

*August 11, 2022
Colona, IL*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Dennis Teichman, Julie Wittenauer, Bill Rossow, Lindsey Trickey, and Patricia Sedlock

Absent: Ray Kutzman, Dennis Teichman

Also Present: Mike Carlson, Michael Ruff, Edith Glackin, Chief M. Swemline, Jessica Tucker, Amanda Stablein and Chrissy Winters

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance

There were no visitors or individuals present to speak to any agenda item.

Dennis Teichman arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Good News Items included donations received from the community: Caddy Family, Abbott Family, The Colona Food Pantry, Roth Family, United Methodist Church of East Moline, Amanda Severens and Laurent Jennings. Thank you for your generosity to Colona Grade School. There were several Colona Grade School Students that attended College for Kids this summer. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Malmstrom also were instructors for the program. Colona office staff attended the 3M school Days Supply Give-away.

The Principal reported Backpack night was held on August 1st and was well attended. The first day of school with students went great. Pre-K began on August 4th. The August 1st inservice was about Restorative Circles and implementation. There are approximately 375 students enrolled in Colona Grade School. Students have access to 1:1 devices. JH students were assigned new machines (chromebooks). The staff is applying our professional development in restorative circles to further strengthen our school community.

The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.

The PTA minutes detailed the PTA will be providing food for staff when they return to school. The Masonic Scholarship of \$250 was awarded to Kylee Brands and Kiera Oliva-VandeWalle. The Colona Scholarship of \$500 was awarded to Mackienna Huer and \$250 to Kaylee Brands. The COLona National Night Out is on August 2nd - Colona PTA will donate \$300. Skate City free skate night is August 16th.

The Athletic Director reported sign ups for volleyball, cross country and football are underway. Numbers are up significantly for volleyball and cross country, but football is down.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded, by Patricia Sedlock to approve Consent Agenda, which included the following:

- 5a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2022*
- 5b. Approval of closed session board meeting minutes from July 14, 2022*
- 5c. Approval of August Bills*
- 5d. Approval of the July Activity fund*

- 5e. Approve the resignation of Melissa Soldat (paraprofessional)
- 5f. Approve the resignation of Joy Sottos (Early Childhood Teacher)

Roll Call Vote: Trickey- aye; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold; Wittenauer - aye; Tiechman- aye; 6 ayes; no nays; one absent, Motion carried.

Dr. Ruff gave a presentation to the BOE of the Colona School District 10 year enrollment history. A trending downward slope affects revenue, staffing and various student opportunities. Numbers have been strong in the lower grades, but the upper grades show a loss of students. Colona Grade School has positive things to offer the community such as small class sizes, air conditioned building, equipment and staffing.

An update of the Trojan Triumph Program (21st Century Grant) of three years and the sustainability beyond. Colona Grade School is fortunate to have been awarded the grant for an additional three years. Building sustainability for the program will be important for the future to offer a similar program for our students.

The community WiFi program delivery model would include installing wireless access points in the area of students similar to airports/etc for the school community. This technology will broaden student ability to connect with synchronous learning (i.e. google classroom). Only devices from the school (school issued technology) would be the only devices that will be able to access the WiFi. Grants and donations will help cover the cost, income guidelines and communities with lower income are considered.

An IGA has been prepared for the School Resource Officer position at Colona Grade School. This position is to provide a connection with students in a positive and proactive manner. At this time, there are no grants available to help fund the cost for the school district. The officer would be involved with safety drills, alarms, cameras, etc throughout the school. The SRO will also be able to partner with the principal, counselor and social worker. Estimated expenses are available in the tort and ed fund, the cost is estimated to be about 70/30 (CSD/City) at an \$83K cost; number of working days at the school (176 days with students) and event coverage will also be considered in the cost. Looking at a September/October timeline to fill the position.

The BOE heard an update on the construction project (Science Room Additions). Weekly reports are being sent from the architect and progress is being made. The floor has been poured and fencing has been installed around the entire construction site. The maintenance crew has done work to save materials and use around the building.

Dr. Ruff thanked Chrissy Winters for her work with the FY23 budget. The EBF for Colona School District is strong. Other funding that has helped are the Early Childhood Grant, 21st Century Grant and ESSR. Expenditures to be considered are the three year contract percentage changes, custodial supplies, food supplies (school lunch program), transportation expenses, utilities, insurance rates, alternative placement (BHASED/etc), WiFi, health insurance. Overall changes to the budget will include "returning back to normal". There are funds available in the budget in the ed fund and tort fund. The proposed budget will be on display for the mandatory 30 days and a hearing will be set for September 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Colona Grade School is looking into partnering with NIU to provide tutoring services to students in grades 3-8. ISBE released information and Mr. Carlson is working with ISBE regarding these services. This program can bring value to the school community.

FY23 BOE dates were discussed. Items to consider include the date of the July 23 meeting.

Dennis Teichman inquired about the landscaping around the building. Dr. Ruff will discuss with the maintenance crew.

A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to enter closed session for Discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1); Discussion of Collective Negotiation with the Colona Education Association Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer – aye; Rossow- aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye Teichman - aye; Trickey – aye; 6 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried

The board entered closed session at 8:47 p.m.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow to return to open session at 9:11 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock – aye; Teichman- aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the tentative FY23 Budget and place on file in the District Office for public inspection

Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; Sedlock - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the amended school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year due to the update of attendance codes and emergency days.

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the hiring of Aubree Hoffman (Pre-K/ECE) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the hiring of Deb Pepping (JH Paraprofessional) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Sedlock - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey and seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the hiring of Marilyn Kay Cook (Crossing Guard) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - aye; Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bill Rossow and seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the hiring of Christine Bisby (5th Grade) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements for a 1 year contract (2022-2023).

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer – aye; Rossow- aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey – aye; 6 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Patricia Sedock and seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Colona for a School Resource Officer.

Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman and seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the resolution approving the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Establishing the LINQ WiFi Consortium and Participation and Streetlight and Pole Attachment Contract

Roll Call Vote: Teichman - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Bill Rossow and seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the certified payment of \$12,528.54 to Bruce Builders for their work performed between 7/1/2022 and 7/14/2022.

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent; Motion Carried

A motion was made to approve the certified payment of \$3837.50 to Richard L. Johnson Associates & Architect for their design, bidding, and construction work performed on the new addition/renovation for services completed through 7/31/2022.

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Rossow - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman and seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the adult lunch prices as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; 6 ayes, no nays; one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the second reading of the following PRESS Policy updates: 5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 - Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:20 - Sample Questions and Considerations for Conducting the Internal Harassment in the Workplace Investigation; 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:30 - Interview Questions; 5:30 - Investigations; 5:30 - Notice of Preliminary Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record; 5:30 - Notice of Final Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record; 5:50 - Drug/Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarettes, Tobacco, & Cannabis Prohibition; 5:90 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:90 - Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center; 5:100 - Staff Development Program; 5:120 - Employee Ethics: Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:120 - Employee Conduct Standards; 5:120 - Expectations and Guidelines for Employee-Student Boundaries; 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct; 5:150 - Personnel Records; 5:185 - Family and Medical Leave; 5:185 - Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave; 5:200 - Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:210 - Resignations; 5:220 - Substitute Teachers;

5:250 - Leave of Absence; 5:260 - Student Teachers; 5:330 - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves

Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Trickey - aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE