

Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

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Board of Education Minutes

Monday, August 21, 2023, Time: 6:30 P.M.
Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School Cafeteria
2461 North State Highway 96, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354

1.0 Call to Order

President Joe Radel called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jespersen (entered at 6:34 p.m.), Miss Koechle, Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Radel, Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski.

Also present: Mr. Scott, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Leslie Jespersen, Mrs. Jenna Perego, Mrs. Miller.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for July 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for July 2023 with a second by Mrs. Koechle. Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Jespersen. Motion carried.

5.0 Financials

5.01 Pay Bills for July 2023

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to pay the bills for July 2023 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Jepersen. Motion carried.

5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for July 2023

Miss Koechle made the motion to approve the Financial and Treasurer Report for July 2023 with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Jespersen. Motion carried.

Fund balances as of July 30, 2023: Education: \$2,878,493 Operation and Maintenance: \$310,362, Transportation: \$380,866, and Working Cash: \$134,559. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,704,280. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,428,993.39

Fund balances as of July 31, 2022: Education: \$2,814,089, Operation and Maintenance: \$264,262, Transportation: \$489,640, and Working Cash: \$127,684. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,695,884. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,460,380.

Mr. Jespersen and Mrs. Leslie Jespersen entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

6.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

6.01 Public Comment

7.0 Superintendent's Report

7.01 Principal Report

The principal's report was included in the board packet. Mr. Cox thanked staff for their help in preparing for the new school year.

7.02 Superintendent Report

- * Mr. Scott thanked Mr. Siegfried for working on the parking lot and for doing trimming by the school sign.
- * The Open House, orientation, and first day of school all went well.
- * The Annual safety meeting has been completed.
- * The annual district audit is scheduled for August 28-30, 2023.
- * The ROE HLS compliance visit is scheduled for October 13, 2023.
- * The school has been approached about naming the gym floor after a former coach. Mr. Scott says there is a board policy on the matter if the board would like to pursue the matter. There was discussion and concern on where this could lead. The board decided to not act on the item.
- * The cleanup from the June storm has been mostly completed. The district has a \$25,000 deductible on storm damage. Restoration of the Viking statue is still being investigated. There is approximately \$73,000 total in claims.
- * The fencing is completed in the PreK area and at the baseball field.
- * 5th and 6th grade sports agreement was not approved by the Warsaw School Board. There is continuing talk in the communities about the programs. Mr. Cox will put a signup sheets in the office to see how much interest there is at our school.
- * Solar Project-Mr. Scott asked if the board was interested in having companies give presentations on installing solar panels. This had been discussed in the past and the board decided against it at that time. There are incentives available now and details may have changed. The board asked Mr. Scott to line up presentations.
- * The Architect is working on intercom bids for the IL School Maintenance Grant which is a matching \$50,000 grant. An additional FY 24 matching \$50K maintenance grant is being released soon. Mr. Scott would recommend we apply for this and get pumps updated in the pump station, HLS issues in the kitchen and other areas with those funds. He inquired if there were other needs or concerns that should be addressed sooner.
- * Mr. Scott is continuing to work on grants and periodic grant reports and all the accompanying expenditure reports completed.
- * Mr. Scott has a tentative budget for FY 24.
- * IASA Western Division Dinner Meeting is October 5, 2023 in Galeburg.

7.03 Other

Mrs. Leslie Jespersen approached the board about the policy and procedure on selecting textbooks. The district is in need of updating textbooks. Mr. Cox has talked to staff about updating the curriculum. Mr. Scott explained we need to concentrate on one subject at a time, inventory our current supply, establish a staff committee to prioritize the needs, and have board members review the material.

Mr. Siegfried has concerns about not having an IT person on site at all times. The current IT person has stated his intentions to retire at the end of the year and the board wants to make sure the district is prepared.

The board discussed concerns about the appearance of the school and grounds. There have been several volunteers and employees who have seen areas that need to be addressed and have taken care of the issues on their own. Mr. Scott will address required duties and job descriptions with maintenance and janitorial staff. The board is also concerned about the pollinator patch that was placed on school grounds by the Quail Forever group. Mr. Radel will speak to the group about the school returning the area to grass and mowing it regularly.

8.0 Action Items

8.01 Motion to Approve Superintendent Scott to Prepare the Annual School District Budget for FY 24

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve Superintendent Scott to prepare the annual school district budget for FY24 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.02 Consider Hiring a JH Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Squire made the motion to hire Scott Schneider to fill the position as a full-time sub for the JH Social Studies position with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.03 Consider Hiring a Hire a Music Teacher

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to hire Rebekah Sorensen to fill the position as a full-time sub for the Music teacher position with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.04 Consider Hiring Paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 School Year

Miss Koechle made the motion to hire Justyne Burtalo, Madyson Umek, Cindy Logan, Michael Kesler, Deanna Mixell, and Robbie Morgan as paraprofessionals for the 2023-2024 school year with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.05 Consider hiring an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to hire Shannon Stambach-Smith as the Assistant Junior High Girls Basketball Coach with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.06 Approve request for change in course name for Agriculture course. Change the course name from Family Science to Food Science.

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the Agriculture course name change from Family Science to Food Science with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

8.07 Adopt IASB proposed the Policy Updates

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adopt IASB proposed policy updates with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Motion carried.

9.0 Communications and Correspondence

9.01 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, September 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

9.02 Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024, September 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

9.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, October 16, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

9.04 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, November 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.0 Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wasielewski. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.