

*Regular Meeting of the Board
of Education of School Dist. 190
Henry and Rock Island Counties, IL*

*December 8, 2022
Colona, IL*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Ray Kutzman, Patricia Sedlock

Also Present: Mike Carlson, Michael Ruff, Chrissy Winters, Eleanor Norville and Edith Glackin

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mrs. Norville gave a short presentation on the Giving Tree and the participation of the students at Colona Grade School. The Colona United Methodist Church along with Judy and Laura Smith coordinate the program to provide Christmas items to Colona families. This year there were 60 families that participated with 142 children. Trees are placed throughout the community (Dollar Tree, chiropractor, school) with tags to help the families. Mrs. Norville helps with the coordination of the program as well.

Colona School District received a donation from Tyson Foods (The Tyson Joslin Diversity and Communications Committee) and recognized Colona Grade School "as an instrumental leader in educating the children of our Team Members". The donation was in the amount of \$1000.00. The funds are to be used to enhance any programming that will have the most impact on our students.

Colona School District has received a donation in the amount of \$83.00 from Benevity on behalf of John Deere.

Officer Armstong gave a presentation to the BOE regarding the security cameras at the school. He has been reviewing cameras, camera quality, time delay, camera locations, etc around the school. Officer Armstrong does recommend updating security cameras would benefit the school. The security camera system can be an effective tool in the school setting when up to date and user friendly. Dr. Ruff explained to the BOE that a project of this magnitude will require an ongoing discussion with the school board in regards to equipment, installation, timing and expenses.

The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Jace Clifton, Stevie Secor, Paityn DeBoard, Aiden McIntire, Paizlee Kespohl, Olivia Trent, Viviana Garcia, Harper Wehrle, Autumn Bandom, Skylie Horn, Taylor Haskins and Jadika Taets. K-2 will have their holiday program on December 6, 3-5 will have their holiday program on December 7 and a band concert on December 14. Thank you to Mr. Teichman for your help with the sound for the programs and concert. Breakfast with Santa is scheduled for December 10. One of our Colona Grade School teachers was nominated for the Illinois Teacher of the year. In addition to being nominated, Ms. Tucker needed to get several letters of recommendation and complete several long answer responses for the application. The junior high team is looking at ways to increase the parent-teacher interaction at conferences. The 8th grade students attended the JA Career Fair at the Bend Expo Center to explore future careers.

The Athletic Director shared that wrestling season is now underway. Practices began on November 28. The wrestling team is a co-op with Northeast. Mr. Hyde will be the head coach. Boys basketball will end this weekend. The cheer competition was held on December 7. Winners were not available at the time of this report.

The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.

The PTA reported volunteers will be needed for Breakfast with Santa on December 10. Pie and Cookie sales ended in October and the profit for the PTA was \$5186. There will be a Spring Craft Fair on May 6, 2023. Ms. Allen and Mrs. Smith were approved for grant requests. The PTA will donate \$100 to each of the following organizations: UTHS Project Graduation, The Colona Giving Tree and the Colona Food Pantry. The next meeting will be held on January 19, 2023.

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

- 5a. Approval of regular board meeting minutes from November 10, 2022*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from November 10, 2022*
- 5c. Approval of bills for the month*
- 5d. Approval of the activity report for the month*
- 5e. Accept the letter of resignation of Gayle Baker (Recess MOnitor)*
- 5f. Accept the donation from UFCW Local 1546 in the amount of \$1000.00*

Roll Call Vote: Rossow- aye; Trickey - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Arnold; Teichman - aye; 5 ayes; no nays; two absent, Motion carried.

Board members J. Wittenauer, J. Arnold, L. Trickey along with Dr. Ruff and E. Glackin shared discussion about the Joint Annual Conference they attended in November. Sessions included: policy wording, community engagement, attracting and retaining staff, gun violence, post-covid recovery, OMA, round table discussions, agendas and minutes. Each attendee gave a brief summary of the sessions they attended.

The 2022 Tax Levy that is proposed for adoption does not go over the 105% extension. The levy matches other EAV property estimates for the City of Colona and for our section of UTHS. IMRF and Social Security funds have been adjusted to offset the surplus we have in those specific funds. The adjustment will allow for a stronger request in the Tort fund. The levied amount for the 2022 extension is \$1,490,945.77.

The School Maintenance Grant (SMG) from ISBE has been approved by the our local BHS ROE and ISBE. The approval amount was for \$137,400 that included the original \$114,500 plus a 10% contingency and another 10% for architect/engineer fees. This grant will help complete several different projects throughout the building and the architect is involved due to the nature of the work (Health, Life, Safety).

The representative from American Fidelity spoke with staff on Tuesday, November 22 about their products that are available to them. Policies that were offered were disability, cancer, life insurance, accident, hospital indemnity or critical care. Participation was well received by the staff and had a 90% sign up rate.

The new science room addition is waiting for the rooftop heating/AC due to supply issues as expected. A new door (specifically for a science lab) is also needed for completion of the project. The wait on these items will most likely cause a delay on phase two (demolition) of the current science room. The current class will relocate to room N4 until the new science room addition is complete. A punch list date has not been set at this time.

Dr. Ruff spoke to the BOE about the healthy fund balances and the possibility of investing excess funds in the future. There are highly regulated specifics that need to be followed for investing school district funds.

The community wide wifi project is starting to see some progress. The installation crew is beginning to prepare the hardware and equipment to be distributed which included installation of hot spots on

electrical poles. Once this endeavor is completed, wifi will be available for our students to utilize technology for school related usage.

There are two trees on the school property that need to be removed.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to enter closed session in accordance with Chapter 5, Act 120, Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, an Executive Session will be held to possibly discuss the appointment of employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer – aye; Rossow- aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey – aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried

The board entered closed session at 8:13 p.m.

A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to return to open session at 8:57 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Teichman – aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021 of the district

Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsay Trickey to approve the 2022 tax levy

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the Salt Contract with the City of Colona

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the first reading of the following school board policies (PRESS Update 110)

- i. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board: Indemnification
- ii. 2:30 School District Elections
- iii. 2:50 School Board Member Term of Office
- iv. 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- v. 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- vi. 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting
- vii. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- viii. 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- ix. 3:10 Goals and Objectives
- x. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
- xi. 3:60 Administrative Responsibilities of the Building Principal

- xii. 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- xiii. 4:120 Food Services
- xiv. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- xv. 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- xvi. 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
- xvii. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- xviii. 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- xix. 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- xx. 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- xxi. 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment Dismissal
- xxii. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- xxiii. 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- xxiv. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
- xxv. 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- xxvi. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspension
- xxvii. 5:320 Evaluation
- xxviii. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- xxix. 6:15 School Accountability
- xxx. 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- xxxi. 6:50 School Wellness
- xxxii. 6:60 Curriculum Content
- xxxiii. 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
- xxxiv. 6:160 English Learners
- xxxv. 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct
- xxxvi. 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- xxxvii. 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- xxxviii. 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- xxxix. 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
- xl. 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- xli. 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- xl.ii. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- xl.iii. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- xl. iv. 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- xl. v. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- xl. vi. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students
- xl. vii. 7:190 Student Behavior
- xl. viii. 7:250 Student Support Services
- xl. ix. 7:340 Student Records

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: 5 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE