

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

*November 10, 2022  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m.*

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

*Absent: Ray Kutzman, Dennis Teichman*

*Also Present: Mike Carlson, Michael Ruff, Heather Farrell, Chrissy Winters, Ian Malmstrom, Jessica Teichman and Edith Glackin*

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

*The Colona School District #190 Board of Education members were recognized in honor of Board Member Appreciation Day on November 15, 2022.*

*Colona School District received recognition from IASB as an Active Member for the 2022-2023 School Year.*

*Colona Grade School had 12 teachers receive UEF Mini-Grants. The grant amounts were \$250/each for a total of \$3000. The teachers that received grants were: Speer, Taylor, Dolk, Bizarri, Monahan, Allen, Farrell, Tapia, Hill, Stockwell and Parker. Grant themes included:*

*Colona Grade School has received a Commendable designation on their annual Illinois School Report Card. Schools receive an annual summative designation on the Illinois Report Card. The designation is based on the school's overall data for all of the accountability indicators as well as data for individual groups.*

*Mrs. Whipple gave a short update about the Trojan Triumph program at Colona Grade School. TT most recently hosted the annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 28th with 35 "trunks" decorated for the event/ Currently there are about 115 students participating in the TT program at Colona Grade School.*

*A Veterans Day assembly will be held on Friday, November 11 in the school gymnasium. Invitations were sent home with students and to local community agencies. Guest speakers will discuss their role in the military and guests will be invited to stand and be recognized for their service.*

*The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Paulie Granado, Presley Woodbury, Alani Jackson, Brinlee Dual, Aiden Gabel, Kahne McIntire, Paizlee Whipple, Brielle Thompson, Myra Kyser, Alyse Merrill, Julian Lopez, Omar Pantoja. Halloween parties, Trunk or Treat and a JH Dance were held on Friday, October 28. The NIU tutoring program has started. NIU is hoping to hire more tutors for our students. A new water fountain was installed last week. The November inservice will focus on learning strategies to teach students vocabulary. Students have solved 544 thousand math facts on Reflex Math. The top 3 classes include: Mrs Hart, Mrs. Farrell and Mrs. Stockwell.*

*The Athletic Director shared that the Hilltoppers co-op football team finished their season with a record of 2-4. Cross country has also ended. Boy's basketball has started. Girls basketball will have sign ups in December and games start in January. Wrestling sign up has started. The first meet is tentatively scheduled for December 8.*

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

*The PTA minutes detailed the PTA will need volunteers for pie pickup on November 18 from 1-6 p.m. Pie/cookie sales had low participation. The tentative date for a spring craft fair is April 29. A donation for Living Lands and Waters was made. Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 10.*

*A Motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded, by Bill Rossow 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 from Jovani Lopez (7/8 boys basketball coach)*
- 5f. Accept the retirement letter from Rita Davis effective March 10, 2023*

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

*Dr. Ruff presented the BOE two options for the Colona School District 2022 Tax Levy. Both options keep the 2022 levy under 105% of the prior year's extension. Therefore, a Public Hearing is not required by law, but Dr. Ruff will be available to answer any questions or concerns from the BOE or the community. The levied amount for the 2022 extension is \$1,490,945.77. The BOE will vote to approve the 2022 Tax Levy at the December board meeting.*

*Colona School District #190 currently has two outstanding bonds: General Obligation Bonds and Alternative Revenue Bonds. The school board is required annually to review their bond indebtedness schedule. The General Obligation Bonds are paid with the annual tax levy and the Alternative Revenue Bonds are paid through the 1% sales tax.*

*The BOE reviewed the Colona School District #190 Risk Management Plan with Dr. Ruff. The Risk Management Plan has been updated and sent to the attorney, insurance company and auditor. The update is also designed to shift expenses out of the Ed fund into the tort fund and support those expenses.*

*The VOIP has been updated to reflect more accurate numbers based on our needs. The VOIP update will significantly reduce monthly phone expenses incurred by the district.*

*Officer Armstrong and Mr. Carlson have been working to draft plans to update the security cameras for the school. The cameras and software system are in need of being updated. This project will be a significant expense to complete and can possibly be a part of the Ten Year Health Life Safety process.*

*The district Health Insurance Renewal has been reviewed by the teachers and staff as well as the BOE Insurance Committee with Lohman Companies. A new insurance package is being offered to employees and will be an affordable option for employees if they choose to participate. This package is also an attractive option to future employees.*

*A 2023-2024 SY Calendar was presented to the BOE. Participation from the teachers and staff was also offered to provide input in developing the calendar. There will be two teacher inservice days at the beginning of the year as well as two days earmarked for emergency days if necessary. This calendar is closely aligned with the 2022-2023 UTHS calendar.*

*The deadline to submit School Maintenance Grant proposals is fast approaching. Dr. Ruff has met with the district Building and Safety Committee and with staff to discuss ideas. He has also discussed ideas and needs with the architect. If approved by ISBE, the grant amount will be half of the project up to \$50,000, the other half will come from the district.*

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Patricia Sedlock 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; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey – aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*The board entered closed session at 8:24 p.m.*

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

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

*A motion was made by Lindsay Trickey seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the hiring of Mico Lopez 7/8 boys basketball coach) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the Risk Management Plan*

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

*A motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the VOIP phone systems and video door buzzer expenses.*

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

*A motion was made by Julie Arnold seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the District Health Insurance Renewal with Lohman Companies.*

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

*A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock 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 9:17 p.m.*

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