

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
February 24, 2021—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, Tammy Kuper, Tracy Boeker, Kara Holtgrave, Amanda Beer, Nathan Frisbee, Marc Mays

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: The Aviston Education Association submitted a letter requesting a reopening of the certified salary schedule for negotiation.
 - b. Good news Report: Athletics have resumed and the boys' 8th Grade Night is scheduled for February 25. Girls' 8th Grade night is scheduled for March 23.

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular January 20, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - d. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss 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. COVID-19/School Health Updates – A very high percentage of staff members are receiving the COVID vaccines and most have completed the second dose on February 19. The school continues to have very low positivity and close contact numbers. For the first time this year, there have been zero absences due to COVID-19 positivity or close contact. The current 10-day average is 4.2 student absences and .3 staff absences related to COVID-19.
 - b. Grant Updates – The CARES Act (ESSERS II) has allotted the district approximately \$24,000 in additional funding for Coronavirus relief. The funds will be used for COVID-related expenses. The application process has not opened for the fund, but will be applied for when available. The Small, Rural, School Achievement Program SRSA (REAP) grant will provide \$43,738 in additional funding for the

district. The additional funding is used for education-related expenses and partial funding of a school social worker.

- c. Athletics Update – Week three of an abbreviated season for volleyball and boys' basketball has been entered and events are live-streamed through the host school's media platform.

6. New Business

a. District Technology Support and Management

- 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Jansen to accept an agreement with Quality Network Solutions for the remainder of the school year through June 30, 2022 to support and manage the district technology.
- 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

b. Extracurricular Resignation

- 1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to accept the resignation of Taylor Rakers as Assistant Volleyball Coach
- 2. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

c. Consideration to Hire for Extracurricular Position

- 1. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to hire Caitlyn Milligan as Assistant Volleyball Coach
- 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

d. Consideration to Hire Non-Certified Personnel

- 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to hire Carol Rapp as School Secretary.
- 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

e. Mowing Bid

- 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to accept the mowing bid from Quality Turf at a rate of \$115 per cut for the district grounds.
- 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Jansen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. None Absent.

f. Graduation Scheduling

- 1. Motion by Jansen, second by Voss to set the Aviston District #21 Graduation for May 20, 2021.
- 2. All in favor. 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.
 1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to enter closed session at 8:30 pm
 2. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.
 3. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss to return to open session at 8:54 pm.
 4. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Schulte second by Strubhart to adjourn the February 24, 2021 meeting at 8:56 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary