

Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

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Board of Education Minutes

Monday, November 20, 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, Miss Koechle, Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Radel, Mr. Squire.
Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski.
Also Present: Mr. Scott, Mrs. Miller.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for October 2023

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 2023 with a second by Mr. Squire.
Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.
Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

4.02 Closed Session Minutes for October 16, 2023

Miss Koechle made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes for October 16, 2023 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.
Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.
Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

5.0 Financials

5.01 Pay Bills for October 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to pay the bills for October 2023 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.
Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.
Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for October 2023

Miss Koechle made the motion to approve the financial and treasurer report for October 2023 with a second by Mr. Squire.
Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.
Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

Fund balances as of October 31, 2023: Education: \$2,963,496, Operation and Maintenance: \$298,477, Transportation: \$463,843, and Working Cash: \$118,889. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,844,705. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,695,184.

Fund balances as of October 31, 2022: Education: \$2,965,588 Operation and Maintenance: \$269,278, Transportation: \$446,761, and Working Cash: \$183,824. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,865,451. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,527,022.

The district has \$20,746 less this year compared to last year in the four major funds. In addition, the district has \$168,162 more this year compared to the previous year in total fund balance.

6.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

6.01 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Consider a Motion to Enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss (1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s).

Mr. Squire made the motion to enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss (1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s) at 6:32 p.m. with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn Closed Session at 6:46 p.m. with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

8.0 Superintendent's Report

8.01 Consider the Presentation of the School Report Card

The school report card is available online for people to view. The school is on the commendable level. Mr. Scott will send the board members a link to view the information.

8.02 Consider the Information on the Tax Levy

Mr. Scott presented information to the board on the tax levy.

8.03 Principal's Report

Mr. Cox's report was in the board packet

8.04 One Cent Sales Tax to be placed back on the ballot

All Hancock Co. Superintendents are in agreement to place the one cent sales tax back on the ballot. Mr. Scott stressed that information needs to get out to the community to pass this for the benefit of the county schools.

8.05 Curriculum Updates

Samples are being received and reviewed. A committee will be formed in the spring to narrow things down.

8.06 Other

*Solar project updates- bid process or RFP (attorney recommends)

*ROE HLS Review responded and findings addressed with 90% of items are already completed.

*Skyward Transition-meeting every Thursday via Zoom

*Mr. Scott is applying for NSLP Equipment Grant for needed kitchen equipment.

*ASA Hearing and public notice to file waiver with ISBE in December.

*Mr. Radel inquired whether the board would like to meet with staff again and get their input. Last year, 2 members met with staff members in a confidential manner to ask question and get feedback. The board was in favor of this. Mrs. Miller will work with Mr. Radel to get it scheduled.

9.0 Action Items

9.01 Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Report

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the 2023 Annual Financial Report as presented with a second by Mr. Jespersen. Mr. Scott shared that there are a few issues from past administration that is being cleaned up.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.02 Consider review for the First Reading and discussion for adoption of recommended revisions to board policy PRESS Issue #113

No action needed on this at this time.

9.03 Consider the Approval of the 2023 School District Levy

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the 2023 School District Levy with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.04 Approve board resolution authorizing Hodges & Loizzi to intervene in PTAB appeals on behalf of the District.

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve board resolution authorizing Hodges & Loizzi to intervene in PTAB appeals on behalf of the school district with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.05 Consider Hiring Madelyn Doran as elementary music and chorus teacher effective January 3, 2024.

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to hire Madelyn Doran as elementary music and chorus teacher effective January 3, 2024 with a second by Miss Koechle.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.06 Approval of offering vision insurance to staff at their own out of pocket expense through Delta Vision. The district already has Delta Dental; this would be an add on at no cost to the district. Employees would opt in and pay their own premiums if interested in participating.

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve offering vision insurance to staff at their own out of pocket expense through Delta Vision with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Miss Koechle-Yes, Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

10.0 Communications and Correspondence

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

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

10.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, February 12, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.