

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
May 19, 2021—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Kohnen, Toennies, Schulte
    2. Members absent: Strubhart
    3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Tammy Kuper, Shelly Albers, Stacey Lampe, Caitlin Milligan, Hanna Barnes
  
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Good News Report: Superintendent Hamil reported classes enjoying various field trips and that the annual Fun Day sponsored by the PTA is set to take place.
  
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
  - a. None
  
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular April 21, 2021 Meeting
  - b. Approve Payment of Bills
  - c. Treasurer's Report
  - d. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to approve the consent agenda items.
  - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. COVID-19/School Health Updates – COVID-related absences continue to remain at zero for both students and staff members. With the absence data, the plan is to continue to take steps to return to normalcy with the implementation of field trips, Fun Day and a traditional graduation ceremony.
  - b. Summer Maintenance Plans – Sizeable projects include the replacement of restroom sinks in the junior high hallway and adding new wood chips to the playground. A list of minor improvements has been developed for summer maintenance.
  - c. Technology Upgrades – QNS is replacing computer lab units with more powerful surplus computers donated from another school district free of charge. A general overview of upgrades to staff computers and the installation of a VOiP phone system was given, with more information to follow.

6. Old Business

- a. Currently Callable Bonds and Considerations HVAC System Update – Curt Albers of Albers Heating and Air Conditioning provided a status update on the lifespan of the current HVAC system for the school. Mr. Albers provides the regular maintenance on the units and reported that the units have a lifespan of 20-25 years, which is approaching (2001 installation). The Board asked Mr. Hamil to provide a maintenance cost history of the current units and begin investigating various scenarios for the replacement of the HVAC units and other facilities improvements.

7. New Business

- a. Proposed FY21 Amended Budget/Set Budget Hearing
  1. Motion by Voss, second by Strubhart to set the FY21 amended budget hearing for June 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm.
  2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
- b. School Fees 2021-2022
  1. Motion by Kohnen, second by Thole to keep the book/technology fee at \$150, lunches at \$2.80 and for activity fees to remain the same as the previous school year.
  2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
- c. Consolidated District Plan Adoption/Title Grant Application
  1. Motion by Schulte, second by Thole to approve the Consolidated District Plan and Title Grant Applications as presented.
  2. All in favor. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
- d. Phonics Program – Grades K-3
  1. Motion by Voss, second by Thole to approve the purchase of the Wilson Language “Foundations” phonics program for grades K-3 at a cost of \$13,154. 60 plus shipping.
  2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
- e. Junior High Golf Program
  1. A report was given by Co-Athletic Director Tammy Kuper regarding the request to establish a junior high golf team. The Board asked for more information to be gathered and begin compiling details for the program.

- f. Extracurricular Resignations
  - 1. Motion by Kohnen, second by Thole to accept the resignations of: Travis Gebke, Head Baseball Coach; Craig Zurliene, Head Girls Basketball Coach; Leann Lohman, Head Cheerleading Coach; Madeline Frohn, Head Softball Coach; Mariah Markus, Assistant Softball Coach.
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  
- g. Consideration to Hire Certified Staff
  - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to hire Hanna Barnes as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  
- h. Consideration to Hire Assistant Principal
  - 1. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to hire Lisa Niemeyer as full-time Assistant Principal under a tentative agreement with a final contract to be presented at the June meeting.
  - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  
- i. Consideration to Approve negotiated Certified Salary Agreement
  - 1. No Action Taken
  
- 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 Schulte, second by Thole to enter closed session at 7:58 pm
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  - 3. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to return to open session at 9:06 pm.
  - 4. All in favor. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.
  
- 9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion by Schulte second by Kohnen to adjourn the May 19, 2021 meeting at 9:06 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Strubhart Absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary