

Aviston Elementary School District #21
Board of Education Regular Meeting
July 20, 2022—7:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Voss, Eversgerd, Kohnen (Online), Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 - b. Members absent: Thole
 - c. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Principal Niemeyer, Sarah O'Brien, Tammy Kuper, Amanda Beer, Logan Niehaus, Stacey Lampe, Tracy Boeker
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: Teachers voiced salary concerns and the effect on teacher recruitment/retention.
 - b. Good News Report: Trophy cases and gym banners have been cleaned and rearranged for better presentation. Students utilizing summer library hours. Special Education room renovation has been completed.
3. Motion to Amend the Agenda: None
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of Regular June 15, 2022 Meeting
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Voss to approve the consent agenda items.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole absent.
5. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Open Positions – The District currently has a Special Education opening and is in need of two Paraprofessional Aides.
 - b. Summer Maintenance Updates –
 - a. General Updates - The renovation of the computer lab into a Special Education classroom has been completed. The custodians have 14 classrooms cleaned and ready for the fall session. Albers Heating and Cooling is preparing pricing for repair or replacement of the walk-in freezer unit.
 - b. Kitchen Equipment – Estimates were received from three companies for a new dishwasher to replace the aging unit, which is original to the building (21 years).

The lowest bid was from TSA, Inc. in Germantown at \$12,313.39. Purchase and installation of the new equipment will proceed with an expected completion date of January 1, 2023.

6. Old Business
 - a. Building Addition Planning
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Kohnen to approve proceeding with the building expansion planning and construction of Phase I (four classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria and therapy/counseling areas), funded through a petitioned referendum process.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, no. Thole absent.
7. New Business
 - a. Coping4Life School Social Worker Agreement
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to approve the agreement with Coping4Life for school social worker services for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole absent.
 - b. Safe Return to Instruction Plan Update
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Eversgerd to approve the Safe Return to Instruction Plan as presented.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Thole absent.
 - c. PRESS Policy Issue #109 – Second Reading
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Strubhart to approve PRESS Policy Issue #109 updates as presented.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Thole absent.
 - d. AEA Request to Reopen Certified Contract
 - a. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to accept the Aviston Education Association request to reopen the Certified Contract for the purpose of adding extracurricular salaries to Appendix B.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole absent.
 - e. Resignation of Certified Staff
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to accept the resignations of Patti Sauer (7th Grade English/Language Arts), Caitlyn Milligan (3rd Grade) and Courtney Hayes (Special Education)
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Thole absent.

- f. Consideration to Hire Certified Staff
 - a. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to hire Cassandra Trammel as 7th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher, Heather Netemeyer as Music Teacher, and Jamie Newton as 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole absent.

- g. Consideration to Hire Extracurricular Staff
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Kohnen to hire Jordan Stiegman as Assistant Softball Coach.
 - b. Roll Call: Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Thole 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 Strubhart, second by Voss to enter closed session at 8:16 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Thole absent.
 - c. Motion by Schulte, second by Voss to return to open session at 9:08 pm
 - d. All in favor. None opposed. Thole absent.

- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to adjourn the July 20, 2022 meeting at 9:11 pm.
 - b. All in favor, None opposed, Thole absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary