:04 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, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; The motion carried.

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Conkright resigned and walked out.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to exit Executive Session at 9:25 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 Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the following items on the personnel report.

Brett Ufkes	-	Resignation
Julie Johnson	-	Resignation

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 Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the following items. On the personnel report.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the following items on the personnel report.

Brittany Thompson	-	Special Education Teacher
Madison Andrews	-	Head Volleyball Coach
Jeff Dahl (Rehire)	-	Head Boys Basketball
Jamie Cousins (Rehire)	-	Assistant Boys Basketball
Kami Althar (Rehire)	-	Assistant Track
Brad Neisen (Rehire)	-	Head Track
Fred Shoup (Rehire)	-	Assistant Track
Debbie Bavary (Rehire)	-	Basketball Cheer
Chase Hartweg (Rehire)	-	Head Wrestling
Carson Deckard (Rehire)	-	Assistant Wrestling
Gena Dewald (Rehire)	-	Head Softball
Haliegh Bell (Rehire)	-	Assistant Softball

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

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to end the meeting at 9:28 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary