

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
August 18, 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, Sarah O’Brien, Kevin Eversgerd, Tracy Boeker, Ashley Timmermann, Cody Henard, Kim Henard, Troy Henard, Heather Behrens
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: Members of the public and the faculty addressed the Board regarding the Illinois mask mandate in schools. Board member Kohnen read a personal statement regarding the mask mandate.
 - b. Good News Report: Superintendent Hamil reported that the Teachers Institute and start of school have went well and there is a renewed energy in the building among students and staff members.
3. Motion to amend the agenda:
 - a. None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular July 15, 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; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
5. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Start of 2021-22 School Year Updates – Students and staff have been upbeat with the return to school. There has been a “more normal” approach to the beginning of the school year, outside of mask usage. PSR has returned to the building and classrooms are able to accommodate student work groups while maintaining the required 3-feet of social distance.
 - b. Enrollment Report – Enrollment is up by 25 students compared to last year. FY21 enrollment was 385 and FY22 enrollment is 410 students.

- c. Technology Updates – Informal feedback from teachers has been positive that QNS is addressing their technology needs. The VOIP phone system has been installed as well as the leased computers for teachers.
 - d. Facilities Report – Initial approaches for funding HVAC replacements were presented. If approved by the architect, it is recommended that new units be installed using Health/Life Safety funds that are available for projects of this type. Other options for funding include an interfund transfer from the Education Fund or the sale of bonds to finance the replacement. A meeting is set with the architect to determine more specific needs and to establish if Health/Life Safety funding is an option.
6. New Business
- a. Tentative Budget FY2022 Review (No Action) – Superintendent Hamil proposed an overall balanced budget, with surpluses in the education, and building funds, and slight deficit spending in the transportation fund.
 - b. Approval to Prepare and Display FY22 Budget for Public Inspection and Set Public Hearing for September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM
 - 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to approve the preparation and display of the FY22 budget for Aviston District #21 for public inspection and to set the public budget hearing for September 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM.
 - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
 - c. PRESS Policy Updates #107 (2nd Reading)
 - 1. Motion by Voss, second by Strubhart to approve PRESS Policy Update #107 for addition to the District Policy Manual.
 - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
 - d. Consideration of Hiring for Paraprofessional Position
 - 1. No candidate was presented. No action taken.
 - e. Consideration of Hiring for Extracurricular Positions
 - 1. Motion by Kohnen, second by Thole to hire Chase Henrichs (Head Golf Coach) and Brad Kampwerth (Assistant Golf Coach).
 - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. 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.
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Kohnen to enter closed session at 8:14 PM
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to adjourn the August 18, 2021 meeting at 8:57 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary