

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

1. Call to Order—7:01 pm
 - a. Roll Call
 - a. Members present: Thole, Voss, Kohnen, Toennies, Schulte, Strubhart
 - b. Members absent: Eversgerd
 - c. Non-Members present: Superintendent Hamil, Tracy Boeker
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment/Recognition of Visitors/Good News Report
 - a. Public Comment: None
 - b. Good News Report: The Christmas Program and Holiday Concert were both well attended and many positive reviews were received. The annual “Elf Drive” accepted approximately four truckloads of donations to help families throughout Clinton County.
3. Public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to issue \$1,600,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds to increase the District’s working cash fund and \$4,300,000 Funding Bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District.
 - a. No Public Comment Received
4. Tax Levy Special Hearing
 - a. Public Comment Regarding Proposed 2022 Tax Levy
 - a. No Public Comment Received
 - b. Consideration of the Proposed 2022 Tax Levy
 - a. Motion by Voss, second by Schulte to accept the 2022 Tax Levy as proposed.
 - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.
5. Motion to Amend the Agenda:
 - a. None
6. Approval of Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve Minutes of November 16, 2022 Regular Meeting.
 - b. Approve Payment of Bills
 - c. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Motion by Strubhart, second by Kohnen to approve the consent agenda items.

- b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

7. Superintendent's Report

- a. Facilities Updates – The mini-split HVAC unit in the technology closet had to be replaced. The unit was ten years old and runs continuously due to the heat generated by the technology hardware. Additional HVAC repairs have been performed on RTU3 (Junior High wing). The new dishwasher is scheduled to be installed over Christmas Break. East parking lot lighting alternatives are still being assessed and proposals are forthcoming.

8. Old Business

- a. Building Addition – Office personnel met with FGM Architects to revise plans on the proposed student services and office suite areas. Kitchen personnel also met to discuss expansion and equipment needs for the building addition. The classroom addition design changed due to the location of the transformer and had to be shifted to the west to allow for clearance. All design milestones are being completed as scheduled.

9. New Business

- a. Approval of FY22 Audit/Annual Financial Report
 - a. The FY22 Audit indicated the District is compliant with all Government Auditing Standards and has received a 4.0/4.0 financial profile score, earning "Recognition" status with the Illinois State Board of Education.
 - b. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to accept the FY22 Audit/Annual Financial Report as presented.
 - c. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

- b. Education Fund Referendum Question
 - a. Motion by Kohnen, second by Voss to approve the resolution to place a question on the April 4, 2023 ballot to raise the property tax levy from .92% to 1.17% for educational purposes.
 - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

- c. PRESS Policy Issue #110 – Second Reading
 - a. Motion by Schulte, second by Toennies to accept the PRESS Policy Issue #110 as presented.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

- d. Consideration to Hire Certified Staff
 - a. Motion by Thole, second by Voss to hire Dena Shaw as 7th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher for the remainder of the current school year and 2022-2023 school year.
 - b. Roll Call: Thole, aye; Voss, aye; Kohnen, aye; Toennies, aye; Schulte, aye; Strubhart, aye. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

- 10. **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 Schulte to enter closed session at 7:50 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.
 - c. Motion by Strubhart, second by Schulte to return to open session at 8:10 pm
 - d. All in favor. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

- 11. Adjournment
 - a. Motion by Voss, second by Strubhart to adjourn the December 21, 2022 meeting at 8:10 pm.
 - b. All in favor. None opposed. Eversgerd absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brad Eversgerd, President

Kristi Toennies, Secretary