

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., November 16, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 16, 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, here; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

Mr. Lock spoke and thanked the Board of Directors for a thankless job.

Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to add a discussion item regarding the Health, Life, Safety Amendment to the agenda. The motion passed.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – None.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Ryan Jacquot – Mr. Jacquot commented on the great crowd at the Titan Showcase and what a great fundraiser it is. He also mentioned that it is cool to have the new Vice President of the National FFA in the neighboring District of Macomb.

Courtney Yuskis – Ms. Yuskis stated that she helped participate in the WHS Help-A-Thon and it was great to see the kids be excited for such a wonderful event. She also thanked the fellow board members are participating and engaging in the Board Workshop a few weeks ago.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Lucie – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – None.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Parent Teacher Conference – Mr. Knowles reported that we had a great turn out at parent teacher conference and our annual book fair. We generated over \$3,000 worth of books for our classrooms and libraries. He thanked Paula Lowman and Pam Teel for organizing and making that run smoothly.

Dare Week – Mr. Knowles stated that we participated in Dare Week and had deputies from the Hancock County Sheriff's office come and speak to our students regarding the dangers of drugs.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Titan Showcase – Mr. Froman stated that the Titan Showcase was a huge success. He thanked Debbie Bavery, the cheerleaders and all of those who volunteered their time to host this event. He also thanked everyone who bought raffle tickets and bid on items in the silent auctions.

Friendship Basket Food Drive – Mr. Froman stated that the Food Drive will take place for both WHS and WES on November 28 – December 9th. He mentioned that this is a wonderful project and a great way to give back to our communities. The class that has the most cans will win a bowling trip on the last day of the semester.

FFA – Mr. Froman thanked Mrs. Morey and some of our FFA members for volunteering at the City of Christmas in Keokuk on November 8th. Mrs. Morey and several FFA members also attended the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis at the end of October and it was a huge success.

Help A Thon – Mr. Froman stated that the Help A Thon was a huge success again this year. Students spent the day covering the tri-states and completing many community service projects. He thanked the staff and students for representing our district in a positive way. This year's event raised over \$25,000.

Superintendent's Report – Katrina Nixon

Track Bid – Mrs. Nixon stated that bids for the track should be returned by December's board meeting.

Midwest Bus Sales Health Life Safety – Mrs. Nixon stated that we have received a \$7,500 credit for the bus that was out of operation last year. We have also had warranty parts installed on all of the heaters and some other minor repairs.

Titan Boosters Club – Mrs. Nixon reported that the Titan Administrative Team and the Titan Boosters Club is set to meet November 21st. They are working together to get a list of needs and wants from coaches of all sports.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to approve the FY 22 audit report. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Warsaw CUSD #316 current bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the Deactivation Agreement. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the DRAFT 2022 Tax Levy.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to adopt the Risk Management Plan. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding board committees.

Discussion was held regarding sports program protocols and clarification.

Discussion was held regarding the Health, Life Safety Amendment for the track paving. A special board meeting was set for Friday, November 18th at 8:00 a.m.

Future Meetings - December 21, 2022 6:45 p.m. Truth In Taxation Hearing
December 21, 2022 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 9:33 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucie, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to enter into Executive Session at 9:42 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 Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to exit Executive Session at 9:58 p.m. 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. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the personnel report.

John Casey	-	Bus Driver
Deetta Hayburn	-	Bus Driver

On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, 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 end the meeting at 9:59 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary