

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

*March 14, 2024  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:28 p.m.*

*Present: Bill Rossow, Julie Arnold, Julie VanDeWoestyne, Lindsey Trickey, and Jim Legare*

*Absent: Patricia Sedlcok, Dennis Teichman*

*Also Present: Mike Carlson, Mike Ruff and Eydie Glackin*

*The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance*

*Good News Items: Dr. Ruff and Chrissy Winters attended a job fair at the Mississippi Valley AEA. Mrs. Amy Sharpe has received an award of Meritorious service from the ISBE. The band program participated at a home game earlier this month. Pep and Jazz band have been added to the program.*

*Members of the CEA were present to comment on Agenda Item 10a. Board Policy 7:60 (Ian Malmstrom, Nicole Stockwell, and Cody Cuppy).*

*Ms. Stockwell has addressed the BOE before regarding BP 7:60. She explained that allowing district employees would be a benefit for staff, entice future employees and help retain current employees. She also mentioned that depending on this policy, she will have a decision to make in the next year or two.*

*Cody Cuppy read a letter written by Jeanette Wallace. She has been a teacher at Colona Grade School for 12 years and also a former student. She would love for her daughter to attend. This would be best for her family and her daughter would be part of her school family. There are great teachers at Colona Grade School. Change to this policy would be a benefit for school staff. Mr. Cuppy also spoke regarding his family situation and that a change in the policy would be beneficial when his newly born daughter reaches school age.*

*Mr. Malmstrom addressed the BOE as the President of the CEA. He presented a letter signed by members of the staff. He said that at first there was a lack of understanding of the policy, but as time has gone on, more employees have become interested in the policy change. Mr. Malmstrom also gave members of the BOE residency policies from various districts. He noted that some districts have special language. Another school district in the area has open enrollment for students.*

*Board President Julie VanDeWoestyne thanked the group and told them that every time the BOE receives information, it helps with the decision making process.*

*The Principal reported Students of the month were: Cayden Engholm, Daniel Schofield, Paityn DeBoard, Maurice Perrigo, Calvin McConnell, William Hall, Brantley VanTheemsche, Andee Oppendike, Isabell Brandmeyer, Ryder Aguilar. Conferences were held on March 7 and 8 before spring break. Mrs. Sharpe won the Award of Meritorious Service from ISBE and will attend a banquet in May.*

*The Assistant Principal report included her daily schedule and administrative duties. She also described her role as the point person for Tier II BIP for an individual student. She also participated in the Read Across America Day and read to different classrooms.*

*The Athletic Director shared that girls basketball has concluded. The 5/6 team was undefeated and the 7/8 grade team placed fourth in their tournament. Hampton School would like to participate in the wrestling coop next year. Scholastic Bowl has started and track sign ups have begun. The first meet is in Geneseo.*

*The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.*

*The School Resource Officer detailed his daily schedule and future tasks. The report also included an assessment of our facility from Security Operations Solutions.*

*A Motion was made by Jim Legare, seconded, by Linsdey Trickey to approve Consent Agenda, which included the following:*

- 5a. Approve the regular board meeting minutes from February 8, 2024*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from February 8, 2024*
- 5c. Approve the bills for the month*
- 5d. Approve the activity fund report for the month*
- 5e. Accept the independent federal single audit performed by Gorenz & Associates*
- 5f. Accept the resignation of Nora Minnaert at the end of the 23-24 school year*

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

*Scott Johnson from Richard L. Johnson and Associates will be meeting with Dr. Ruff to discuss Health, Life, Safety projects and the upcoming bond project. The architect will be reviewing potential projects for the school to make sure both the new bond project (secure entrance) and any Health, Life, Safety projects are in sync with each other. A staff meeting will be scheduled to go over the scope and timeline of future projects.*

*Last May the district invested in a 12 month CD. The maturity date is approaching. Two realistic options are a 6 month CD or a 14 month CD. There are pros and cons to both. Dr. Ruff will present options to the BOE at the April meeting.*

*The BOE reviewed board meeting protocols and agenda packet information.*

*The Preschool for All program at Colona Grade School has the opportunity to have the Rock Island Regional Office become the fiscal agent for the program at the school. The RIROE has specific staff that focuses on early childhood and preschool programming. This school year the RIROE has been involved with training for the PFL program at Colona Grade School and helped with the auditing process. This program is funded through a grant. If the RIROE and Colona School District #190 developed a partnership, the grant writing would be completed by the RIROE. This grant is difficult and time consuming in nature. The RIROE also has resources that could benefit the program. Dr. Ruff will see if a representative from the PFL program at the RIROE could attend the April board meeting.*

*The Trojan Triumph program will enter the last year of funding next school year. The community relies heavily on the program. Dr. Ruff has been looking at funding sources. Communication with families will need to be a priority to keep everyone updated on the status of the grant. Colona Grade School currently has ten students that are alternatively placed.*

*Funding for the Trojan Triumph Before and After School program is available for one more year. The school district will have to decide if they will be able to fund the program or investigate additional sources available.*

*Kathy Creger and Anndrea Stephenson will be approved tenure status beginning the 24-25 school year. It is no longer necessary to approve tenure status for teachers to have board approval.*

*The office staff has been working to categorize and date the archived records for the school and schedule them for disposal. This project is also in compliance with the most recent Health, Life, Safety inspection. Once documents are approved for disposal through the Records Management Program, a suitable solution will be necessary for destruction.*

*The district has begun looking into replacing the reading and math curriculum. This will be a significant purchase. Mr. Carlson has been working with representatives from two vendors to review their books and resources. Please anticipate a significant cost to update the curriculum for the school.*

*Staff Appreciation Week will be May 6-10.*

*TheBOE meeting for June 24-25 will need to be changed to June 12, 2025 due to the timing of the proposed amended budget timeline.*

*The school has received a donation of tables from Black Hawk College. These tables will be utilized in the science room. 75 metal folding chairs will need to be declared surplus along with several folding tables that were being stored under the stage.*

*Kathy Creger and Anndrea Stephenson will be granted tenure status at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year. Board approval of tenure is not required anymore.*

*The school office team has started the records destruction/electronic managing of records for the school. This project does not just include student records, but also includes financial and historical documents. There is a process to record destruction and organization beginning with asking the State Archives for permission to destroy certain documents. Once approval is granted, a shredding service may be necessary to help with the destruction process.*

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Jim Legare 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, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5 ILCS 120 / 2 (c)(1)]*

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

*The board entered closed session at 7:57 p.m.*

*A Motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Julie Arnold to return to open session at 8:21 p.m.*

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

*A motion was made by Jim Legare, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the second reading of BP 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban*

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

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the second reading of BP 4:30 Revenue and Investments*

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

*A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the second reading of BP 4:60 Purchases and Contracts*

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

*A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the second reading of BP 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria*

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

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the second reading of BP 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*

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

*A motion was made by Julie VanDeWoestyne, seconded by Jim Legare not to approve the second reading of BP 7:60 Residence until a full board is present for discussion.*

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

*A Motion was made by Julie VanDeWoestyne, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to adjourn the meeting.*

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

*Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.*

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