

Aviston Elementary School District #21  
Board of Education Regular Meeting  
November 16, 2022—7:00 PM  
MINUTES

1. Call to Order—7:00 pm
  - a. Roll Call
    - a. Members present: Thole, Voss, Eversgerd, Kohnen, Toennies, Strubhart
    - b. Members absent: Schulte
    - c. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Principal Niemeyer, Tammy Kuper, Amanda Beer, Tim King (King's Financial)
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
  - a. Public Comment: None
  - b. Good News Report: A successful Veteran's Day celebration was held on November 10 to recognize area veterans. The Bledsoe Family donated \$2,500 to assist with the Eagle Squad character education program. The Eagle Squad's theme for the month is "Caring". Christmas program/concert is upcoming. The Athletic Department reports a high interest in the new bowling program.
  
3. Motion to Amend the Agenda:
  - a. Motion by Kohnen, second by Thole to include discussion/first reading of Press Policy #110 to the agenda.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
4. Approval of Consent Agenda:
  - a. Approve Minutes of October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting and October 26, 2022 Special 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: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
5. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Fire Marshal and ROE Inspection Results – The Fire Marshal and Regional Office of Education completed the annual inspection of facilities. Minor items such as incandescent Christmas lights being used and artwork hanging from the ceiling in specific areas were noted. Overall, the Fire Marshal was impressed with the safety preparedness of the building.

- b. Resident Parking Lot Concern – An email was received from Jeremy Buschmann regarding a safety concern for the nighttime lighting/visibility of the east parking lot during evening school activities. Methods of adding lighting will be researched and reported back to the board.
  
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Building Addition – The land survey has been conducted and the geotechnical services are scheduled to occur on November 26. The office staff met with FGM architects to discuss the floor plan/design of the office suite and student services area on November 3.
  
- 7. New Business
  - a. 2022 Tentative Levy Presentation
    - a. A levy proposal to consider a 20% growth in the District’s Estimated Assessed Valuation (EAV) was presented. The proposed total tax rate for the District is 2.24%, which is the same rate as the previous year. The proposal also included a movement of tort-eligible expenses according to the revised District Risk Management Plan to the tort levy. A Truth-In-Taxation levy hearing was recommended to be held on December 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
    - b. Motion by Kohnen, second by Voss to hold at tax hearing on December 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm.
    - c. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
  - b. Approval of FY22 Audit/Annual Financial Report
    - a. No audit/annual financial report was available for action.
  
  - c. Consideration and Action on a Resolution of Intent to issue \$4,400,000 Funding Bonds to pay outstanding claims against the District.
    - a. Motion by Kohnen, second by Eversgerd to approve the Resolution of Intent to issue \$4,300,000 Funding Bonds to pay outstanding claims against the District.
    - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye. Strubhart, no. Schulte absent.

- d. Consideration and Action on a Resolution of Intent to issue Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District's Working Cash Fund.
  - a. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Kohnen to approve the Resolution of Intent to issue \$1,600,000 in Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District's Working Cash Fund.
  - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Eversgerd, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye. Strubhart, no. Schulte absent.
  
- e. Approval of 10-Year Health/Life Safety Survey
  - a. Motion by Voss, second by Kohnen to approve the 10-Year Health/Life Safety Survey as presented.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- f. Approval of Health/Life Safety Amendments #20 and #21
  - a. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to approve Health/Life Safety Survey Amendments #20 and #21 as presented.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- g. Risk Management Plan
  - a. Motion by Kohnen, second by Toennies to accept the Risk Management Plan as presented.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- h. Tort Budget FY24
  - a. Motion by Eversgerd, second by Kohnen to accept the Tort Budget for FY24 as presented.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- i. Authorization of School Maintenance Grant Application and Reservation of Local Matching Funds
  - a. Motion by Thole, second by Kohnen to authorize the School Maintenance Grant application and reserve local matching funds for improvement of the camera system and PA/room communication system.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.

- j. Education Fund Referendum
  - a. Motion by Kohnen, second by Toennies to proceed with drafting a ballot question for the April 4, 2023 election to consider a .25% increase in the Education Fund levy rate. The question will be prepared for approval at the December 2022 regular meeting.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- k. Consideration to Hire Non-Certified Support Staff
  - a. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to hire Hunter Sample as a part-time special events custodian.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- l. Consideration to Hire Extracurricular Staff
  - a. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to hire Ashley Whittington as Assistant Scholar Bowl Coach for the 2022-2023 season.
  - b. Roll Call: Eversgerd, aye; Voss, aye; Thole, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- m. PRESS Policy Issue #110 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Discussion Only
  - a. 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 Thole, second by Voss to enter closed session at 8:40 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  - c. Motion by Thole, second by Strubhart to return to open session at 9:09 pm
  - d. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte absent.
  
- 9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Thole to adjourn the November 16, 2022 meeting at 9:10 pm.
  - b. All in favor. None opposed. Schulte absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Brad Eversgerd, President

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Kristi Toennies, Secretary