

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., November 23, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on November 15, 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, here; Ms. Yuskis, absent.

Public Comments

West Hancock Titan Sports Boosters presented a check to athletics for \$10,000.

Adoption of Agenda

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

Encouraging Words -

Mrs. Cameron – None.

Mr. Conkright – Jeremy congratulated the 7th grade girls on winning the Regional championship.

Ryan Jacquot – Ryan congratulated Parker Quinlan for making it to State in Cross Country and to all the Volleyball and football all conference athletes. He also commented on how great the Veterans Day Program was.

Courtney Yuskis – Absent.

Mr. Mecklenburg - None.

Mr. Roskamp – Don commented that the Titan Showcase was a very well attend fundraiser and it was a nice introduction of the kids.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Amber stated that Finn Lamer won the Illinois State cabbage growing competition. Congrats to him!

Principals Report – Brett Ufkes

October Awards Winners – Mr. Ufkes reported that Taylor Brownlee and James Hurt were named Titans of the Month, Bryce Korn and Parker Jacquot received the Well Behaved Awards, Stella Zinn and Jacob Brownlee received the Excelling Academically Awards, and Vivienne McArther and Mackenzie Plowman won the Selfless Awards. Congrats to all!

Halloween – Mr. Ufkes thanked all the local businesses (25 of them) who showed up to hand out candy to our elementary trick or treaters.

Veterans Day – Mr. Ufkes congratulated our 5th and 6th graders for putting on a great program. It was very well attended and they did a wonderful job.

Academic All Stars – We had 60 4th-6th graders get to attend the Academic All Star Breakfast for good grades. Congrats to them all!

Principals Report – Brad Froman

Help A Thon – Mr. Froman reported that 200 of our students and staff did community service projects all over the Tri-State area. He thanked the many businesses and people who helped support the event. This year they raised \$28,565. He thanked Tracy and the class sponsors for all of their help.

FFA Alumni - Mr. Froman recognized Alex Woods on being named a top 12 finalist in the Chevron Tractor Restoration Competition and Ashlyn Froman on receiving her American FFA Degree. Both of these graduates were recognized at the this years National FFA Convention.

Titan Showcase – Mr. Froman stated that the Titan Showcase was a great event as always! All of the winter sports teams, cheer, dance, and band all showcased their talents. Thanks to Debbie Bavery for putting on the event.

Anatomy & Physiology – Our students got to practice how to intubate a patient, see how the lungs function and measure their own lung function, from a Respiratory Therapist from Blessing Hospital.

FBLA – Mr. Froman stated that our students took their first service trip to Wesleyan Village in Macomb and 14 of them helped put up 260 outdoor trees with lights. Thanks for their service.

Athletics – Mr. Froman congratulated all volleyball and football players who made all conference and Parker Quinlan for making it to State in cross country.

Board Discussion and Action

Discussion was held regarding the 2023 Tax Levy draft.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to adopt the Risk Management Plan. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding committee goals.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to update the programs and services committee goals. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Future Meetings - December 20, 2023 5:45 p.m. Truth In Taxation Meeting
December 20, 2023 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

Short break taken at 7:10 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to enter into Executive Session at 7:17 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, absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to exit Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to end the meeting at 7:33 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary