

*September 15, 2022  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 p.m.*

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

*Absent: Ray Kutzman*

*Also Present: Mike Carlson, Michael Ruff, 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.*

*Good News Items included: Colona Grade School was a recipient of the H2O On the Go Water Bottle Refilling Station. The school will also receive reusable water bottles and toothbrushes for students. UEF grants are available for UTHS feeder schools. The Guardian Angels Fund would like to work with Colona Grade School to help needy students and the Colona PTA is selling spirit wear. The new Colona School sign has been installed.*

*The Principal reported Grandparents Breakfast and the book fair were well attending on September 9, 2022. Volleyball and Cross Country are off to a great start and teachers are practicing restorative circles in their classrooms. The instructional leadership team is reviewing IAR and MAP data. Student led conferences will be on September 29 and 30, 2022. Students have solved 170k math facts using the Reflex Math program.*

*The Athletic Director shared that Cross Country season is underway with 17 participants. Colona School will host the conference meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2022. Volleyball and football seasons have begun as well.*

*The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month and work done on room N4.*

*The PTA minutes detailed the PTA will host the Grandparents Day breakfast on September 9, 2022 and is in need of volunteers. The fall craft fair will be on Saturday, September 10 in the school parking lot. As of August 16, 2022, there are 55 members. Breakfast with Santa will be December 10, 2022.*

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

- 5a. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes from August 11, 2022*
- 5b. Approval of closed session board meeting minutes from August 11, 2022*
- 5c. Approval of bills for the month*
- 5d. Approval of the activity report for the month*
- 5e. Approve the resignation of Michaela Moore (Library Clerk)*

- 5f. Approve the resignation of Makyla Penderson (Night Custodian)
- 5g. Approve the resignation of Gail Simpson Tisdale (Night Custodian)
- 5h. Approve the retirement of G. Angelica Duran (Paraprofessional) effective October 14, 2022

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

*Tony Armstong will be the SRO for Colona Grade School. The agreement between the City of Colona Police Department and Colona School District will allow for 176 days of attendance. The start date will be on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Officer Armstong will have an office at the front of the building in the social worker office, and the social worker will move her office to S7.*

*The construction project is still going well and the project timeline is on track. Bruce Builders has been very cooperative and has shown quality work in their progress. The building addition is scheduled to be completed at winter break.*

*ISBE has construction grants that are matching up to \$50,000. This amount would be acceptable for various projects throughout the building.*

*Dr. Ruff updated the BOE on HB1167-school districts in Illinois must offer the use of free sick leave for all vaccinated staff who are not able to go to work if they are affected by Covid-19. The district will continue to monitor numbers of employees that this affects.*

*The district office has requested to participate in the PRESS Plus Policy Manual upgrade for board policy. Press Plus is an annual subscription service to an online resource manual for school board members, administrators and school attorneys to policies, exhibit and procedures that run the district. Participation in this service will allow a timely transition and organized access to the board policy manual.*

*Lohman will be the insurance broker for group health insurance for the district. This year the district is anticipating a slight increase in health insurance.*

*Supplemental insurance benefits can be offered through American Fidelity to the employees of Colona School District. Examples of policy coverage includes: disability, universal life, term life, whole life, cancer, accident, group illness, hospital GAP plans, variable annuities, as well as 125 benefits, FSA, HSA and 403(b). Fidelity offers employee owned benefits that come with no up-front testing costs.*

*The district currently uses ATT for phone service. At this time, the building uses POTS lines for service. POTS lines are outdated and are costly to maintain service. Switching to VoIP service using the internet is standard in the office setting. Current monthly service costs the district around \$1700 per month, and monthly service for VoIP would average around \$1400 per month. Moving to VoIP service will cost the district between \$8000-\$12000 for software, porting all service lines, network adjustments. Dr. Ruff would like the BOE to give him permission to pursue and RFP to move forward to upgrade telephone service in the building.*

*The BOE and Dr. Ruff discussed BP 8:20 and 8:20E Use of Facilities for clarification purposes. The BOE would like the policy to give priority to local (Colona) leagues/teams and teams with students from the community of Colona Grade School priority. Dr. Ruff will monitor these requests on a case by case basis.*

*Please note that the meeting dates for the remainder of the year are: October 13, November 10, December 8, January 12, February 9, April, 13, May 18\* (Amended budget), and June 8.*

*Arnold, Trickey, Teichman and Sedlock will have to run in the General Election (April 2023). Election information is available in the office and online at IASB.com, Anyone interested in running is also encouraged to contact the Henry County Clerk office.*

*IASB will have an app for the board members that will be attending the conference in November. The app will help keep track of the many activities and seminars that are available during the conference. If you have any questions, please see Eydie and she can help answer your questions. It is requested to have the board members attending the conference give a report to the BOE at the next (December) meeting.*

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, 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 8:01 p.m.*

*A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to return to open session at 8:31 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 Lindsey Trickey to approve the agreement for E-Rate Consulting Services*

*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 Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman To approve the FY23 Administrator/Teacher Salary and Benefits Report*

*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 Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the hiring of Gayle Baker (Recess Monitor) 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 Patricia Sedlock to approve the hiring of Sandra Park (Dish Washer) 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 Dennis Teichman and seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the hiring of Perry Wadsager (Night Custodian) 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 Lindsey Trickey and seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the hiring of Christine Mattson (JH Paraprofessional) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

*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 Dennis Teichman and seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the FY23 Extracurricular Handbook*

*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 Bill Rossow and seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the waiving of the first reading of the District's Bullying Policy and the posting of the policy on the district webpage*

*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 Julie Arnold and seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the upgrade to PRESS Plus to manage the District's Board Policies*

*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 by Julie Arnold and seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the service agreement with American Fidelity to cover Section 125 benefits and as a 403(b)*

*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 Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman 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 8:46 p.m.*

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*PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD*

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*SECRETARY OF THE BOARD*

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