

*Regular Meeting of the Board
of Education of School Dist. 190
Henry and Rock Island Counties, IL*

*July 20, 2023
Colona, IL*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Julie Wittenauer, Dennis Teichman, Lindsey Trickey, Bill Rossow, and Jim Legare

Absent: Patricia Sedlcok and Julie Arnold

Also Present: Cheri Hosteng (Bullis and Sundberg), Mike Carlson, Mike Ruff and Edith Glackin

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance

Good News Items included an update on the ROE Compliance Survey results for Colona School District. The District did very well on their compliance survey from the ROE. There is still one outstanding part that will be completed when school begins (Sex Equity Compliance Survey). The Compliance Survey is completed every five years and is a thorough review of policies, practices and also includes a physical inspection of records and classrooms. Kathy Marshall from the BHSROE thanked the District for their cooperation and hard work for their participation.

The security camera upgrade has been completed. Officer Tony, Mike Carlson and Matt Jones received training on the new system. The cost for the upgrade was paid from the tort fund.

Project Now has asked to partner with Colona Grade School to work together to refer resources from their organization. The Project Now Head Start works with the community to provide family support and school readiness for children.

There were no visitors or individuals present to speak to any agenda item.

Julie Arnold arrived at the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded, by Bill Rossow to approve Consent Agenda, which included the following:

- 5a. Approve the minutes of the amended budget hearing from June 15, 2023*
- 5b. Approve the regular board meeting minutes from June 15, 2023*
- 5c. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from June 15, 2023*
- 5d. Approve the minutes from the Building & Grounds meeting on July 17, 2023*
- 5e. Approve the bills for the month*
- 5f. Approve the activity fund report for the month*
- 5g. Approve the resignation of Jolissa Tapia (Elementary PE) effective July 12, 2023*
- 5i. Approve the MOU between Colona School District #190 and Project Now*

Roll Call Vote: Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Legare - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

Cheri Hosteng from Bullis and Sundberg gave a presentation on the district's insurance coverage.

The building project has been completed and the district is preparing to make the final payment to Bruce Builders.

The district was able to use E-Rate funds for new internet connectivity devices. The school receives 90% reimbursement from federal sources for this expense. New access ports will be installed this summer.

Chief Mike Swemline was not able to attend the BOE meeting this evening to discuss the Colona Police Department and City Council Development.

Dr. Ruff discussed with the BOE long range planning - Strategic Planning for the District. He asked the BOE to think of some meeting ideas for the board, school and community. The IASA offers a program to help school districts with strategic planning, this could be a resource for the board to start their process.

Kathy Creger and Maddi Flaherty will be coordinating the SEL curriculum Character Strong. This program will be split into two categories - K-5 and 6-8. This curriculum is designed to help with student behavior issues and communications.

The bleachers in the baseball field are no longer in usable condition and need to be removed. The maintenance crew will be working on this as a summer project.

The Buildings and Ground Committee held a meeting on July 17, 2023 to discuss potential capital project ideas. These projects would coincide with issuing new bonds to fund the work. A new bond would keep the tax rate consistent as one is set to expire. Ideas presented at this time were: expanding the south parking lot, updating electrical panels, renovating the front entryway of the school, lighting in the gymnasium, secondary egress windows, and repurpose the school library. These are just ideas and would coincide with any long term planning ideas as well. Issuing new bonds for capital improvements could coincide with strategic planning for the district.

A handout was included in board packets of old technology items that will be sent for recycling or demolition.

Dr. Ruff discussed CPPRT with the BOE regarding a formula miscalculation by the state. With the new formula, the error should be corrected in the next two school years.

There were several residency issues at registration this year. Dr. Ruff will be meeting with families individually to clear up any confusion and to help with the residency process. It is important to the district to preserve the resources from the taxpayers of the community. This is achieved through residency verification.

There are currently two PE positions open at Colona Grade School. A candidate for the elementary position will be filled this evening. The middle school PE/Health position remains vacant and is planned to be filled with a long term sub until a candidate is found.

The BOE did not go into closed session this meeting.

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the Superintendent to develop the FY24 budget

Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Legare - aye; Trickey - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve Calvin Rakestraw to serve as a long term sub for JH PE until a more permanent solution can be established

Roll Call Vote: Legare - aye; Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Jim Legare to approve the employment of Hailey Charter (Elementary PE teacher) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Legare - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the employment of Alaina Ringoen (Crossing Guard) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements

Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; Legare - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve keeping the closed session meeting minutes from Jan-June 2023 closed

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; Legare - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to declare the listed electronic items as surplus

Roll Call Vote: Legare - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Jim Legare to approve the revision to the Director of Facilities contract

Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; Legare - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Jim Legare to approve the revision to the Superintendent's contract

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Legare - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve sub pay rates for FY 23-24

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Legare - aye; Teichman - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one absent, Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE