

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

7:00 P.M., December 21, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on December 21, 2022, by President Courtney Yuskis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – None.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Ryan Jacquot – Mr. Jacquot commented that the Elementary Christmas program was really great. He also commented on how good the boys and girls basketball teams are doing.

Courtney Yuskis – Ms. Yuskis thanked Jeremy and Adam for helping to get the bus barn repairs completed.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Lucie – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer also commented that the Elementary Christmas program was great. She was glad to see some new stuff in it. She thanked Mrs. Nixon for doing the Elf on the Shelf for the kids.

Principals Report – Bill Knowles

Christmas Program – Mr. Knowles thanked everyone for helping with the program and making it a huge success.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Friendship Basket Food Drive – Mr. Froman stated that the Friendship Basket Food Drive was a huge success. The senior class ended up winning a bowling trip on December 16th. Thanks to everyone that participated.

Superintendent's Report – Katrina Nixon

Elf on the Shelf – Mrs. Nixon stated that she had so much fun doing this activity with the elementary. The kids seemed to really love it.

Website – Mrs. Nixon stated that we are currently trying to collaborate on a new website. Our current website is outdated and not functioning properly.

Titan Boosters Club – Mrs. Nixon thanked Tom and Jeremy for helping get the bus barn and parking lot in better condition.

Board Discussion and Action

Discussion was held regarding the 10 year survey and current/future findings.

Discussion was held regarding the consideration on bonds.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the resolution and adoption of the 2022 Tax Levy at 9.62%. On roll call: Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, no; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to approve releasing closed meeting minutes and/or destruction of audio tapes that have been have for longer than 18 months. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the 2023 Warsaw Board of Education meeting schedule and changing it to the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Future Meetings - January 19, 2023 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 9:17 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to enter into Executive Session at 9:30 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 Mr. Jacquot, to exit Executive Session at 9:38 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 Mr. Lucie, to approve the personnel report.

Mari Pinkston - Paraprofessional

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 Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to end the meeting at 9:10 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary