

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., January 28, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 28, 2026, by President 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, absent; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, 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 December 2025, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the December 2025 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the January 2026 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, absent; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, here; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

## **Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron recited two inspirational quotes.

**Mr. Conkright** – None.

**Mr. Jacquot** – Mr. Jacquot gave kudos to the CEO program that is offered to kids and talked about how great of a program it is. He also congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams on their combined 4 tournament championships over the last month.

**Ms. Yuskis** – Mrs. Yuskis stated that she has been attending a lot of basketball games and that our boys and girls teams are both fun to watch.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - Absent.

**Mr. Roskamp** – Mr. Roskamp gave thanks to Mrs. Nixon for all her hard work on the decision making regarding snow days.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – None.

## **Principals Report – Trevor Knipe**

**School Dance** – Mr. Knipe stated that their rescheduled Winter Dance was well attended. He thanked the PTO/parents for doing an outstanding job organizing and volunteering for the event.

**Sports** – Mr. Knipe reported that our boys basketball and girls volleyball are both having strong seasons and that they have had great crowds at the games.

## **Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Freshman Experience** – Brad reported that this years Freshman Experience was a great turnout. He thanked our graduated students for returning to speak to our seniors.

**Christmas Concert** – Mr. Froman reported that the jazz band, chorus, and high school band all did an amazing job at their concert. Thanks to Mrs. Weirather and Mr. Collins for all the work they do with the groups.

**College Trips** – Mr. Froman reported that we have had several groups and classes making trips to different colleges and trade schools to explore different opportunities.

**Winter Sports** – Mr. Froman congratulated Jadyn

Climer for earning her 1000<sup>th</sup> point and 1000<sup>th</sup> rebound, and Cooper Knowles for earning his 1000<sup>th</sup> point. He also congratulated the girls basketball team on their Beardstown Holiday Tournament and Brown County Tournament Championships. Jadyn Climer, Grace Grothaus, and Anna Haas earned All Tournament Teams. Also, the boys on their Macomb Holiday Tournament and Hancock County Tournament Championships. Cooper Knowles and Hunter Froman earned All Tournament Teams.

### **Superintendents Report – Katrina Nixon**

**Heating Issues** – Mrs. Nixon reported that we have been having a lot of heating issues in the building. She then reported that Kecks have received our materials for upgrades and should be onsite next week.

**Transportation Update** – Katrina shared that we made the purchase a van with the IDEA Flowthrough Carryover funds. We have been using it to transport our special needs students to Carthage. She also has met with 2 individuals who are interested in driving a bus next year.

### **Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve releasing closed session minutes and/or destruction of audio tapes that have been held for longer than 18 months. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Cameron to approve the maintenance grant and the amendment to the Health Life Safety 10 year survey. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, absent; 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. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve opening up property and health insurance for bid. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Process. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Press Plus Policy 120 update. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve moving forward with Stifel on the selling of bonds. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

Future Meetings - February 25, 2026 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

A short break was taken at 8:26 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to enter into Executive Session at 8:31 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. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to exit Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, absent; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to end the meeting at 8:55 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**