

Community Unit School District No. 316

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

6:00 P.M., February 22, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 5:57 p.m. on February 22, 2024, by Vice President Tom Mecklenburg.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public Comments

None.

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 Mr. Jaquot, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of January 2024, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the January 2024 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the February 2024 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, absent, 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 – Absent.

Mr. Conkright – None.

Ryan Jacquot – Mr. Jacquot how great our band has been doing, specifically Renee Blunier. He also complemented Mrs. Specht and Ag in the Classroom.

Courtney Yuskis – Absent.

Mr. Mecklenburg - Mr. Mecklenburg thanked everyone for moving the meeting for Ms. Yuskis.

Mr. Roskamp – Mr. Roskamp also thanked the Board for moving the meeting for the benefit of Ms. Yuskis.

Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer commented on how great the elementary reading night was and how great the cadaver lab trip was.

Principals Report – Brett Ufkes

Monthly Awards – Mr. Ufkes reported the monthly award winners:
Titans of the Month: Lettie Londrie & Savana Nagy
Well Behaved: Kyler Sherburne & Adalynn Suter
Excelling Academically: Hunter Dillinger, Keegan Sparrow & Saylor Nagy
Selfless: Phoebe Walton & Laya Lama
Employee of the Month: Megan Ritter

Cardinal Game – Mr. Ufkes reported that our Cardinal game is set for May 25th at 6:15 pm. Be on the lookout for tickets to go on sale soon!

Family Literacy Night – Mr. Ufkes thanked Megan Ritter, Pam Teel, Val Heisler, Chuck Bengé, Lori Longenecker, Krista Little, Ciara Yuskis, Kristin McAllister, Amber Ruskell-Lamer, and Jared Massey for all their work and help with the Reading Night. It was a huge success.

Principals Report – Brad Froman

National FFA Week – Mr. Froman reported that Mrs. Morey and our FFA kids were busy with National FFA week. They participated in many activities including a petting zoo, tractor day, truck day, and teacher/staff appreciation day to name a few.

FFA Donation – Mr. Froman announced that our FFA division was given a \$5,000 donation from the Hancock County Beef Association.

Basketball Regionals – Brad stated that our boys basketball team won their first round of regionals last night and they play again tomorrow for the championship.

Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon

Compliance Visit – Mrs. Nixon reported that we just completed our compliance visit from the ROE and have a few minor things to update and fix, but over all it went well.

Financial Audit – Mrs. Nixon stated that our audit is still ongoing but we are hoping that it will come to an end soon.

Board Discussion and Action

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the senior overnight trip. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the band overnight trip to Nashville. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the Press Plus updates. A voice vote was taken, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the new school bus lease contract with MTE, with 6 of the buses having air conditioning and 2 without. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, absent; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, absent; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Conkright, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the new activity bus lease contract for 2 buses with graphics. On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, absent; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Superintendent Evaluation forms and process. A special board meeting was scheduled for March 7, at 6:30 to finalize.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the Guidance Handbook. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried. Mr. Jacquot opposed.

Future Meetings - March 27 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 7:25 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to enter into Executive Session at 7:33 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, absent; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, absent. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to exit Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, absent; 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 approve the personnel report.

Susy French	-	Resignation
Alan Kanuass	-	Retirement

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

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to end the meeting at 9:07 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

President

Secretary