

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**7:00 P.M., July 20, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on June 20, 2022, by President Scott Baumann.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of June 22, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the June 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the July 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Mr. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Lucie, absent; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

### **Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron stated that she is looking forward to Katrina and the new challenges etc. with new people.

**Mr. Conkright** – None.

**Scott Baumann** – Mr. Baumann stated that the facilities are looking great!

**Courtney Yuskis** – Absent.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Lucie** – Absent.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer stated that she is excited for the new school year and new faces and is looking forward to learning how to support everyone new and old.

### **Principals Report – Bill Knowles**

**Cardinal Game** – Mr. Knowles stated that the Cardinal went great. The students had a great time and did a great job. They were able to say hello to the Cardinals bullpen catcher, Adam Wainwright and the kids personal favorite.....Fred Bird. Thanks to Judy Steers, as she always has done a great job.

**Library Program** – Mr. Knowles stated that we had to update our library program due to a server crash. We are in the process of getting it all changed over.

**Reading Curriculum** – Mr. Knowles stated that our new curriculum is rolling and hopefully soon enough we will be able to start distributing it to our staff. We have a 2 day in person training coming up the 9-10 of August.

### **Principals Report – Brad Froman –**

**Building** – Mr. Froman thanked everyone for all their hard work this summer to get the school year going.

### **Superintendent's Report – Katrina Nixon**

**Asbestos Removal** – We are using ESSER funds to cover the costs of the removal. I would like to look at utilizing more of the funds for the 57 wing moving forward with the heat up process that doesn't require containment.

**Termites** – Mrs. Nixon reported that we found termites in the basement where we store materials. Reliable is coming in to treat the area on August 3.

**Roof Project** – The company doing the new roof is waiting on materials and then they will be here. They have assured us that they will have it done before school starts.

Adam Lucie arrived.

### **Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the Cooperative Sports Agreement with the ability to amend in the future with a memorandum of understanding with the Titan Administration. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to direct the Superintendent to prepare the Fiscal Year 2023 School District Budget. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Baumann, to approve the District Safety Hazard Routes for transportation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to approve students to attend FFA Leadership Camp. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the purchase of two Sousaphones with cases. On roll call: Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Baumann, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the Asbestor removal bid. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Lucie, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Baumann, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to approve substitute salaries for the 2022-2023 school year. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

Future Meetings - August 17, 2022 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:11 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to enter into Executive Session at 8:22 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. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Baumann to exit Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the personnel report.

Melissa Bolton	-	Resignation
Jennifer Lucie	-	Resignation
Nathaniel Kerr	-	Resignation
Donna Harmon	-	Elementary Teacher
Pam Thill	-	Elementary Teacher

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to end the meeting at 9:41 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**