

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

*December 14, 2023  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:34 p.m.*

*Present: Bill Rossow, Patricia Sedlock, Dennis Teichman, Julie Arnold, Julie VanDeWoestyne and Jim Legare*

*Absent: Lindsey Trickey*

*Also Present: Nate Fretz (Stifel), Mike Carlson, Mike Ruff, Amy Sharpe, Jill Seys, and Eydie Glackin*

*The meeting began with the recitation of The Pledge of Allegiance*

*Good News Items: The office team and Matt Jones attended the UTHS (and Feeder Schools) Job Fair on November 20. UTHS offered all of the feeder schools an opportunity to advertise current and upcoming positions at their schools. Students participated in the Shop with a Cop. There was a great attendance at the holiday programs. Programs were split up into two performances to help with overcrowding. This was a success. The cafeteria equipment is running appropriately and fully staffed. The Colona School staff was able to give support to a colleague for a Make a Wish trip to Disney World. The staff at Colona is supportive of each other and with their donations were able to raise \$2,000. This amount also includes a matching contribution from Modern Woodmen. Colona received a letter from the city that there is a surplus from TIF 3 to be redistributed. PTA hosted Breakfast with Santa.*

*There were no public comments.*

*Jim Legare made a motion, seconded by Dennis Teichman to move Discussion Item 8a. To be the next item on the agenda.*

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

*Nate Fretz from Stifel reviewed the timeline of the bond project. This December meeting officially begins the bonding process for Colona School District. Market benchmark rates have decreased and this is a welcome surprise for the bond sale. The total amount expected for the bonds is \$875,000. A BINA hearing is planned for the January 11, 2024 BOE meeting.*

*The Principal reported Students of the month were: Maverick Sedlock, Alina VanTheemsche, Presley Woodbury, Luna Ehlers, Baridynn Korthals, Aiden Agabel, Addyson Henrickson, Olivia Trent, Bailey McLallen, Danika Farnsworth, Emersyn Teichman. Holiday concerts were held on December 5 and 6, 2023. Breakfast with Santa is on December 9. Professional Development for the January 2 inservice will be presentations on De-Escalation techniques, CPR, memory strategies and SPED Goal writing. The 6th and 7th grade students have been participating in a financial literacy program through JA. They will visit Biztown this month. The 8th grade will visit JA Finance Park and the career expo. Amy Sharpe has been nominated for the Teacher of the Year award and she is waiting to hear back from ISBE.*

*Jim Legare left the meeting at 7:06*

*The Athletic Director shared that boys basketball has ended and the cheerleaders participated in the conference cheer competition. They placed third overall. Girls basketball signups started this week with an informational meeting held and attended by about 20 students. The first wrestling meet will be on December 13. There are 12 Colona students and 5 northeast students participating.*

*The PTA minutes discussed pie pick up and the craft fair. The PTA made \$1325 at the craft fair and will plan for a spring fair. Grants were awarded to Mrs. T. Smith for a donation to Wells for Wellness and Living Lands and Waters. PTA also donated \$100 to the Colona Giving Tree and the Colona Food Pantry.*

*The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.*

*The School Resource Officer detailed his daily schedule and future tasks. His future tasks include having all interior classroom doors labeled and to discuss the role of SRO with the third grade. This will also include show and tell of the police vehicle.*

*A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded, by Patricia Sedlcok to approve Consent Agenda, which included the following:*

- 5a. Approve the regular board meeting minutes from November 9, 2023*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from November 9, 2023*
- 5c. Approve the bill for the month*
- 5d. Approve the reimbursement of the Board expenses from the Joint Annual Conference*
- 5e. Approve the activity fund report for the month*
- 5f. Approve the 2024-2025 school calendar*
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- 5g. Approve the FY24 salt contract with the City of Colona*

*Roll Call Vote: Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Sedlock - aye; Rossow - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*Updates to the Parent/Student Handbook were presented to the BOE. The updates were related to PE excuses written from parents and how long a student does not have to participate in PE with a note from a parent.*

*The attendees of the Joint Annual Conference gave a brief overview of their experience and information from the conference. Attendees were Julie VanDeWoestyne, Julie Arnold, Jim Legare, Bill Rossow, Mike Ruff and Eydie Glackin.*

*BOE Meeting dates for the 2024-2025 were presented to the school board.*

*At the BOE meeting in November, it was requested that Dr. Ruff provide more information regarding the policy update. A detailed list of surrounding districts and their benefit of allowing district employees to register their children in the school district was provided. The members of the BOE discussed this policy change as a benefit for staff, but also were concerned about the associated (potential) costs. This update will be revisited in the future.*

*The FY24 School Maintenance Grant has been submitted to ISBE for approval. This is a matching grant up to \$50,000. Various projects were included in the grant submission.*

*Dr. Ruff updated the BOE of the upcoming Route 84 proposed work. This project will have a significant impact on the entrance and exit to the school.*

*The LINQ WiFi project is still underway. Colona is the next city to have work completed on this project.*

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock 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, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5 ILCS 120 / 2 (c)(1)]*

*Roll Call Vote: Vandewoestyne - aye; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*The board entered closed session at 7:45 p.m.*

*A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to return to open session at 8:10 p.m.*

*Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Rossow - aye; VanDeWoestyne - aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; 5 ayes; no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded by Bill Rossow to approve the 2023 Tax Levy as presented.*

*Roll Call Vote: Vandewoestyne - aye; Rossow - aye; Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the 2023 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source, Series 2021 of the District.*

*Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Rossow - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the resolution declaring the intention to issue \$575,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, and directing that notice of such intention to be published in the manner provided by law.*

*Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Sedlock - aye; Teichman - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; Rossow - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent, Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$300,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois as amended, for the purpose of altering, repairing and equipping District facilities and improving the sites thereof.*

*Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Sedlock - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, one absent; Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the FY25 Board Meeting Dates.*

*Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Rossow - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; Sedlock - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, one absent; Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the employment of Elizabeth Wiley (PM Custodial 6 hrs/day).*

*Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Sedlock - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; 5 ayes, no nays, two absent; Motion carried*

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the first reading of the following Board Policy updates, excluding BP 7:60 until more information can be obtained.*

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

*A motion was made by Patricia Sedlcok, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the second reading of the following Board Policies:*

*2.20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification  
2:120, Board Member Development  
2:200, Types of School Board Meetings  
2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure  
4:10, Fiscal and Business Management  
4:30, Revenue and Investments  
4:60, Purchases and Contracts  
4:130, Free and Reduced Price Food Services  
4:160, Environmental Quality of Building and Grounds  
5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria  
5:190, Teacher Qualifications  
5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal  
5:210, Resignations  
5:220, Substitute Teachers  
5:250, Leaves of Absence  
5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves  
6:15, School Accountability  
6:30, Organization of Instruction  
6:50, School Wellness  
6:60, Curriculum Content  
6:230, Library Media Program (Custom)  
7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To/From Non-District Schools  
7:70, Attendance and Truancy  
7:160, Student Appearance  
7:190, Student Behavior (Custom)  
7:270, Administering Medicines to Students (Custom)  
7:285, Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program  
7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention  
8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*

*A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Arnold to adjourn the meeting.*

*Voice Vote: 5 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried*

*Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

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*PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD*

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*SECRETARY OF THE BOARD*

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