

*February 9, 2023
Colona, IL*

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

Present: Julie Wittenauer, Dennis Teichman, Lindsey Trickey and Julie Arnold

Absent: Patricia Sedlock, Bill Rossow and Ray Kutzman

Also Present: Michael Carlson, Mike Ruff, Jill Seys, Irene Parker, Andrea Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Reusch, Jessica Tucker and Family, Ian Malmstrom, and 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 a donation from the First Day Fund (Christ Church-East Moline, IL) in the amount of \$500 and a donation to the guardian angel fund from Marsha Timmerman in the amount of \$250.

Dr. Ruff also recognized Miss Jessica Tucker on her recent recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education. Miss Tucker was nominated for her hard work and dedication to the students at Colona Grade School. She received the Illinois State Board of Education Award of Special Recognition.

The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Jeva Cady, Evelyn Saguilan, Maddox Long, Mia Pershy, Charlee Oppendike, Zighrex Cole, Emma Spiegel, Caiden Hasson, Jaxsyn DeBoard, Melony Barker, Marques Pantoja, Mariah Hunsinger. Jessica Tucker won the Award of Special Recognition as part of the Illinois Teacher of the Year program. January 20 inservice was on data analysis. The April 21st inservice will be on MAP data analysis. Sign up for student-led conferences will be sent home. Dates include March 9 and 10. The 5 essentials survey has been released. Teachers, parents and 4-8th grade students have the opportunity to take this survey. Benchmark testing has been completed and will be shared at conferences. Students have solved 876K math facts!

The Athletic Director shared that girls basketball is underway. The wrestling team recently competed in a tournament at Orion High School. Colona finishers were Blake Trickey in third place and Kylar Swanson in fourth place. Scholastic bowl has also started.

The Colona PTA shared The Breakfast with Santa raised \$1080 and had 202 people in attendance. QC Custom has opened the spirit wear store until 1/31/23. The spring craft fair will be inside. PTA will provide snacks for IAR testing in April. Mrs. Parker and Ms. Tapia received grants for classroom supplies. Scholarship applications will be accepted until March 3. The scholarship night at UTHS will be held the first week of May. The vice president position will be open after this year.

The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month.

The School Resource Officer reported daily tasks and his schedule. He will continue to monitor handicap parking issues and will introduce some incentives for student behavior. Positive interactions with the students and families are becoming more common with a parent thanking Officer Tony for his interaction with her son.

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

- 5a. Approval of regular board meeting minutes from January 12, 2023*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from January 12, 2023*
- 5c. Approve policy committee meeting minutes from January 31, 2023*
- 5d. Approval of bills for the month*
- 5e. Approval of the activity report for the month*
- 5f. Approve Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as the district's auditor for FY 24*
- 5g. Approve Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Roderick & Kohn, LLP as the district's legal counsel for FY24*
- 5h. Approve the Superintendent's request to begin drafting the FY24 district budget (BP 4:10)*
- 5i. Approve the resignation of Brendan Keith effective January 13, 2023*
- 5j. Approve the resignation of Kaylee Floyd effective February 3, 2023*
- 5k. Approve the notice of retirement for Marybeth Peterson at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.*
- 5l. Accept the donation of \$500 from Christ Church, First Day Fund, Inc. for school supplies*
- 5m. Accept the donation of \$250 from M. Timmerman for the Guardian Angel Fund*

Roll Call Vote: Trickey- aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer; Teichman - aye; 4 ayes; no nays; three absent, Motion carried.

Summative Designation Presentation for Colona Grade School - Rating of the school report card. Mr. Carlson gave a presentation about the areas of success and areas of improvement for Colona Grade School. Each year students take the IAR test. Colona has received a Commendable rating which falls between exemplary and targeted support. Sub-categories that are also evaluated are: low income, white, hispanic or latino and CWD (children w/ disabilities). Colona received a commendable rating in these sub-categories. Academic indicators that are evaluated are ELL, math growth, ELA proficiency, math proficiency, science proficiency, ELL progress, chronic absenteeism. Colona Grade School will focus on vocabulary, data analysis and curriculum work, professional development for staff, reviewing textbooks for ELA and math.

Bids are out for new security cameras. On February 6, 2023 there was a prebid meeting held in the superintendent's office. Two companies attended. Final bids will be due on Friday, February 17, 2023.

Julie W., Julie A, Dr. Ruff and Edith Glackin met with IASB Director, Tammy Ng for the first meeting to review the preliminary work to customize our Board Policy.

The tree removal project is two thirds done.

Dr. Ruff wanted to discuss dock days with the BOE. A “dock day” refers to a time off request when an employee no longer has those specific days to use (i.e. sick, personal). This topic is only for discussion and to bring it up to the BOE for future discussion/action/negotiations if necessary. Language is included in the respective contracts. Audience participants were given a chance to share their opinions about time off.

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey 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: Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer – aye; Trickey - aye; 4 ayes; no nays, 3 absent, Motion carried

The board entered closed session at 7:35 p.m.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to return to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Trickey - aye; 4 ayes; no nays, 3 absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve J. Dylan Hart as a shared 4th and 5th grade paraprofessional pending the successful completion of all employment requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; 4 ayes, no nays, 3 absent, Motion carried

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve Tim Hamblen as a night time custodian pending the successful completion of all employment requirements.

Roll Call Vote: Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; Trickey - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 4 ayes, no nays, 3 absent, Motion carried.

A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Chris Bisby and Susan Monahan.

Roll Call Vote: Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer - aye; 4 ayes, no nays, 3 absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the Director of Facilities and Grounds contract w/ Matt Jones

Roll Call Vote: Sedlock - Trickey - aye; Teichman - aye; Wittenauer - aye; Arnold - aye; 4 ayes, no nays, 3 absent, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the expenditure of \$14,100 from the Fire Prevention and Safety fund to bring the school into compliance through Asbestos Abatement (Architect Amendment #33).

Roll Call Vote: Wittenauer - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; 4 ayes, no nays, 3 absent

A Motion was made by Julie Arnold, seconded by Julie Wittenauer to adjourn the meeting.

Voice Vote: 4 ayes; no nays, 3 absent, Motion carried

Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

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