

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., August 17, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on August 17, 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

A teacher spoke about how nice the start of the year has been and that Mrs. Nixon has been very upbeat and has set a great tone.
Representatives from the WH Titan Club spoke regarding the sports boosters.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, 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. Mecklenburg, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of July 20, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the July 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the August 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Baumann, yes; Mr. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Mrs. Cameron stated that she thought the yearbooks from last year were awesome.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Scott Baumann – None.

Courtney Yuskis – Ms. Yuskis thanked the staff and administration for week one of the school year. She stated that she has heard nothing but great things.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Lucie – Mr. Lucie thanked the WH Titan Club for the great gold outing that raised \$4,800. He also stated that it is nice to have cool weather for the start of the school year.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer mimicked what Ms. Yuskis said about a great start to the year.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Professional Development – Mr. Knowles stated that on August 9th and 10th, our teachers participated in training for the new reading curriculum. It was a lot of information, but the feedback was positive. We may need some additional training going forward but the teachers are excited.

Summer Crew – Mr. Knowles thanked the summer crew for getting the building ready for the new year. He also thanked Tracy, Ellie, and Pam for all the hard work with registration and PowerSchool.

Open House – Mr. Knowles stated that he thought open house and our first few days went great. He said it is nice to see the building come alive with the excitement from the students and teachers with beginning our new year.

Principals Report – Brad Froman –

Teacher Work Days – Mr. Froman stated that it is nice to have everyone back in the building and ready for a great new school year. He thanked the Sheriffs department for the review of Alice Training.

New School Year – Mr. Froman said that open house went great, as well as Freshman orientation and that fall sports are all off to a great start.

Superintendent's Report – Katrina Nixon

Building Updates – Mrs. Nixon stated that the roof project is finally done and the new flooring is getting put into the teachers and student lounges this week.

Trainings – Mrs. Nixon reported that she went to a new Superintendent training in Moline which was very beneficial.

Transportation – Mrs. Nixon said that transportation has been challenging but that we are working the kinks out.

Board Discussion and Action

Discussion was held regarding the Cooperative Sports Agreement.

Discussion was held regarding the Residency Policy.

Discussion was held regarding the Bus Garage Repairs and is going to be opened for bids.

Discussion was held regarding facility updates.

Discussion was held regarding transportation.

Action regarding the FY 2023 School District Budget was postponed until the September meeting.

Future Meetings	-	September 28, 2022 6:45 p.m. Budget Hearing Meeting
		September 28, 2022 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:57 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to enter into Executive Session at 9:14 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, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie to exit Executive Session at 10:38 p.m. 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.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to accept Scott Baumann's resignation from the school board. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; 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.

Davina Sparrow	-	Kitchen Utility
Brenda Morton	-	Full time Sub
Chase Hartweg	-	Wrestling Coach
Jon Lamb	-	High School Teacher
Jewlia Willoughby	-	Kitchen Utility
Lindsay Lowman	-	Elementary Aide

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

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to move next months meeting to September 28, 2022. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to set the deadline for applications for new board members as September 23, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to end the meeting at 10:38 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary