

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 20, 2019—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Members present: Thole, liams, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 2. Members absent: None
 3. Non Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Amanda Beer, Stacey Lampe

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report

3. Motion to amend the agenda:
None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular October 16, 2019 Meeting,
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - d. Motion by liams, second by Jansen to approve the consent agenda items.
 - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; liams, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed.

5. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Parent-Teacher Conferences – Conferences were well-attended with nearly all parents/guardians of students scheduling a meeting with teachers. Teachers reported that the present format/timing of conferences work well, although a date after the end of the first trimester may be beneficial for the primary grades.
 - b. 2019 ISBE Exemplary School Designation – Mr. Hamil reports that Aviston Elementary District #21 received the “Exemplary” designation from the Illinois State Board of Education. This designation is determined by high student achievement, with Aviston placing among the top 10% of schools in the state.
 - c. October 25, 2019 School Improvement Day – The county-wide school improvement day received positive feedback from participating district teachers. Instructors from same grade and subject areas formed roundtables to share best instructional practices and topics regarding curriculum design. Area administrators will continue to institute this meeting on a two or three-year rotation.

6. New Business

a. 2019 Tentative Levy Presentation

1. According to the Clinton County Assessor's Office, the EAV for the District has increased 10% from the previous year. The tentative levy proposes a 14% increase in EAV, while keeping a constant tax rate for the District to ensure that all possible tax revenue can be accessed due to the increase in EAV. With an increase over 4.99%, it is required that a Truth in Taxation hearing be held and public notice be given in local media.
2. Motion by liams, second by Jansen to approve the 2019 Tentative Levy.
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; liams, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed.

b. Set Date for Special Hearing to Approve 2019 Levy

1. A special hearing to approve the 2019 tax levy will be held on December 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM. A Truth in Taxation notice will be published in the Breese Journal prior to the hearing date.
2. Motion by liams, second by Jansen to notify the public and hold a special hearing for public comment regarding the 2019 tax levy on December 19, 2019 at 7:00 PM.
3. All in favor.

c. Annual Financial Report

1. The annual report of financial affairs prepared by the independent auditor, Donohoo, McCalley and Associates, was presented. The report identified no deficiencies or material weaknesses in the internal bookkeeping processes of the District. The District received an estimated 2020 financial profile score of "Recognition".
2. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to approve the 2019 Annual Financial Report as presented.
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; liams, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed.

d. Tort Budget for FY21

1. The Tort Budget for FY21 was presented according to the District Risk Management Plan, with an anticipated 3% increase in salaries.
2. Motion by liams, second by Jansen to approve the Tort Budget for FY21 as presented.
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; liams, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed.

- e. Ameren Energy Savings Grant – Information Only
 - 1. The District is gathering more information regarding a new energy grant offered through Ameren. The grant will likely entail upgrades of electrical fixtures not covered in prior grants. Specifics details are forthcoming.
 - 2. No Action, Information Only
- f. PRESS Policy Update Issue #102 (First Reading) – Informational
 - 1. Specific updates to laws governing school policy were presented.
 - 2. No Action, Informational Only
- 7. **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 Strubhart, second by liams to move from open to closed session at 8:04 pm.
 - b. All in favor.
 - c. Motion by Strubhart, second by Jansen to move from closed session to open session at 8:28 pm.
 - d. All in favor.
- 8. Action on items discussed in closed session
 - a. None
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Thole second by Strubhart to adjourn the November 20, 2019 Meeting at 8:28 pm.
 - b. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary