

*April 13, 2023
Colona, IL*

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:36 p.m.

Present: Julie Wittenauer, Dennis Teichman, Patricia Sedlock, Bill Rossow and Julie Arnold

Absent: Lindsey Trickey

Also Present: Maddi Flaherty, Jessica Teichman, Mike Carlson, Mike Ruff, Edith Glackin

The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance

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

Good News Items included: The school has received a certificate of occupancy today from the BHS ROE. There are still a few items that need to be completed, but the ROE was able to sign off for occupancy.

Colona Grade School has qualified for a digital equity grant. Mr. Carlson will be looking at projects and inventory for STEM activities.

PreK had a good turnout for roundup, but the school will need more numbers for the program next year. Dr. Ruff will be working with the RIROE for grant opportunities for training events.

The Colona staff responded to the needs of a family in crisis this past week. Despite the circumstances, the school staff did a great job to help our students.

The members of the BOE took a moment to recognize the service of Mr. Raymond Kutzman, Colona School District #190 board member from 2005-2023. Ray passed away on April 7, 2023

The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Hadley Osborne, Kean Mason, Alani Jackson, Avery Whipple, Alex Mayo, Jackson Williams, Frieda Chin, Blake Barker, Denise Kaga, AnnaSophia Casteneda, Gabe Smith and Landon Henson. Students returned to school from spring break on March 27th. Two students were selected for the IPA Student Leadership Award - Jacob Sharp and Addison Fox. Student led conferences were held before spring break. Students have completed a million math facts!

The Athletic Director shared that the 5 and 6 grade girls basketball team finished third place in the conference tournament. Landon Henson qualified for the IESA Wrestling tournament in DeKalb. The Scholastic Bowl has had two matches. Track season is underway with 55 students signed up.

The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.

The School Resource Officer reported daily tasks and his schedule. Officer Tony has completed his training and is a Certified School Resource Officer.

The PTA is currently working on Donuts with Grownups and Lunch on the Lawn. The scholarship banquet will be held on May 10. Tiffany Dolk received a grant for flexible seating.

Lindsey Trickey arrived at the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

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

- 5a. Approval of regular board meeting minutes from March 9 and March 28, 2023*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from March 9, 2023*
- 5c. Approval of bills for the month*
- 5d. Approval of the activity report for the month*
- 5e. Approve the resignation of Christine Speer (JH Science) at the end of SY 22/23*
- 5f. Approve the resignation of Alexis Kratzberk (PK Paraprofessional) at the end of SY 22/23*
- 5g. Approve the resignation of Jaycie Keith (Cafeteria) at the end of SY 22/23*
- 5h. Approve the resignation of J. Nicholas Danek (JH Math) at the end of SY 22/23*
- 5i. Approve the resignation of Ian Malmstrom as Athletic Director at the end of SY 22/23*
- 5j. Approve the resignation of Timothy Hamblen (Custodian) effective March 27, 2023*
- 5h. Approve the adjustment to the 23-24 school calendar*

Roll Call Vote: Trickey- aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer; Teichman - aye; 4 ayes; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; no nays; none absent, Motion carried.

Anticipated enrollment numbers were shared with the BOE. A full PreK program at the current enrollment (22-23) would anticipate an enrollment of 372 for the 23-24 school year.

An amended budget will be presented to the BOE at the May meeting. Students in alternative placements have impacted budget projections. The amended budget provides the district with an opportunity for a more accurate budget. Other expenditures, revenues and projects that have affected budget projections include: salaries, maintenance grant, asbestos abatement, telephones, federal audit.

The curriculum committee met to discuss health regulations for grades K-5 and 6-12 and associated topics/content. Policy was adopted last year (BP 6:60) which included comprehensive health standards that are age appropriate.

Investment numbers are at a good place right now. The board had expressed the intent to try to keep business locally - Black Hawk Bank and Trust (Colona) had a 4.25% APY rate when last checked. Other local institutions required participating in the full business model to invest with their rates. BP 4:30 authorizes the Superintendent to invest district funds as discussed in a 12 month CD in the amount of \$2,915,000 at 4.25% APY. Funds that will allocate interest are: Ed Fund, O&M, Transportation, Capital Projects, Tort, and Life Safety.

The BOE discussed the need for administrative support in the future. Topics that will need to be discussed to move forward are job title, qualifications, salary and benefits.

The board policy committee met to discuss the PRESS Plus updates. The committee is currently working with a representative from IASB. This is a very thorough process and the entire board policy book will be updated when complete.

Staff Appreciation Week will be celebrated the week of May 8-12, 2023. Please let Eydie know if the BOE will be participating.

Due to the recent death of Mr. Ray Kutzman the BOE has an open vacancy that will need to be filled. The BHS ROE has been notified and the district has 60 days to fill the seat. An application will be available for anyone interested in the position. Applications will be accepted until Tuesday, May 9, 2023 (due by noon).

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow to enter closed session in accordance with Chapter 5, Act 120, Section 2 of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, an Executive Session will be held to possibly discuss the appointment of employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)]

Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer – aye; Sedlock - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, none absent, Motion carried

The board entered closed session at 8:11 p.m.

A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to return to open session at 8:26 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock -aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, none absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the employment of ALicia Reynoso Gutierrez (Paraprofessional) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Sedlock - aye; Rossow - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, none absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the employment of Nora Minneart (JH Science 2023-2024 SY) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements

Roll Call Vote: Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; Trickey - aye; Sedlock - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, none absent, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the part-time, non-tenured, non-bargaining employment of Anita Fagerland (Home/Hospital Instruction) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, none absent, Motion Carried.

A motion to approve the announcement of a Board Member vacancy was made by Dennis Teichman seconded by Lindsey Trickey

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - Trickey - aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Rossow - aye; Arnold - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, none absent, Motion Carried.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Bill Rossow 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 8:39 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE

