

ARCOLA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2023 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Arcola Community Unit District #306 Arcola, Illinois was called to order in the High School Library at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 2023 for the purpose of regular business.

President L. Shonkwiler called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Stout, L. Shonkwiler, Conlin, Leyva-Sanchez, Myers, J. Shonkwiler, and Wise.

Others present were: Tom Mulligan, Jennifer Frichtl, Megan Clark, Kyle Shay, Nick Lindsey, Amber Behrends, and David Porter.

Pledge of Allegiance

President L. Shonkwiler recognized the visitors and asked for public comment. There were no comments.

There were no FOIA requests to report.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Stout, to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 12, 2023, the Special meeting minutes from July 19, 2023, the Finance Committee meeting minutes from July 31, 2023, and the Building Committee meeting minutes from July 31, 2023. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by J. Shonkwiler, to approve the Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2023 as submitted. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Wise, seconded by Stout, to approve the payment of bills as submitted in the amount of \$433,212.78. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Shonkwiler, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the payment of payroll in the amount of \$406,188.86. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion by Stout, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the FY24 tentative budget and set the hearing for September 13, 2023 at 7pm. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Wise, to approve the 2023-2024 District Risk Management Plan that defines eligible Tort Fund expenditures. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Myers, seconded by J. Shonkwiler, to approve adding a permanent substitute position for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Administrative Team Reports

The elementary school has been preparing for the teachers and students to return. New hire orientation is scheduled for tomorrow. High school fall sports started Monday. Dr. Mulligan explained to the board the electrical situation that has been uncovered while completing the family and consumer science classroom renovations. While some of the work can be done in-house, the district will also need to hire an outside licensed electrician for part of the work. Dr. Mulligan let the board know that he and Bill Wagoner, the city manager, had a conversation about a school resource officer. Bill suggested Dr. Mulligan and the available board members should attend a city committee meeting on August 21st to talk about it. Dr. Mulligan said they would also be meeting with the architect soon to discuss potential new projects for the future.

Motion by Wise, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the employment of Desi Thomas as High School Football Cheerleading Sponsor and James McCrate as Elementary Paraprofessional, pending successful completion of all required paperwork and procedures. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Announcements: New Teacher Reception at September 13th Meeting

Motion by Conlin, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Stout, aye; L. Shonkwiler, aye; Conlin, aye; Leyva-Sanchez, aye; Myers, aye; J. Shonkwiler, aye; Wise, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

President

Secretary