

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
September 15, 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, Ashley Timmermann, Tammy Kuper

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Good News Report: Superintendent Hamil reported that lunches will be provided free of charge to all students through a USDA summer meal flexibility program. The “Reagle Eagle” 5K run was well-attended and a successful event. Onsite COVID testing is now available to staff and students, allowing a “test to stay” option for close contacts, avoiding extra absences due to quarantines. The Aviston Sparks have donated over \$600 from a fundraiser to the school. The school plans to purchase recess equipment with the donation.

3. Motion to Amend the Agenda:
 - a. None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular August 18, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - d. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss 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: Budget Approval
 - a. Review of Budget for FY22 – The overall budget shows a slight surplus for FY22. \$300,000 has been budgeted in Health/Life Safety funds for a potential replacement of HVAC rooftop units.
 - b. Open Forum for Public Hearing of Proposed FY22 Budget – No comments made.
 - c. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to approve the FY22 Budget for Aviston Elementary School District #21 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. HVAC Information – Information from the architect was received just prior to meeting time and the estimate for replacing the main eight HVAC rooftop units is \$1.2 million. The Board asked that estimates on a phased installation be collected from the architect.
- b. Local Emergency Safety Plans Meeting – Chief Kuhl of the Aviston Police Department and Chief Lampe of the Aviston Volunteer Fire Department have reviewed the District's Crisis Management Plan. After review, no changes were suggested or made.
- c. Onsite COVID Testing Available – Office staff is trained to administer COVID tests to students and staff after proper written consent is obtained. The onsite testing allows symptomatic individuals to be tested immediately and close contacts will have the ability to "test to stay" and remain in school if tests remain negative during a typical quarantine period. Non-vaccinated staff members are tested weekly in accordance to the state mandate.
- d. Grant Updates: ESSER III, ERate and ECF – The Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) grant is taking applications that would allow the District to receive enough Chromebooks to have 1:1 device capability with all students. 192 units will be requested. The current WiFi access points in the school are limited with the sudden influx of new units and will need to be upgraded. ESSER III funding will be used as a temporary measure to add a few more access points in the building until the next cycle of ERate funds are available next year to complete the access point expansion project.

7. New Business

- a. Consideration to Hire Extracurricular Position
 1. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to hire Alyssa Winkeler as Head Cheer Coach for the 2021-2022 season.
 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.
- b. Consideration to Hire Paraprofessional Aide
 1. Motion by Thole, second by Schulte to hire Kayla Sutton as a Paraprofessional Aide.
 2. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. None Absent.

8. ****Closed Session— None**
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.

9. **Adjournment**
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to adjourn the September 15, 2021 meeting at 7:44 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary