

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**7:00 P.M., September 28, 2022**

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The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 28, 2022, by President Courtney Yuskis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **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. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie to enter into Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of appointing a new school board member. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to exit Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, absent, Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

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

## Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of August 17, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the August 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the September 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, abstain, Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

## Encouraging Words -

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron gave kudos to the high school for the awesome homecoming parade.

**Mr. Conkright** – Absent.

**Ryan Jacquot** – Mr. Jacquot stated that he is happy to see the volleyball coach start a youth program with Hamilton and Warsaw.

**Courtney Yuskis** – None.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - Mr. Mecklenburg stated that the volleyball team is doing great this year.

**Mr. Lucie** – None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer stated that she enjoyed seeing Mrs. Nixon as a ref for the Homecoming festivities.

## Principals Report – Bill Knowles

**IAR Scores** – Mr. Knowles stated that our scores are lower than we expected them to be. We have seen a sizable rebound in Aims web scores this fall but continue to look for ways to improve.

**Capital Board PreK Construction Grant** – Mr. Knowles stated that he is working on this competitive grant. This is a limited grant and we may be at a disadvantage due to population but the reward could be far too good to not apply.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Updates** – Mr. Knowles stated that they recently went on a field trip to the safety fair and have started a book club.

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

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

**ESSER Funds** – Mrs. Nixon stated that funds for the first grant have been spent and report has been submitted for \$70,225 to be reimbursed.

**Bus Drivers** – Mrs. Nixon reported that we are still in need of more bus drivers. One of our drivers did not pass their test and they have to wait 30 days to retake it.

### **Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve overnight trips for FFA to the National FFA Convention 10/25-10/29 in Indianapolis & the Build Conference 11/21-11/22 at Illinois State University. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve an overnight trip for the Drama Club to go to Theaterfest 1/12-1/14 at the University of Illinois. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve changes to the 2022-2023 School Calendar. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to adopt the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the FY23 Budget as presented. On roll call: Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, abstain; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 1 cent Tax Levy to be put on the April ballot.

Future Meetings - October 19, 2022 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:40 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to enter into Executive Session at 8:48 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. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to exit Executive Session at 9:32 p.m. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to approve the personnel report.

Cassandra Grunewald	-	Resignation
Melissa Riney	-	HS Business Teacher

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to end the meeting at 9:34 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**