

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 16, 2020—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 2. Members absent: None
 3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, see attached list.

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: Amanda Beer, President of the Aviston Education Association, IEA/NEA, presented a statement on behalf the AEA membership explaining that a full, in-person instructional day and having remote learning students as well as students who are absent due to quarantine or COVID-like symptom isolation has added demands to an already full teacher workload. Key points of the statement were: 1. Teacher workload has increased significantly. 2. Additional time is needed for preparing lessons and working with students in the various instructional modes.
 - b. Good news Report: Superintendent Hamil reported a good first week of school with the students, staff and parents having success with the new COVID safety measures in place.

3. Motion to amend the agenda:
 - a. None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular August 19, 2020 Meeting
 - b. Approve Minutes of August 31, 2020 Special Board Meeting
 - c. Approve Payment of Bills
 - d. Treasurer’s Report
 - e. Suspension of Regular Meeting for FY21 Budget Hearing
 - f. Motion by Jansen, second by Schulte to approve the consent agenda items.
 - g. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

5. Public Hearing: Budget Approval
 - a. Review of Budget for FY21 – Superintendent Hamil reviewed the budget presented and on display from last month. The overall budget is operating with a surplus.

- b. Open Forum for Public Hearing of Proposed FY21 Budget – No public statements were given.
 - c. Motion by Voss, second by Jansen to approve the FY2021 Budget for Aviston Elementary District #21 as presented.
 - d. 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. Return to In-Person Instruction Updates – The students, staff and parents have worked well in their response to the safety measures put in place for in-person learning. Overall, everyone has been happy to return to the building.
 - b. Local Emergency Agency Safety Meeting Plans – A meeting is planned with Aviston Police Chief Mike Kuhl and Aviston Fire Chief Craig Lampe to review the District Crisis Response Plan on September 17.
 - c. Grant Updates – The district became eligible for approximately \$49,000 in grant funding through the CARES Act for additional technology for students. The District's intention is to complete (or nearly complete) the 1:1 Chromebook expansion.
 - d. Board Election Update – Candidate packets were distributed to board members whose terms are ending in April 2021. The public was informed that candidate information is available on the Clinton County Clerk website.
7. New Business
- a. HVAC Air Cleaner Proposal – Curt Albers of Albers Heating and Cooling and Brooks Boeschen of TMI/ASG proposed the installation of ionization units on the current HVAC rooftop units. The board asked for more information regarding the availability of grants to fund the proposal. No action was taken.
 - b. Resignation of Employee
 - 1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to accept the resignation of Melissa Kibler as a paraprofessional aide.
 - 2. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
 - c. PRESS Policy Issue #105 – Second Reading – Adoption
 - 1. Motion by Jansen, second by Strubhart adopt PRESS Policy Issue #105 updates as presented.
All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
 - d. Adoption of Updated Reopening of School Plan Metric
 - 1. With input of the Clinton County Health Department, a building level metric to measure the health status of the school's staff and students

for determining if partial or full remote learning modes were necessary was presented to be included in the July 15th Reopening of School Plan.

2. Motion by Schulte, second by Jansen to approve the building health metric and add it to the Reopening of School Plan.
 3. All in favor. 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.
1. Motion by Voss, second by Jansen to enter closed session at 8:35 pm
 2. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
 3. Motion by Schulte, second by Jansen to return to open session at 10:00 pm.
 4. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
9. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Jansen second by Thole to adjourn the September 16, 2020 meeting at 10:03 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary