

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
June 16, 2021—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Kohnen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
    2. Members absent: None
    3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Tammy Kuper, Courtney Hayes, Marc Mays, Shelly Albers, Lisa Niemeyer
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Good News Report: Superintendent Hamil reported a successful end of the school year with a traditional graduation and student “Fun Day”.
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
  - a. None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular May 2021 Meeting
  - b. Approve Payment of Bills
  - c. Treasurer’s Report
  - d. Motion by Strubhart, second by Kohnen to approve the consent agenda items.
  - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
5. Public Hearing: Amended Budget Approval
  - a. Presentation of FY21 Amended Budget – Superintendent Hamil presented the amended budget, showing a balanced budget for all District expense funds.
  - b. Open Forum for Public Hearing of FY21 Amended Budget – No public comment was made.
  - c. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to accept the FY21 amended budget as presented.
  - d. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
6. Superintendent’s Report
  - a. Summary of 2020-2021 School Year - The school year ended on a positive note with a return to more normal school activities, especially during the last two

months of school. Academically, the District was successful in accomplishing in-person learning for the entire school year, with a brief period of hybrid learning for junior high in November. Students experienced some degree of learning loss, but overall, preliminary state testing results show high-performance in comparison to districts state-wide and locally. Financially, the District finished the fiscal year with a balanced budget and was able to add technology through the use of federal grant money made available in response to the COVID pandemic.

- b. Summer Updates – Classrooms continue to be in the process of deep cleaning and floor maintenance. Replacement sinks in the junior high wing are scheduled to be replaced.
7. New Business
- a. Technology Upgrades and Phone System Lease
    1. Motion by Schulte, second by Kohnen to accept the 3-year, one dollar buyout lease agreement for 28 Dell Optiplex computers and 1 Synology DS920+ digital storage device for \$10,292.10 and a 3-year, one dollar buyout lease agreement for installation and setup of a building-wide FortiVoice VOiP phone system at a cost of \$28,643.60
    2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
  - b. Consideration to Approve Negotiated Certified Salary Agreement
    1. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to accept the addition of Appendix D to the Negotiated Certified Salary Agreement
    2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
  - c. Parent-Student Handbook Updates
    1. Motion by Thole, second by Kohnen to accept the Parent-Student Handbook updates as presented.
    2. All in favor. None Opposed. None Absent
  - d. Property/Casualty and Worker’s Compensation Premium for FY22
    1. Motion by Voss, second by Strubhart to accept the insurance quote provided by Prairie State Insurance Cooperative (PSIC) at a cost of \$38,971.
    2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.

- e. Principal Contract
  - 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Thole to accept the contract between the Board of Education and Lisa Niemeyer as Principal of Aviston Elementary School District #21.
  - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None absent.
  
- f. Resignation of Certified Staff
  - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to accept the resignation of Mariah Markus as Rtl/4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher.
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. None absent
  
- g. Resignation of Extracurricular Staff
  - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to accept the resignation of Jena Hemann as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.
  
- h. Consideration to Hire Certified Staff – Staff Reassignment
  - 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Kohnen to assign Shelly Albers as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.
  
- i. Consideration to Hire Extracurricular Staff
  - 1. Motion by Strubhart, second by Kohnen to hire Megan Ritter, Head Softball Coach; Jena Hemann, Head Girls Basketball Coach; Dennis Rakers, Head Baseball Coach.
  - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None absent.
  
- j. Non-Certified and Administrative Personnel Compensation
  - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to approve a \$1/hour raise for non-certified personnel, 4% raise for Karla Fuehne and Gary Litteken and 4% raise, plus a one-time bonus of \$3,000 to Phil Hamil.
  
- 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 Strubhart to enter closed session at 9:01 pm
  - 2. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

3. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to return to open session at 9:47 pm.
4. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Schulte second by Thole to adjourn the June 16, 2021 meeting at 9:56 pm.
- b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary