**Community Unit School District No. 316**

**340 So. 11th Street**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 P.M., October 25, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on October 25, 2023, by Vice President Tom Mecklenburg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, 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 Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of September 2023, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the September 2023 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the October 2023 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, absent; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

**Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron stated that she loves seeing

all the great updates on Facebook about what is going on in

our school.

**Mr. Conkright** – None.

**Ryan Jacquot –** Absent.

**Courtney Yuskis –** Absent.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Roskamp** – None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Amber stated that Parent/teacher

conferences were very nice and it was nice to see a lot of

smiling faces. .

**Principals Report – Brett Ufkes**

**September Awards Winners –** Mr. Ufkes reported that

Jessica Pullins and Evie McCallister were named Titans of the

Month, Aburee Teel and Zayden McCarter received the Well

Behaved Awards, and Finn Lamer and Ziggy Cosgrove won the

Selfless Awards.

**Grain Fundraiser –** Mr. Ufkes reported that his grain truck

fundraiser raised $8,000. Thank you to everyone who donated.

**Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Golden Apple Winner –** Mr. Froman reported that our band

instructor Alan Kanauss was chosen as a Golden Apple Winner.

Congrats to him and thanks for everything he does for our school.

**Marching Band** - Mr. Froman stated that the marching band has

been doing great and has been earning a lot of awards.

**Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**Health Life Safety Walk Through –** Mrs. Nixon reported that our

walk through went pretty good. We had no major findings to deal

with, just a few minor ones.

**Track Update –** Mrs. Nixon reported that the earliest we can get

our synthetic surface added would be May due to a rubber shortage.

**Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to authorize Mrs. Nixon to prepare the 2023 Tax Levy. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the early graduation list as presented: Claire Powelson. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve Press Plus Issue 112. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding committee updates.

Discussion was held regarding the school board conference.

Future Meetings - November 15, 2023 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Short break taken at 6:37 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs, Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to enter into Executive Session at 6:41 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.

1. 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.

1. 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).
2. Student Discipline.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to exit Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, absent; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

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

Paula Lowman - Resignation

Susy French - Resignation

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to end the meeting at 7:31 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President Secretary**