

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
January 20, 2021—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    1. Members present: Voss, Eversgerd, Jansen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
    2. Members absent: Thole
    3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Tammy Kuper, Melissa Kohnen, Brianne Kuhn, Amy Schilling, Robin Dillon
  
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Good news Report: Aviston’s COVID numbers within the school have been decreasing and most of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter remote learners plan to return to in-person learning.
  
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
  - a. None
  
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular December 16, 2020 Meeting and December 29, 2020 Special Meeting
  - b. Approve Payment of Bills
  - c. Treasurer’s Report
  - d. Motion by Jansen, second by Voss to approve the consent agenda items.
  - e. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole Absent.
  
5. Superintendent’s Report
  - a. COVID-19/School Health Updates – An update was given regarding current absences due to COVID-19. There was a slight increase coming out of the holidays with a current 10-day average of 17.4 student and 1.4 staff members absent as either a COVID-positive individual or a close contact. Vaccinations for interested staff members begin on January 22.
  - b. School Improvement Meeting Outcomes/Professional Development – Grades K-3 are reviewing materials to select a new reading series. Grades 4-8 have been reviewing STAR Math and Reading data to determine strengths and areas for instructional improvement. PreK has undergone training for Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) to utilize in the classroom.

- c. Mid-Year Academic Performance Report – District diagnostic testing show scores well-above the national averages and are at or above grade level in both reading and math.
  - d. Health/Life Safety Project – The HLS amendment to update the door access system continues to be at ISBE for approval. As soon as it is approved, the work order will be sent to the vendor for completion.
  - e. Open Positions Update – An offer for the Technology Coordinator was presented to a candidate and is under consideration. School secretary applications are being received and interviews will begin next week.
6. New Business
- a. Non-Certified Staff Resignation
    - 1. Motion by Jansen, second by Schulte to accept the resignation of Kirsten Barth as school secretary.
    - 2. All in favor. None opposed. Thole 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.
- 1. Motion by Jansen, second by Strubhart to enter closed session at 7:18 pm
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. Thole Absent.
  - 3. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss to return to open session at 7:35 pm.
  - 4. All in favor. None opposed. Thole Absent.
8. Adjournment
- a. Motion by Strubhart second by Voss to adjourn the January 20, 2021 meeting at 7:35 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Thole Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary