

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., April 20, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on April 20, 2022, by President Scott Baumann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments

One gentleman asked about an update for the court case and elementary curriculum.

Adoption of Agenda

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg to enter into Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussion regarding the new Superintendent search. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; 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 exit Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes, Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of March 30, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the March 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report, presented at the April 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes. The motion carried.

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Mrs. Cameron read a motivational quote.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Scott Baumann – None.

Courtney Yuskis – None.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Lucie – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer stated that she had a great time with the Sophomores from Warsaw when they visited SCC last week. They got to part of a EKG lab and Bio lab.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Cardinal Tickets – Mr. Knowles stated that we currently have approximately 84 students to sing at the Cardinal game and that ticket sales are still going on.

Jane Althide – Mr. Knowles thanked Jane Althide for coming back to work and filling in with Dawn leaving and hiring a new secretary.

Principals Report – Brad Froman –

Noah Stout – Mr. Froman congratulated Noah Stout on signing his letter of intent to run track and cross country at Western Illinois University.

Jazz & Concert Band – The WHS Concert and Jazz bands traveled to Rockridge High School recently to compete in IHSA organizational contest. Both the concert and jazz bands sounded great as always.

Science Academy – Mr. Froman stated that some students went to SCC West Burlington and were immersed in all disciplines of Science. Thanks to Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, who led the EKG lab.

2022 Prom Court – Congratulations to the following Prom King and Queen candidates: Teagan Tibbits, Paige Wasielewski, Adelyn Knowles, Myra Vahle, Bianca Hill, Jasen Harness, Bryan Gerhardt, Alec Hymes, Luke Jacquot, and Alex Woods. Congrats to everyone.

Industry Tour – Mr. Froman thanked the Hancock County Farm Bureau for hosting industry tours at Big River Refinery and CNH for our FFA students.

FFA Greenhouse – The FFA Greenhouse will open this Friday to the public, hours are Mondays 2:00 – 5:00, Fridays 2:00 – 6:00, and Saturdays 9:00 – 1:00.

Superintendent's Report – Bob Gound

10 Year Survey – Mr. Gound stated that the architect would like to meet with the Building Committee if possible to discuss the 10 year survey findings before finalizing the report.

Mandated Reporter Forms – Mr. Gound spoke about the Board's obligation as Mandated Reporters and we handed out the forms to sign.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Baumann, to approve an overnight trip for the senior class to Great Wolf Lodge in Kansas City, date TBD. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Consideration and action to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar was tabled until next month.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Baumann, to approve the students and former students eligible for the Berlin Wisch Scholarship: Vance Cameron, Taiylor Huston, Zoe Hughes, Courtney Longenecker, Lauren Carr, Jessica Casady, Ashlyn Froman, Lauren Montgomery and Cheyenne Tinsley. On roll call: Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Baumann, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to set next years Graduation date for May 21, 2023. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

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

Future Meetings - May 18, 2022 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 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. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; 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 exit Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to end the meeting at 9:06 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary