

ARCOLA BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 11, 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, October 11, 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, David Porter, and Lola Shonkwiler.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Dr. Mulligan reported that he had one FOIA request asking for information on property and casualty insurance and health insurance.

Robin Yockey, the District Auditor, was unable to make it to the meeting this evening.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 13, 2023 and the Building Committee meeting minutes from October 4, 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 Myers, seconded by Wise, to approve the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 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 Stout, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the payment of bills as submitted in the amount of \$176,596.87. 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 Wise, to approve the payment of payroll in the amount of \$521,722.68. 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 Resolution Authorizing the Interfund Transfer, allowing the interfund transfer from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Bond and Interest Fund for the use of sales tax proceeds to pay the annual debt certificates payment. 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 authorizing the school district to apply for the 2024 State Maintenance Grant for the high school gym roof replacement. 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 Wise, to approve the agreement with Rocket Alumni Solutions for a five-year subscription for touch screen awards display software for \$19,996 and necessary hardware. 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 General Law Enforcement and School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Arcola. 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 Conlin, to table the approval of FY23 Audit and Annual Financial Report. 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 Conlin, to approve the three health insurance plans that will be offered to employees on January 1, 2024-December 30, 2024. 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 Conlin, seconded by J. Shonkwiler, to approve the second reading for board policies from June 2023 PRESS Packet as recommended. 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 Leyva-Sanchez, to approve the use of facility request for the University of Illinois Extension Office for the Purple Ribbon Riders 4H Club, the Special Olympics, and the A-KID Foundation. 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 Myers, to approve the field trip over 100 miles for FFA. 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 school community suffered a great loss this week with the passing of junior high math teacher, Mr. James Caudle. He took great pride in being a teacher and truly loved what he did. He will be missed around the halls of Arcola. There will be a moment of silence for Mr. Caudle on Friday evening before the start of the football game. As part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the school is hosting a celebration at the Arcola Center on Thursday evening from 6-8pm. The junior high and high school have also been having Hispanic Heritage Month Spirit Week this week. Dr. Mulligan reported that he is still working on the student ambassador program. He is reaching out to other school districts that already have a program in place to get more information.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Wise, to enter into executive session at 7:26 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including

hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. *Illinois Open Meetings Act*, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 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 Leyva-Sanchez, to return to regular session at 8:05 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.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Myers, to approve the resignation of Lyndsay Williams as Paraprofessional. 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 Wise, to approve the employment of Waldo Perez as Elementary/High School Paraprofessional, Madison Eastin as Elementary Paraprofessional, Elizabeth Seals as Elementary Paraprofessional, Jamie Ferguson as JH Cheerleading Coach, and Baley Milton as HS Cheerleading Assistant Coach, pending successful completion of all paperwork and required 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.

Motion by Leyva-Sanchez, seconded by J. Shonkwiler, to approve the unpaid leave for Alicia Gonzalez. 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: There will need to be a Building Committee Meeting before next month's regular meeting.

Motion by Myers, seconded by Leyva-Sanchez, to adjourn at 8:17 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