

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
August 19, 2020—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:01 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Strubhart
    2. Members absent: Schulte
    3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Lisa Kauling, Rose Wilken, Kara Holtgrave, Jamie Winkeler, Stacie LeCroy, Melissa Kohnen, Sam Crandall, Scott Mohme, Sarah O'Brien, Stacey Lampe, Shelly Albers, Lisa Niemeyer, Mike and Kelly Kampwerth, see attached list.
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. No public comment or visitor comment was given
  - b. Good news Report
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
  - a. None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular July 15, 2020 Meeting
  - b. Approve Minutes of July 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting
  - c. Approve Payment of Bills
  - d. Treasurer's Report
  - e. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss to approve the consent agenda items.
  - f. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Summer Projects Update – The building has been prepared with all ISBE and IDPH safety measures in place. The HVAC filters have been replaced as an extra precaution for clean circulation of air. The parking lot sealing portion of the project is complete, with striping to occur in the upcoming days. Four Promethean Boards have been installed in the Kindergarten and Special Education classrooms. The landscaping has been freshened and plants trimmed.
  - b. Enrollment Report – Aviston Elementary School currently has 552 K-8 students enrolled and 32 PreK students enrolled, totaling 384 students.
  - c. Teachers' Institute Day Outcomes – The usual TI Day was interrupted with news of Clinton County's change in COVID transmission status and the need for the presentation for teachers to share their remote learning instructional details and

projects that were completed over the summer in preparation for the likely event of remote learning.

- d. Return to Learning Updates – Superintendent Hamil shared the timeline of events and preparations leading to the change in the county’s COVID transmission status and utilizing the Clinton County Health Department’s August 14, 2020 communication encouraging a postponement of in-person learning for schools, made the recommendation to postpone in-person learning for Aviston Elementary School in order to adhere to local safety officials’ advice. After public comment and open discussion, the Board agreed to begin school in a remote learning format until the county transmission risk metric returned to a lower level.
6. New Business
- a. Tentative Budget FY2021 Review – The tentative budget was presented. The District continues to operate in the black, with additional revenue from Federal Title Grants received this year.
  - b. Motion by Voss, second by Jansen for approval to prepare and display the FY2021 budget and set a public hearing for September 16, 2020.  
Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
  - c. Coping 4 Kids Agreement
    1. The annual school social work agreement with Coping 4 Kids was submitted for consideration. The agreement consists of approximately 150 total hours of service with a goal of no more than 20 hours per month at a rate of \$70/hour. The social work services are paid with Title funding and REAP Grant flexibility.
    2. Motion by Jansen, second by Thole to approve the agreement with Coping 4 Kids as presented.
    3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
  - d. Study Studio Agreement
    1. An agreement between Study Studio and the District was presented to extend a learning space for tutoring and homework help for Aviston students after school. Study Studio will utilize Aviston teachers to supervise and manage the program at the Aviston site. The program is independent of the school district and charges a fee for use. The goal is to provide a convenient location for Aviston families to receive extra academic assistance if needed.
    2. Motion by Strubhart, second by Toennies to approve the agreement with Study Studio.

3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Voss, abstain. Schulte Absent.
- e. PRESS Policy Update #104 – Second Reading/Action
  1. Motion by Voss, second by Jansen to adopt PRESS Policy Update #104 as presented.
  2. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
- f. PRESS Policy Update #105 – First Reading/No Action
- g. Adult Lunch Price Change
  1. Motion by Jansen, second by Eversgerd to increase the adult lunch fee from \$3.00 to \$3.25.
  2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
- h. District Employee Resignation
  1. Motion by Voss, second by Thole to accept the resignation of Chris Govero as Head Baseball Coach.
  2. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
- i. Consideration to Hire Extra Curricular Staff
  1. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to hire Travis Gebke as Head Baseball Coach, Madeline Frohn as Head Softball Coach and Mariah Markus and Assistant Softball Coach.
  2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte 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. Closed session was not entered.
8. Adjournment
  - a. Motion by Jansen second by Voss to adjourn the August 19, 2020 meeting at 9:48 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President



Kristi Toennies, Secretary