

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
July 15, 2020—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:02 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
    2. Members absent: None
    3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Chris Richter, Al Richter, Stacie LeCroy, Melissa Kohnen, Kirsten Barth, Natalie Bossler and Amanda Beer
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. No public comment or visitor comment was given
  - b. Good news Report:
    1. The teachers were commended for their input during the development of the reopening plan for Fall 2020.
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
  - a. None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular June 17, 2020 Meeting
  - b. Approve Payment of Bills
  - c. Treasurer's Report
  - d. Motion by Jansen, second by Schulte 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.
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Eagle Scout Project Request – Chris Richter presented a plan for his Eagle Scout project to add three-point, and free throw lines to the basketball courts on the playground. He asked the District to supply the materials and presented a paint scheme. The Board approved Mr. Richter's project.
  - b. Summer Projects Update – An industrial-quality keypad has been installed on the storage shed. Many of the classrooms have been prepared for the opening of school. The remainder of the classrooms and hallways will be completed as well as the installation of four Promethean Boards.
  - c. Open Positions Update – Positions currently open are 8<sup>th</sup> grade English/Language Arts, Special Education and three aide positions.

6. New Business
  - a. PRESS Policy Updates Issue #104 – First Reading – Information Only, No Action
  - b. Maternity Leave Request
    1. Brianne Kuhn submitted a letter requesting her upcoming maternity leave.
    2. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to approve the maternity leave request for Brianne Kuhn.
    3. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.
  - c. Reopening Plan for 2020-2021 School Year
    1. The general return to school plan for the upcoming school year was presented and discussed among the Board, public and teachers present at the meeting. The plan was developed with input from the teachers and results from return to school surveys given to parents in the school district. The plan outlined the main effort to return to in-person learning in the building with significant changes to address safety to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus.
    2. Motion by Jansen, second by Schulte to approve the Aviston District #21 Reopening Plan 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. District Employee Resignations
    1. Resignation letters were submitted by Kasie Frazier and Jill Boesch, Softball Coaches.
    2. Motion by Schulte, second by Thole to accept the resignations of Kasie Frazier and Jill Boesch as Head and Assistant Softball Coaches.
    3. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.
  - e. Consideration of Hiring for Extracurricular Positions
    1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss to hire the following personnel for extracurricular positions:
      - I. Rtl Team: Lisa Kauling, Stacey Lampe, Amy Schilling, Samantha Crandall, Amanda Beer
      - II. Technology Team: Sarah O'Brien
    2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
  - f. Consideration of Hiring for Paraprofessional Positions – No Action Taken

- g. Consideration of Hiring for Certified Teaching Positions
    - 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to hire the following certified teachers:
      - i. Rachel Poettker – Special Education, with the stipulation of completing emergency certification credentials.
      - ii. Natalie Bossler – Certified Teacher, with the stipulation of completing emergency certification credentials.
    - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
  - h. Assistant Principal Compensation
    - 1. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to approve a 4% raise to the current Assistant Principal Salary.
    - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.
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 Jansen, Second by Schulte to enter closed session at 8:22 pm.
  - b. All in favor, None opposed. None Absent.
  - c. Motion by Schulte, Second by Strubhart to move from closed session to open session at 9:13 pm.
  - d. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Jansen second by Schulte to adjourn the July 15, 2020 meeting at 9:14 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary