

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., March 30, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on March 30, 2022, by President Scott Baumann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On roll call: Mr. Lucie, here; Mrs. Cameron, here; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Baumann, here, Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

One gentleman had some questions regarding the new school board candidates.
One gentleman thanked the BOE for allowing discussions about everything.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis to approve the agenda as is. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Yuskis to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of appointing a new school board member. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to exit Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to appoint Amber Ruskell-Lamer as the new board member. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of February 16, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the February 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report, presented at the March 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, abstain; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Mrs. Cameron stated that she is glad to see the COVID numbers are way down.

Mr. Conkright – Absent.

Scott Baumann – None.

Courtney Yuskis – Ms. Yuskis stated that she attending the FFA Auction and had a great time. She said that it was a great community event and was well attended.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Lucie – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – None.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Cardinal Tickets – Mr. Knowles stated that they were sending ticket sales information out this week. We have a date locked in and are assured that we will not be penalized for tickets not sold.

Miles of Smiles – This year we have over 20 students who will receive free dental exams and sealants thanks to this program.

Field Trips – Our 5th graders toured the Keokuk Water Treatment Plant, powerplant and locks. Students even got to see the underwater sound system they are using to deter the Asian carp as they were pulled out for repair. Special thanks to the Waterworks, Ameren, and the Corps of Engineers for hosting us.

Dawn Lawrence – Mr. Knowles took a moment to thank Dawn for the time that she served our District. She has been an instrumental and driving force involved in the Food for Thought program, the

School Library and basically all things that involve the elementary. We will miss her and wish her luck in her new adventure.

Principals Report – Brad Froman –

QHS Showcase of Excellence – The WHS Jazz Band competed in this year's event. Our band received the following awards: Gold Award Musicianship, 1st Place Novice Division, Best Small School Jazz Band, Best Jazz Band Rhythm Section, Outstanding Soloist Kasey Fink, and Outstanding Jazz Band All Divisions. Congrats to Mr. K and our Jazz Band.

QND Pep Band Festival – Our band performs in this event every year. It was held on March 9th and is always fun to attend. The band performed many of their pep band songs along with QND and QHS. Great job as usual by Mr. K and the WHS Pep Band.

Alex Woods – Alex was the District winner for Ag Mechanics and Maintenance Entrepreneurship. This is Alex's 3rd year in a row. He finished 2nd the state this year again. Congrats to Alex!

Isaac Siegfried – Congratulations to Isaac for advancing to the IHSA Three-Point Showdown State Finals. He competed March 12th at the State Farm Center on the campus of the University of Illinois.

Cadaver Lab – Thanks to Mrs. Finch for taking students to St. Louis University to participate. It is a very cool experience for our students.

Oriana Casey – Oriana is a freshman on the West Hancock wrestling team and she competed in the first ever IHSA girls state wrestling tournament this past weekend.

CPR Certification - Thanks to Lynn, Dirk, and Taylor for coming to our building and certifying our WHS Freshmen in CPR, AEDs and choking! Thanks to Mrs. Finch for setting this up every year.

FFA Auction – The FFA Auction was held on March 12th. Thanks to Mrs. Morey and the FFA students for putting on a great event. We would also like to thank the FFA Alumni who donated their time to make this event such a huge success. The FFA raised \$21,000 at the event!!

Superintendent's Report – Bob Gound

FFA Week – Mr. Gound stated that he thought FFA week went great. It is always fun to have different things going on throughout the school.

Bus Driver Shortages – Mr. Gound stated that it is getting harder and harder to find bus drivers. This will eventually lead to longer bus times because of combining routes.

Board Discussion and Action

Discussion was held regarding the superintendent search.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the fuel bid from West Central FS for the 2022-2023 School Year. On roll call: Mrs. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes. The motion carried.

Consideration and action to approve an overnight trip for the senior class was tabled until a final date is set.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to join IHSA and IESA for the 2022-2023 School Year. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Baumann, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the second reading of various policy updates included in Press Plus Issue 108. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding mandated reporter status for School Board Members.

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| Future Meetings | - | April 5, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. Special Meeting |
| | | April 20, 2022 | 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting |

Short break taken at 9:57 pm.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Lucie to enter into Executive Session at 10:11 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. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to exit Executive Session at 10:19 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Baumann to approve the Personnel report:

Ciara Yuskis - Elementary Teacher

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to end the meeting at 10:22 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary