

# Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

## Board of Education

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## Board of Education

### Minutes

Monday, December 18, 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: Miss Koechle, Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Radel, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski.

Absent: Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Siegfried.

Also Present: Mr. Scott, Mr. Cox, Mr. Kenneth Nudd, Mr. Mark Graves, Mr. Blake Graves, Mr. Brian Frericks, Ms. Kasey Mehaffy, Ms. Dannin Thorpe, Mrs. Miller.

#### 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

#### 4.0 Approval of Minutes

##### 4.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for November 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for November 2023 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

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

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

##### 4.02 Closed Session Minutes for November 20, 2023

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to approve the closed session minutes for November 20, 2023 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

#### 5.0 Financials

##### 5.01 Pay Bills for November 2023

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

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

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

##### 5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for November 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the financial and treasurer report for November 2023 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

Fund balances as of November 30, 2023: Education: \$3,034,475 Operation and Maintenance: \$247,922, Transportation: \$463,092, and Working Cash: \$122,702. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,868,191. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,616,333.

Fund balances as of November 30, 2022: Education: \$2,972,567, Operation and Maintenance: \$228,157, Transportation: \$430,770, and Working Cash: \$138,592. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,770,086 Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,491,488.

The district has \$98,105 more this year compared to last year in the four major funds. In addition, the district has \$124,845 more this year compared to the previous year in total fund balances.

## 6.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

### 6.01 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6.02 Public Hearing regarding filing of waiver with ISBE for modification of Section 10-17 of the School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-17 which requires school districts to publish in a local newspaper annually an Annual Statement of Affairs (50-37).

Mr. Kenneth Nudd shared his concerns on the subject of the waiver. He feels the public should have access to information that affects the community. Mr. Scott shared that all information that is legally required is on the school website along with much more school information and it is updated regularly. Mr. Nudd was unaware of the website and will look at it. Staff offered to answer any questions he might have going forward.

### 6.03 Presentation from Omni Energy Partners

Representatives from Omni Energy Partners presented information on building renovations and solar power. They shared plans with the board on potential projects and costs.

7.0 Consider a Motion to Enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss 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).

Mr. Squire made the motion to enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss 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) at 7:20 p.m. with a second by Miss Koechle.

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

## Adjournment

Mr. Squire made the motion to adjourn Closed Session at 7:37 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

## 8.0 Superintendent's Report

### 8.01 Review of superintendent evaluation procedure and documentation.

Mr. Scott questioned the board on the process and suitable documentation they would like for the evaluation. He will prepare what is needed for the board.

### 8.02 Principal's Report

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

### 8.03 Other

- A thank you card was given to the board and administration from the staff in appreciation for the ham and turkey they were gifted for the holidays.
- Meeting with Staff-Mr. Jespersen and Mr. Wasielewski will represent the board and meet with staff. Mrs. Miller will get in contact with the board members and schedule a date and then notify staff and get the schedule finalized.
- Mr. Scott congratulated the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball team and coaches on winning the IESA Class 2A State Championship. He also thanked everyone who helped and supported the team.
- Solar project to be packaged with other work items. RFP to be issued. Consider building upgrades and RFP.
- Attorney updates on tax appeal.
- Curriculum Updates-work continues on narrowing down the choices.
- Board Policies-PRESS PLUS Issue 113. Mr. Scott asked the board members to please review the PRESS summary and contact him if they had any questions or concerns. He offered to send full policies out to those who wanted or needed them.
- One Cent Sales Tax Resolution on tonight's agenda.
- Risk Management Plan Approval is on tonight's agenda.
- Skyward Transition-meeting every Thursday via Zoom
- Applying for NSLP Equipment Grant-new dishwasher, convection oven, and sinks.
- ASA waiver approval is on tonight's agenda.
- Mr. Scott was happy to announce that Mrs. Faul received a grant for the library.
- Mr. Radel said he had community members approach him about doing something official in memory of Mr. Stan Stambach, a longtime coach and teacher who recently passed away. Mr. Scott will review board policy.

### 9.0 Action Items

9.01 Consider Approving the Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD #325 Risk Management Plan as presented.

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD \$325 Risk Management Plan as presented with a second by Miss Koechle.

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

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

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

Mr. Squire made the motion to adopt the recommended revisions to board policy PRESS Issue #113 as presented with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

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

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

9.03 Consider approval of waiver of ~~Section~~ 10-17 of the School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-17 which requires school districts to publish in a local newspaper annually an Annual Statement of Affairs (50-37).

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve waiver of ~~Section~~ 10-17 of the School Code 105 ILCS 5/10-17 which requires school districts to publish in a local newspaper annually an Annual Statement of Affairs (50-37) with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

9.04 Consider the Adoption of the Resolution directing ROE #26 to certify to the county clerk of Hancock County, Illinois the question of imposing a 1% occupation tax to be placed on the ballot for the March 19, 2024 consolidated election.

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to adopt the Resolution directing ROE #26 to certify to the county clerk of Hancock County, Illinois the question of imposing a 1% occupation tax to be placed on the ballot for the March 19, 2024 consolidated election with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

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

9.05 Consider Hiring Nicole Scott as a one on one paraprofessional.

Miss Koechle made the motion to hire Nicole Scott as a one on one paraprofessional with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

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

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

9.06 Consider Hiring Tyler McLaughlin as assistant girls' volleyball coach.

Mr. Squire made the motion to hire Tyler McLaughlin as assistant girls' volleyball coach with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

9.07 Declaration of Surplus Property for Disposal-One large mixer from cafeteria. Set price or Scrap?

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to accept a free will donation from any interested party for the mixer with a second by Mr. Squire.

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

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

9.08 Action regarding PTAB appeal.

Mr. Squire made the motion to accept the proposal with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

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

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

#### 10.0 Communications and Correspondence

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

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

10.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, March 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

#### 11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Squire made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

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