

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

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    - a. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
    - b. Members absent: Kohnen
    - c. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Amanda Beer, Kailey Bischoff
  
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Good News Report: The Christmas Program and Winter Concert performances were excellent and well-attended. The holiday donation drive to help area families is currently collecting and on track to have similar collection numbers as last year. The basketball programs are both experiencing good success.
  
3. Tax Levy Special Hearing
  - a. Public Comment Regarding Proposed 2021 Tax Levy: None
  - b. Consideration of the Proposed 2021 Tax Levy
    - a. Motion by Stubhart, second by Schulte to accept the 2021 Aviston Elementary District #21 Property Tax Levy as presented.
    - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen absent.
  
4. Motion to Amend the Agenda: None
  
5. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of Regular November 17, 2021 Meeting
  - b. Approve Payment of Bills
  - c. Treasurer's Report
    - a. Motion by Voss, second by Strubhart to approve the consent agenda items.
    - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart aye. None opposed. Kohnen absent.
  
6. Superintendent's Report
  - a. COVID Updates – An increase in COVID-positive cases has occurred after the first week of December. The cases appear to be from contact outside of school, although the majority of the cases are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The Clinton County

Health Department is giving guidance on how to best keep students in the classroom and increase mitigation efforts.

- b. Grant Updates – Official confirmation was received from the Illinois State Board of Education that the \$50K matching grant was awarded to begin the 1G fiber internet installation. The remaining portion will be from a federal E-Rate grant.

E-Rate will also be utilized for installation of more WiFi access points to enable 1:1 computing in the building.

ESSER-III funds will be used for summer programs, classroom materials and installing water fountain/bottle filler combination units throughout the school.

- c. Building Planning Update – A staff/teacher committee has been formed and will meet at the January 3<sup>rd</sup> institute to begin compiling a list of needs for a possible building expansion proposal. Community stakeholders will be involved in the next steps to assist the facility needs of the school.

7. New Business

- a. PRESS Policy Update #108 – First Reading – Information Only
- b. FY21 Annual Financial Report – The report continues to be delayed due to unforeseen circumstances with the auditor. No action taken.

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 Voss, second by Strubhart to enter closed session at 7:37 pm.
- b. All in favor. None opposed. Kohnen absent.
- c. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to return to open session at 7:55 pm.
- d. All in favor. None opposed. Kohnen absent.

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion by :Thole, second by Schulte to adjourn the December 15, 2021 meeting at 7:56 pm.
- b. All in favor. None opposed. Kohnen absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary