

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 15, 2021—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 1. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 2. Members absent: Kohnen
 3. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Sarah O’Brien, Tammy Kuper, Kailey Bischoff, Kim Henard, Troy Henard, Lori Locke, Ashley Timmermann, Dawn Becker

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: Troy and Kim Henard asked for details on the district response to the return of students and COVID safety. Information regarding state-mandated curriculum changes was also requested. Superintendent Hamil reviewed the return to school plan and the district approach to address mandated curriculum changes.
 - b. Good News Report: Superintendent Hamil reported that Illinois had returned local control of COVID safety protocols to schools. Additionally, the track and field record board in the gymnasium had been updated to reflect the newest records.

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

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular June 16, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - d. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to approve the consent agenda items.
 - e. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen Absent.

5. Superintendent’s Report
 - a. Return to School Planning – With the return of local control of COVID mitigation processes, Aviston Elementary will be recommending, but not requiring mask usage by students and staff members. Regular disinfecting and hand sanitation will continue, with the possibility for additional mitigation steps depending on the level of community spread/positivity. Coordination with the Clinton County Health Department and other local schools will establish the additional measures.

- b. Summer Projects Update – Deep cleaning of the building continues and is 75% complete. The junior high restroom sinks have been installed. Loose bricks on the west side of the building are repaired. Quality wood chips are being ordered to add to the playground and new light pole bumpers have been ordered for safety and appearance.
- c. Grants Update – The following grant applications have been filed: Title II (\$2,825), IDEA Part B Flow-Through (\$56,935), IDEA Part B Preschool (\$4,523). The district is not eligible for Title I and Title IV funds due to a low poverty rate.

A matching grant has been filed with ISBE for a 1G fiber optic line to be installed. The district funds for matching will be from the federal Erate grant, with no direct expense from district funds.

The ESSER III Covid relief grant will be filed with federal and state-required earmarks for learning loss, special programs and summer programs. The funds will be used for after-school tutoring, week-long summer camps and the creation of a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) program.

6. New Business

- a. PRESS Policy Update #107 (1st Reading) – No action
- b. Addition of Extracurricular Stipends to Negotiated Agreement
 - 1. Motion by Voss, second by Thole to add the following stipends to Appendix B of the negotiated agreement: Head Golf Coach (\$1700) and Assistant Golf Coach (\$350).
 - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen Absent.
- c. District Employee Resignations
 - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to accept resignations of Brett Zurliene as Assistant Baseball Coach and Sara Province as 8th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher
 - 2. All in favor. None Opposed. Kohnen Absent
- d. Consideration for Hiring Extracurricular Positions
 - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to hire the following personnel for extracurricular positions: Heather File (Assistant Softball Coach), Tom Robben (Assistant Baseball Coach), Tyson Zobrist (Assistant 5/6 Girls Basketball Coach), Dawn Becker (RtI Team Member)

2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen Absent.
- e. Consideration of Hiring for Certified Teaching Positions
 1. Motion by Schulte, second by Thole to hire Dawn Becker (RtI Teacher), Kailey Bischoff (Junior High English/Language Arts Teacher), and Lori Locke (Junior-High English/Language Arts Teacher)
 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen 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. Closed session was not entered.
8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Schulte second by Thole to adjourn the July 15, 2021 meeting at 7:36 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Kohnen absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary