

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
February 25, 2019—7:00 PM

1. Call to Order: 7:03 pm
  - a. Roll Call –
    - i. Members Present: Ess, Toennies, Iiams, Strubhart, Eversgerd, Jansen
    - ii. Non Members Present: Phil Hamil, Tammy Kuper, Cindy Zurliene, Chris Richter, Megan Kehder, Megan Rowden
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Boys' Basketball team won the state tournament on February 9
  - b. Welcome Mr. Phil Hamil as new superintendent/principal as he visits first meeting
  - c. Girls' Basketball team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the state tournament
  - d. Scholar Bowl placed 1<sup>st</sup> at Mater Dei and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Central
  - e. QPR training was well attended and highly scored as a positive event
3. Motion to amend the agenda
  - a. None
4. Approval of minutes for December 19, 2018 regular meeting and January 16, 2019 regular and closed session minutes:
  - a. Motion by Jansen second by Iiams to approve the regular minutes of the December 19, 2018 and the regular and closed minutes of January 16, 2019 meeting.
    - i. All in favor.
5. Superintendent's report
  - a. Staffing determination for FY20 – Possible need for additional Special Education Teachers. Will have additional information in April.
  - b. Blue Ribbon Celebration April 17 – Arranging a special day of celebration
  - c. Ameren Lighting Grant – LED project – Working with Mark Litteken with Litteken Electric to convert to LED
6. Finance
  - a. February 2019 financial report/bills and salaries – information/action
    - i. Motion by Iiams second by Strubhart to approve the bills and salaries for February 2019
      1. Approved by Ess, Toennies, Iiams, Strubhart, Thole, Eversgerd, Jansen
7. Old Business
  - a. E-Rate – Mitch spent a great deal of time learning everything she could about e-Rate funding for our school. There has been a great deal of interest this year because of a combination of the federal funding with the possibility for state funding for special construction of dedicated fiber lines into school districts. Mitch attended trainings and sought out consultants who could help our district to better understand the e-Rate process and the benefits of the program. The existing internet speed is excellent, at 300 Mbps, and costs about \$200 per month. Adding fiber would take the monthly bill up to \$750 (which includes the 50% discount of E-Rate funds). However, if the district chooses to move to 1:1 in the future, the need for fiber might increase. As the approval of funds and fiber build could potentially take 6-12 months. Discussion and consensus to not move forward to apply for the funding.
  - b. Administrative contract for incoming Superintendent for 2019-2021

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- i. Motion by Jansen second by Ess to approve the written contract with Phillip Hamel from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021
  1. Approved by Ess, Toennies, liams, Strubhart, Thole, Eversgerd, Jansen
8. New Business
  - a. Purchase of technology equipment and training for Promethean Boards
    - i. Motion by Jansen second by liams to approve the purchase of 8 Promethean, laptops, and connection materials
      1. Approved by Ess, Toennies, liams, Strubhart, Thole, Eversgerd, Jansen
  - b. Science Curriculum for 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade – Information/action
    - i. The 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade science teachers (Becker and Dillon) undertook a review of science textbooks that are currently available. They would like to purchase the McGraw Hill series. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade received new science materials this year. We do not have enough books for the current 7<sup>th</sup> grade class when they move up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and we cannot find copies of the old book.
      1. Tabled and will be discussed in March meeting
  - c. School Calendar for FY20
    - i. Calendar will be voted on in March
    - ii. Highlights of the calendar include
      1. 1<sup>st</sup> day for teachers – August 15
      2. 1<sup>st</sup> day for students – August 16
      3. Full two weeks off at Christmas – Dec 22-Jan 5
      4. Last day with no snow – May 21
      5. Last possible day with snow – June 2
    - iii. Graduation scheduling (tentative)
      1. Motion by Thole second by Strubhart to set graduation for Thursday, May 16.
        - a. All in favor.
9. \*\*Closed Session – Closed session may be used to discuss contract negotiations, employee issues, and other items as deemed necessary by the board and as approved in 5 ILCS 120/2 of the Open Meetings Act.
  - a. Motion by liams and second by Strubhart to move from open to closed session at 8:49pm.
    - i. All in favor
  - b. Motion by liams and second by Jansen to move from closed to open session at 9:00pm.
    - i. All in favor
  - c. Motion by liams and second by Strubhart to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm
    - i. All in favor

Respectfully Submitted

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary