

Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

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Board of Education Minutes

Monday, October 16, 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 6:33 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jespersen, Miss Koechle, Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Radel, Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski.

Also Present: Mr. Scott, Ms. Brenda Adkisson, Ms. Amber Mosley, Mrs. Lori Bollin, Mrs. Sandy Stevenson, Mr. Doug Stevenson, Mrs. Miller.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Consider a Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:34 p.m. 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.

CLOSED SESSION—To Discuss Closed Session Minutes for review and approval per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; Student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

5.0 RECONVENE—Action/Report as Appropriate Pertaining to Evidence Heard During Student Disciplinary Hearing Held in Closed Session

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 6:56 p.m. 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.

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to move that the Student be found to have violated school rules such that an expulsion of two years is justified by the evidence 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.

6.0 Approval of Minutes

6.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for September 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for September 2023 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.

6.02 Budget Hearing Minutes for September 18, 2023

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for September 18, 2023 with a second by Miss Koechle.

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

7.0 Financials

7.01 Pay Bills for September 2023

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to pay the bills for September 2023 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.

Fund balances as of September 30, 2023: Education: \$3,051,793, Operation and Maintenance: \$314,996, Transportation: \$432,644, and Working Cash: \$89,658. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,889,091. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,742,329.

Fund balances as of September 30, 2022: Education: \$3,251,490, Operation and Maintenance: \$212,586, Transportation: \$425,127, and Working Cash: \$127,704. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,889,203. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,748,178.

7.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for September 2023

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to approve the Financial and Treasurer Report for September 2023 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.

8.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

8.01 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

9.0 Superintendent's Report

9.01 Consider a Discussion on the Initial Proposed Estimated Tax Levy

Mr. Scott explained the initial proposed estimated tax levy.

9.02 Principal's Report

Mr. Cox's report was included in the board packet.

9.03 Other

Superintendent Report for October 2023

*Solar project updates-waiting on insurance quotes, financing options, contract, install timeline. \$6000 out of pocket.

*Curriculum Updates: Staff still in process of reviewing possible options for Elementary Social Studies/JR. High ELA.

*Annual financial Audit by Dennis Koch-completed and mailed out Friday-review in November.

*ROE HLS compliance visit conducted Friday October, 13. Report will be available for November meeting.

*All required state mandated safety drills have been conducted.

*Board Policies-PRESS PLUS Issue 113 will be released soon.

- *Storm damage update-the district has about \$73,000 total in claims. There is a \$25,000 deductible on storm damage. The process is ongoing.
- *The district will work with the Architect recommended Bennett Electric Valcom solution for FY 23 IL School maintenance grant matching \$50,000 grant. Mr. Scott is working on FY 24 maintenance grant application to address HLS issues in kitchen and other areas, with those funds. He would like the board's thoughts on selling HLS bonds for renovations and updates to building. Mr. Scott asked for the board's thoughts on putting 1 cent sales tax back on the ballot soon. The district needs the support of the community to help promote it. The money is desperately needed for repairs and maintenance projects.
- *Estimated Proposed Tax Levy-see attachments. 4.98%-no truth in taxation, increased tort amounts, 6.7% estimated increase in EAV (could be higher), \$64.19 increase per \$100,000 of EAV.
- *Risk Management Plan updated and approved at December Meeting. ASA Hearing and public notice to file waiver with ISBE in November.
- *The district will move from Lumen SIS to Skyward SIS.
- *Music Teacher update-Mr. Scott reported that a certified person has applied for the position and is willing to start 1-3-2024.

10.0 Action Items

10.01 Discussion and action concerning school pollinator plot.

Mrs. Sandy Stevenson shared information with the board about the history of the Quail Forever pollinator plot. Mr. Doug Stevenson shared that the group is disbanding but they have purchased additional seed to reseed the plot. They would like to burn it off to help regenerate and for it to continue to grow. Mrs. Lori Bollin explained how pollinator plots work and benefits of the plot. Ms. Brenda Adkisson shared that it is used for an educational tool by some of the classrooms. Board members questioned the timing of the process and why the plot hadn't been burned and maintained as appropriate. The group said it was supposed to be burned after 5 years and admitted the wrong seed had been planted. Mr. Stevenson reported that he and Sandy have stayed in touch with some of the school staff to keep the plot strong. They would like to involve teachers and students in the process. The Solar panel placement is in question; it had been discussed that the plot area is a possible site for the solar panels. If progress is made and the plot is kept up and if teachers are using the area as a learning tool, the board is ok with leaving the plot as is. If the area continues to be ignored, they are not in support of it staying where it is. Mr. Stevenson reassured the board that they would communicate with the school before actions such as a burn would be done. No action was taken by the board at this time.

10.02 Approval of Skyward Iscorp agreement to move from the current Lumen student management system to Skyward. Total contract amount of \$62,993 to be paid over next three fiscal years with annual fee of \$6215.

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the Skyward Iscorp agreement as presented 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.

11.0 Communications and Correspondence

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

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

11.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, January 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

12.0 Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wasielewski. Ayes-7, Nays-0. Motion carried.