

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 19, 2022—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:02 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Kohnen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 - b. Members absent: None
 - c. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Principal Niemeyer, Tammy Kuper, Amanda Beer, Lori Locke, Robin Dillon

2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Good News Report: The boys and girls basketball teams are performing very well this season.

3. Motion to Amend the Agenda: None

4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular December 15, 2021 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Motion by Voss, second by Kohnen to approve the consent agenda items.
 - b. 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. 1G Fiber Optic Line/Technology Update – The ISBE \$50,000 matching grant has been awarded and installation is expected to begin when weather permits.
 - b. Building Addition Staff Committee Outcomes – The January 3rd meeting of staff members resulted in proposals of new classrooms, a second gymnasium, common areas, areas for student therapies and meetings, a teacher resource sharing room, expansion of the music room and storage areas in a building expansion project.
 - c. COVID Status Report – Student COVID positivity rates reached a high of 20 students on 1/13/22. They have declined since then and are currently at 9 positive cases. Absence rates due to close contact or positivity are declining quickly.

- d. Mid-Year District Academic Report – District-wide Fastbridge data in math and ELA was shared, showing scores above national norms. STAR Reading scores showed all classes performing at or above grade level.

- 6. New Business
 - a. PRESS Policy Update #108 – Second Reading – Action
 - a. The Board requested Superintendent Hamil gather information to discern which portions of the PRESS updates were required to be added to District policy and report back with findings before action is taken. Item tabled.

 - b. E-Rate Proposal – Information Only
 - a. The intent to file for Category 2 upgrades to technology infrastructure was proposed to minimum upgrades to end-of-life equipment at a cost of \$3,396.93. Maximum upgrades to include above equipment and 31 WiFi access points for increased number of Chromebooks at a cost of \$41,940.55. E-Rate grant funds would cover 50% of the costs of upgrades.

- 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 Thole, second by Schulte to adjourn the January 19, 2022 meeting at 8:07 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. None absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary