

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., October 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on October 19, 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; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of September 21, 2022, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the September 2022 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the October 2022 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – Mrs. Cameron noted that her son Vaughn, who graduated last year, graduated in the top 10 out of 84 in his Basic Training group.

Mr. Conkright – Absent.

Ryan Jacquot – Mr. Jacquot congratulated Parker Quinlan on his Conference Championship for Cross Country. He also mentioned that the senior night volleyball game was great, and that the FFA Blood Drive and Red Ribbon week were also great.

Courtney Yuskis – None.

Mr. Mecklenburg - Mr. Mecklenburg stated that the Volleyball senior night was tremendous. He said the girls played great and we had a wonderful student section.

Mr. Lucie – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – None.

Mr. Conkright arrived at 7:22 p.m.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Book Fair – Mr. Knowles reported that our annual book fair is coming up next week, along with Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Capital Board PreK Construction Grant – Mr. Knowles reported that the Pre K grant is submitted, so now we wait and see.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Athletic Seasons – Mr. Froman stated that the volleyball and cross country teams area getting ready to head into regionals.

Help A Thon – Mr. Froman stated that the Help A Thon is coming up next week and the students have been out and about collecting money. He also said that they have a pretty good list of community service jobs.

ILMEA Band & Chorus – Mr. Froman stated that we had 10 students qualify for the ILMEA District Band and Chorus. They are: Mariah Tripp, Kasey Fink, Renee Blunier, Kaylee Blunier, Chloe Becker, Ryan Blunier, Michael Shurtleff, Destiny Huffman, Noah Hudson, and Aliksandra Hall.

Parent Teacher Conference – Mr. Froman stated that parent teacher conferences are next week and we are having a Hidden In Plain Sight demonstration at it.

Superintendent's Report – Katrina Nixon

Bus Driver Appreciation Week – Mrs. Nixon stated that she appreciates bus drivers ever more now after driving for the last couple of weeks. They carry precious cargo each day to and from school. It is often a thankless job, but we are trying hard to show our appreciation for each of them.

Health Life Safety – Mrs. Nixon reported that our Health Life Safety walk through was last week and it took around 4 hours for the whole building. There is nothing major to deal with, just some minor improvements to work on.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to authorize Superintendent Katrina Nixon to prepare the 2022 Tax Levy. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the County School Facility Occupation Tax Law. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the early graduation list as presented: Ammon McLane & Owen Rosson. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Illinois Association of School Board Conference.

Discussion was held regarding current board policies and school handbooks.

Future Meetings - October 25, 2022 5:30 p.m. Special Meeting – Closed Session
November 16, 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. Lucie, to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 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. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to exit Executive Session at 8:56 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

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

Para Position in Elementary

Advertise for substitute bus driver, custodial staff & kitchen help

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

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to end the meeting at 8:58 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary