

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., September 25, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on December 18, 2023, by President Courtney Yuskis.

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, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

Public Comments

None.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – None.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Ryan Jacquot – Mr. Jacquot reported that he heard a Senator came to tour our school, which is great!

Courtney Yuskis – None.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – None.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer commented how nice the Elementary Music Program was. She heard many great compliments on it and thought it was phenomenal.

Principals Report – Brett Ufkes

December Monthly Awards - Mr. Ufkes reported the following awards for the following students: Titans of the Month – Parker Jacquot, Kaitlyn Brownlee; Well Behaved – Stetson Yuskis, Louis Singh; Excelling Academically – Lincoln Chatfield, Korbin Chatfield; Selfless Award – Rozilynn White, Paige Hurt; Employee of the Month – Jenessa Doyle.

Christmas Concerts – Mr. Ufkes commented that our Christmas Music and Band concerts were all amazing. He thanked Mrs. Weirather, Mr. Collins, and Mr. Kanauss and all of the staff and students who put work into it.

WES Raffle – Mr. Ufkes announced that WES will be raffling off a Mission Crossbow valued at \$2000. The bow was donated by Gregg Ritz. There will be 100 tickets sold at \$30 a ticket.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Canned Food Drive – Mr. Froman stated that our canned food drive was a success again this year. He announced that the Freshman was and will be rewarded with breakfast and bingo with many great prizes.

Help A Thon Donation – Mr. Froman stated that the Help A Thon made their yearly donation of 10% of their profit, half of it went to Bright Angels (Nauvoo) and half went to the Food Pantry (Warsaw).

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

Updates! – Mrs. Nixon reported that the Board Conference in Chicago was very good, we will file our Tax Levy on Thursday afternoon in Carthage and Quincy, 5th and 6th grade boys basketball and girls volleyball are both getting ready to begin, and she mentioned that the Holiday music concerts/programs were all fantastic.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the resolution and adoption of the 2023 Tax Levy at a 9.99% increase. On roll call: Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve releasing closed meeting minutes and/or destruction of audio tapes that have been held for longer than 18 months. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the One Cent Sales Tax. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the 2024 Warsaw Board of Education meeting schedule. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp to approve the minutes of the programs and services meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve attending Theatre Fest on January 11-12. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding rates for our reserve money.

Discussion was held regarding conference updates from board members that attended.

Future Meetings - January 24 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:22 pm.

A motion was made by Mr, Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to enter into Executive Session at 7:27 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. Roskamp, 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. Conkright, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to exit Executive Session at 8:23 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. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

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

Emily Gilbert	-	Full Time Substitute
Char Cearlock	-	Special Education Teacher

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to end the meeting at 8:24 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary