

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

*January 12, 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, Patricia Sedlock, Bill Rossow and Julie Arnold

Absent: Ray Kutzman

Also Present: Michael Carlson, Mike Ruff, Jill Seys, Irene Parker 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 Dr. Ruff thanked the custodial team for their efforts in the clean up from the frozen water lines. Everyone worked together to clean the school up while maintenance worked on repairs with the plumber. The new telephones were installed over winter break. Also, video doorbells were installed at several doors that also allow the staff to use their key cards to access or call the office when necessary. All items have been installed and are working. Colona Grade School received a donation of desks, tables and cabinets from Black Hawk College. These items were in good condition and will be used throughout the building.

The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Noah Smith, Emma Stevens, Chloe Mitchell, Malonie Rossi, Liam Brand, Myleigh Mitchell, Celena McConnell, Zaidyn Trickey, Bryson Womack, Kobi Lutz, Justin Wilson and Breanna Thompson. Students returned to school from winter break. We received a donation from Black Hawk College. The donation included desks for the science room, tables in Ms. Seys' room and various other pieces of office furniture. New stage lights are being installed. Two student teachers have started in 4th and 5th grades. Ten students from Colona Grade School participated in Shop with a Cop in December. Our January 20th inservice will focus on data analysis. MAP testing is scheduled for the end of January and teachers are completing the AIMSweb testing. Our students have solved 772K math facts to date. The top three classes include Hart, Stockwell and Alva.

The Athletic Director shared that boys basketball has come to an end. The cheer team finished third in the conference cheerleading competition in December. Girls basketball is about to start. There are 14 fifth and sixth graders but only four seventh and eighth graders. The plan is to pull some players from the fifth or sixth grade team. Wrestling season is underway. Colona hosted a home meet on Thursday, December 8, and will also host meets on Thursday, January 12 and on Wednesday, February 23. The wrestlers participated in the Geneseo Middle School tournament on Saturday, January 7. Landen Henson placed second, Jaydon Giesler and Kylar Swanson placed fourth. Blake Trickey placed fifth.

The Maintenance report listed general maintenance performed for the month. D. McDaniel also helped during the month to help cover the custodial absences during this time.

The School Resource Officer reported daily tasks and his schedule. He will continue to monitor handicap parking issues and will attend an active shooter training in January. Officer Tony has also met with maintenance to discuss the installation of the monitor being hung in the SRO office for more efficient camera monitoring. Our SRO also helped with the Shop w/ a Cop event followed by a pizza party at the Colona Pizza Hut. He is also working on a reward project with Ms. Bizarri that will begin in January.

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

- 5a. Approval of regular board meeting minutes from December 8, 2022
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from December 8, 2022
- 5c. Approval of bills for the month
- 5d. Approval of the activity report for the month
- 5e. Approve declaring the old band instruments as presented as surplus
- 5f. Accept declaring the cabinets from the old science lab as surplus
- 5g. Approve updating the Student/Parent Handbook to reflect new requirements
- 5h. Approve the Certified Teacher and Classified Staff Seniority list

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

Budget adjustments will be necessary this year. The original budget was adopted in September. As of now, Colona School District is halfway through the year and adjustments will need to be made due to unanticipated expenses related to the current construction project and to meet the academic (tuition) needs of students placed in other programs and other various projects.

A security camera update will be necessary to upgrade the current camera in the school. The SRO gave a presentation at the last (December) board meeting. In order to move forward and plan for the project, which will include board discussion, budget allocations, creating bid specifications, purchasing and the ultimate installation process. As of now, the most difficult part of the process will be procuring materials for the project. Tort money is available for the project.

Rates are favorable for investors at this time. BP 430 details specific rules and procedures that have to be followed to invest district funds. Currently funds are receiving 3.60% at our local bank (Black Hawk Bank and Trust). This is currently bringing in about \$20K per month. As of January 10, the interest rates for CDs at BHBT are: 6 months/1.49%; 12 months/3.70% and 18 months/4.04%. These rates change every Thursday. These rates are not competitive at this level. ISDLAF+ is currently offering a 12 month/4.46% rate. PMA Financial is a firm that works directly with the ISDLAF+. To move forward, the board will have to adopt a resolution to invest in which we will need to provide a cash flow analysis and additional budgetary information for the past ten years. PMA Financial will be able to look at the short term and long term needs and help the district establish predictable revenue income for the district's budget.

Dr. Ruff has been working with our E-Rate consultant and the technology department on the E-Rate Category II Expenses. The FCC E-Rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries by providing discounts for telecommunication. Internet access and internal connections to eligible institutions. The federal program will provide for reimbursement in category 2 at 85% for hardware/connectivity devices. Funding is allocated first to the highest poverty schools - CEP schools (like Colona) receive significant discounts to our Category 1. Colona would be able to significantly upgrade the district network with new cables, switches, access points and battery pack features for roughly \$3000. Bids were received from Nobletec, Electronic and SHI International. SHI International was the most reasonable bid.

One tree has been removed from the property by the state crew (west of the sidewalk). There are two other trees that need to be removed (also including stump removal and backfilled).

The BOE reviewed the 2023-2024 tentative board meeting dates. Board meeting dates are usually the second Thursday of each month unless specified.

Dr. Ruff spoke with the board regarding the upcoming Custodial Director timeline. The current custodial manager R. Davis will be retiring in the upcoming weeks and this position will need to be filled in order for a smooth transition for the custodial/maintenance department.

State and local government officials are required to submit a Statement of Economic Interest each year with the county. Dr. Ruff reminded the BOE that this is required for members of the BOE to fill out and return the necessary forms.

The construction project is moving along. Demo has begun on the old science room, however there was a problem with asbestos flooring once the entire floor was exposed (underneath cabinets). This was an unexpected expense that must be completed before phase two of the construction project can continue. Currently, the builder is still waiting on the HVAC unit for the new science room and there are several items that need to be finished before phase one is completed.

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: Trickey– aye; Rossow- aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Wittenauer – aye; Sedlock - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried

The board entered closed session at 7:27 p.m.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to return to open session at 8:21 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey not to approve the release for public inspection the closed session meeting minutes (July-December) for public review

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

A motion was made by Patricia Sedlock, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the proposed 2023-2024 Colona School District #190 Board of Education meeting dates

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

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the Resolution to participate in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund (ISDLAF+) per board policy 4:30

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

A motion was made by Bill Rossow seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the Amendment #33 to use Health/Life/Safety funds for asbestos abatement

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

A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to accept the donated items from Black Hawk College per board policy 8:80

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

A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the second reading of the following school board policies (PRESS Update 110)

- i. 2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board: Indemnification*
- ii. 2:30 School District Elections*

- iii. 2:50 School Board Member Term of Office
- iv. 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest
- v. 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban
- vi. 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting
- vii. 2:250 Access to District Public Records
- viii. 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- ix. 3:10 Goals and Objectives
- x. 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
- xi. 3:60 Administrative Responsibilities of the Building Principal
- xii. 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
- xiii. 4:120 Food Services
- xiv. 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
- xv. 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- xvi. 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
- xvii. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- xviii. 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- xix. 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- xx. 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
- xxi. 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment Dismissal
- xxii. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- xxiii. 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- xxiv. 5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
- xxv. 5:280 Duties and Qualifications
- xxvi. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspension
- xxvii. 5:320 Evaluation
- xxviii. 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- xxix. 6:15 School Accountability
- xxx. 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
- xxxi. 6:50 School Wellness
- xxxii. 6:60 Curriculum Content
- xxxiii. 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
- xxxiv. 6:160 English Learners
- xxxv. 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct
- xxxvi. 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- xxxvii. 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- xxxviii. 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- xxxix. 6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program
- xl. 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- xli. 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
- xl.ii. 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- xl.iii. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- xl. iv. 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- xl. v. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- xl. vi. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations, Immunizations and Exclusion of Students
- xl. vii. 7:190 Student Behavior
- xl. viii. 7:250 Student Support Services
- xl. ix. 7:340 Student Records

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 8:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

DATE