

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 25, 2020—7:00 PM
MINUTES

*Note: This meeting was held in an online format due to the temporary changes in the Open Meetings Act to conform to social distancing/public gathering requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic. Public notice and an opportunity for public access/attendance/comment was given in accordance to the Open Meetings Act.

1. Call to Order—7:04 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Members present: Thole, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart, Voss (appointment)
 2. Members absent: None
 3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Amanda Beer, Amy Schilling, Jamie Winkeler, Kara Holtgrave, Mariah Markus, Tammy Kuper, Samantha Crandall, Brianne Kuhn, Lisa Kauling, Kelly and Mike Kampwerth
2. Appointment of New Board of Education Member
 - a. Administration of Board Member Oath by President
 1. President Brad Eversgerd administered the new board member oath to Randy Voss.
 - b. Seating of New Board Member
 1. Randy Voss was welcomed to the Aviston District #21 Board of Education and seated as a member.
3. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. No public comment or visitor comment was given
 1. Amanda Beer, Co-Athletic Director, reported that the annual “Regal Eagle Run” is on hold at the current time due to COVID-19 concerns and how donors may be affected by the financial effects associated with the pandemic.
 - b. Good news Report:
 1. The “Leap into Technology” Technology Auction was very successful. A report to Mr. Hamil submitted by PTA President Alicia Renth suggests earnings of upwards of \$60,000 for technology use during the next five years.
4. Motion to amend the agenda:
 - a. None

5. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular February 19, 2020 Meeting, February 27, 2020 Special Meeting, and Closed Session Minutes
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Motion by Strubhart, second by Jansen to approve the consent agenda items.
 - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

6. Superintendent's Report
 - a. COVID-19 School Closure Updates
 1. Superintendent Hamil reported that the "Remote Learning Plan" had been approved by the Regional Office of Education and put into action. Additionally:
 - i. Teachers and parents were commended for their planning and work together to support students in the joint educational effort.
 - ii. At-home technology needs were being established and addressed by Technology Director Michelle Mearns.
 - iii. Nutrition needs are being under the direction of Karla Fuehne and Kelly Jackson
 - b. Special Education Updates – Ms. Natalie Bossler has been moved into the position of permanent substitute Special Education Teacher until the end of the school year. Linda Webb, retired Aviston Special Education Teacher, has been assigned the student caseload and oversees IEP maintenance, goal progress and assessment and acts in an advisory/support role for instruction with Ms. Bossler. Interviews began to hire for the position for the 2020-21 school year.
 - c. Speech Updates – Online therapy for students via TinyEye and limited in-person therapy has been implemented and feedback has been positive from parents. KSED is establishing the capabilities to continue speech therapy through the COVID-19 closures.
 - d. Lighting Grant Improvement Complete – The Ameren Lighting Grant replacement of lighting fixtures has been completed.
 - e. Water Softener Replacement Complete – The water softener has been replaced and was completed under the quoted price.

7. New Business
 - a. Transportation Contract Renewal
 1. M&K Bus Service submitted a proposal for the District's transportation contract for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Motion by Jansen, second by Voss to award M&K Bus Service the District transportation contract for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
 3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
- b. Mowing and Landscape Maintenance Contract Renewal
1. Quality Turf submitted a bid for mowing and landscape services for the District.
 2. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to award Quality Turf the District mowing and landscaping contract for the 2020-2021 school year as presented.
 3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
- c. HVAC Service Agreement
1. Albers Heating and Cooling submitted a bid for an annual HVAC service agreement.
 2. Motion by Jansen, second by Voss to award Albers Heating and Cooling the District HVAC service contract for the 2020-2021 school year.
 3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
- d. Adoption of the 2020-2021 School Calendar
1. The proposed 2020-2021 school calendar with a start date of August 14, 2020 Teachers Institute and August 17, 2020 start date for students was presented.
 2. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to accept the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented.
 3. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
- e. Annual Review of Safety Plans
1. The District Crisis Management Plan was presented with notations for proposed changes.
 2. Motion by Strubhart, Second by Jansen to approve the Crisis Management Plan as presented.
 3. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
- f. Threat Assessment Plan
1. The District Threat Assessment Plan was presented with explanation for the procedure to address threats of violence within the school setting.
 2. Motion by Voss, second by Jansen to approve the Threat Assessment Plan as presented.

3. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

g. Employee Resignations

1. Resignations were submitted by Brianne Goebel, Title I/4th Grade Teacher and Holden Fuehne, Paraprofessional Aide.
2. Motion by Strubhart, second by Jansen to accept the resignations of both employees as presented.
3. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

h. Consideration to Hire Certified Teacher

1. Mariah Markus was recommended to be hired to fill the Title I/4th Grade teaching position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, with the understanding that the position would be reopened internally per the AEA negotiated agreement prior to the beginning of the next school term.
2. Motion by Schulte, second by Thole to hire Mariah Markus as the Title I/4th Grade teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

i. Consideration to hire Paraprofessionals

1. It was recommended that Megan Ritter and Kelly Jackson be hired to fill the open paraprofessional aide positions for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to hire Megan Ritter and Kelly Jackson as paraprofessional aides for the remainder for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

j. Rehiring of Certified Teachers for 2020-2021 School Year

1. It was recommended that all certified teachers be rehired for the 2020-2021 school year (with the exception of the language in Item h.1 above, per the negotiated agreement).
2. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to rehire all certified teachers for the 2020-2021 school year (with the exception of the language in Item h.1 above, per the negotiated agreement).
3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

8. **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. Closed session was not entered.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Thole second by Jansen to adjourn the March 25, 2020 meeting at 7:50 pm.
- b. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary