

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
November 18, 2020—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Strubhart
 2. Members absent: Schulte
 3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Melissa Kohnen, Stacie LeCroy, Kevin Eversgerd, Tammy Kuper, Amanda Beer, Rachel Poettker, Natalie Bossler

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Good news Report: Parent-Teacher Conferences were well-attended and good feedback was received for both the in-person and online conferences.

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular October 28, 2020 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Motion by Jansen, second by Strubhart to approve the consent agenda items.
 - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.

5. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance – Conferences were well-attended both in-person and virtually.
 - b. COVID-19/School Health Updates – Student absences due to COVID-related illness (either COVID-positive or a close contact to a COVID-positive individual) has risen substantially and will likely create the need to begin the hybrid instructional mode according to the District Return to School Plan.
 - c. Open Positions Update – The District Technology Coordinator position has been listed in several forms of public media and recruitment from local colleges has also been initiated. The application deadline is November 27.

6. New Business
 - a. 2020 Tentative Levy Presentation – Information Only
 1. An estimated increase in the district’s Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of 10% was presented. This estimate results in a tax rate of 2.35%, which is comparable to the 2019 tax rate of 2.37%. The tentative levy will be available in the main office for public review.
 2. Information Only – No Action Taken
 - b. Set Date for Special Hearing to Approve 2020 Levy – December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm
 1. Motion by Jansen, second by Voss to host a special hearing for the purpose of approving the 2020 property tax levy for Aviston School District #21 at 7:00 pm.
 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
 - c. Tort Budget FY22
 1. The Tort Budget for FY22 was presented and reflected an estimated total cost of \$250,028.50.
 2. Motion by Jansen, second by Strubhart to approve the FY22 Tort Budget as presented.
 3. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
 - d. PRESS Policy Update Issue #106 (First Reading) – Information 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.
 1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Jansen to enter closed session at 7:35 pm
 2. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
 3. Motion by Thole, second by Jansen to return to open session at 8:11 pm.
 4. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.
8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Strubhart second by Thole to adjourn the November 18, 2020 meeting at 8:13 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary