

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., July 24, 2024**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:04 p.m. on July 24, 2024, 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, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, 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 June 2024, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the June 2024 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the July 2024 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, absent; 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** – Absent.

**Ryan Jacquot** – None.

**Courtney Yuskis** – Ms. Yuskis stated that she is excited and nervous about our Districts financial future. She also invited all of the board members the Chamber Event on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Roskamp** – Mr. Roskamp stated that he is excited to hear about everything that is going on in the building for the summer.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer expressed that she is really ready for the school year.

## **Principals Report – Brett Ufkes**

**Multi Purpose Room** – Mr. Ufkes updated the board members on the improvements being made to the multi purpose room in the elementary. These included fresh paint and removing the old floor.

**Technology** – Brett thanked the board for approving new smart boards and computers for the elementary. He also noted that we should be getting a donation from the Tracy Family Foundation that could be put towards technology.

## **Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Summer Workers** – Mr. Froman thanked everyone who has worked this summer to help get our building in better shape.

**State Reports** – Brad noted that they were finalizing last year in Powerschool so that they can get State reports rolled over.

## **Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**Updates** – Mrs. Nixon noted that she and Mr. Church attended the last Sports Booster meeting and that the boosters have their annual booster bash coming up soon.

**Cookout** – Katrina notified the board that we are going to have a cookout with Hamilton, Warsaw, and Nauvoo staff, school board members and administration.

### **Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to amend the original purchase of chromebooks at \$50,150 to the increase of \$53,725 due to adding touchscreens to some. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the amended purchase of 20 SMART boards to 21 SMART boards. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the removal of asbestos by Alan Schrand. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the single audit by Dennis Rose and Associates. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding ESSER III funds that are still available.

Discussion was held regarding HVAC projects for the District.

Discussion was held regarding the comparison of the FY22, FY23 and FY24 budgets.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Ms. Yuskis to direct the Superintendent to prepare the FY25 Budget. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the District Safety Hazard Routes for transportation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Press Plus Issue 115.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the Consolidated District Plan. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Future Meetings - August 28 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:05 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to enter into Executive Session at 8:13 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, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to exit Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the personal report:

Madisyn Andrews - Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to end the meeting at 9:20.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**