

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
October 20, 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, Principal Niemeyer, Amanda Beer, Tammy Kuper, Megan Washburn, Patti Sauer, Marc Mays
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Good News Report: Aviston Elementary School has been recognized by U.S. News and World Report as a “Top Ten” school in Illinois for high performance in math and reading scores.
3. Motion to Amend the Agenda:
 - a. None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular September 15, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - d. Motion by Kohnen, second by Strubhart 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.
 - f. Motion by Strubhart, Second by Kohnen to suspend regular meeting
 - g. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.
5. Public Hearing: Limitation on Administrative Costs
 - a. Limitation on Administrative Costs – Information – With the addition of a full-time principal position, it is required that the Board adopt a resolution to waive the limitation of administrative costs for FY22.
 - b. Open Forum for Public Hearing of Limitation on Administrative Costs – No comments made.
 - c. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to approve the Resolution to Limit Administrative Costs 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. Emergency Drills Report – The annual active shooter and fire drill with participation from the Aviston Police Department and Aviston Volunteer Fire Department were completed. Both drills had positive reviews from the supervising agency and the staff and students performed well during the drills.
 - b. U.S. News and World Report Top Ten – Aviston Elementary School was named as one of the top ten elementary schools in Illinois (out of over 2,000 schools) for high performance in state math and reading scores. The Board and administration recognized the hard work of our students, staff and community in this achievement.
 - c. Annual Financial Report Status – The annual financial report has not been completed by the auditor and is delayed due to the increased auditing requirements for Illinois schools this year.
7. New Business
- a. Technology Updates – Marc Mays, Quality Network Solutions – Information Only
 - 1. Mr. Mays reported that the current number of WiFi access points will need to be expanded to accommodate a 1:1 computing environment, which is a goal of the District. Recent grants are allowing the expansion of the number of Chromebooks to a point where access points need to be added for connectivity. The District plans to add access points to the junior high wing in the short-term using ESSER III funds. Erate Funding will be used in FY23 to make a full expansion of access points to accommodate the number of Chromebooks being used in the school.
 - b. Snow Days – Information Only
 - 1. The District is not seeking to begin the resolution process for establishing E-Learning Days this year in lieu of Emergency Days (snow days).
 - c. HVAC Replacement – Information Only
 - 1. A six-year maintenance report for the main HVAC units was presented and it was discussed that the repair costs did not warrant an immediate need to replace the units.
 - d. "Make it Local" Coalition
 - 1. Superintendent Hamil presented the "Make it Local" initiative and informed the Board that he would like to sign the Op-Ed letter in

support of the group's mission to restore control of school decisions to local school boards. The Board granted his request to sign the document.

- e. Consideration to Hire Extracurricular Positions
 - 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to hire for the following extracurricular positions: Caitlyn Milligan, Head Volleyball Coach; Kelly Voss, Assistant Volleyball Coach; Alycia Wintermann, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach; Keith Koopmann, Assistant 5/6 Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.

- 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.
 - a. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to enter closed session at 8:10 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent
 - c. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to return to open session at 9:20 pm.
 - d. All in favor. None opposed. None absent

- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to adjourn the October 20, 2021 meeting at 9:21 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary