

May 11, 2023  
Colona, IL

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:33 p.m.*

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

*Absent: Lindsey Trickey*

*Also Present: Maddi Flaherty, 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: Five former students were recognized at the UTHS UEF Academic Achievement Awards. Many grades are happy to be able to go on class field trips again after COVID protocols did not allow in prior years. The PTA received a donation from FEHR Orthodontics. Lohman Insurance, Great Western Supply and American Fidelity all donated to our teacher appreciation lunches and end of year inservice luncheons. The Scholastic spring book fair was successful. Mrs. Stablien did an outstanding job coordinating the fair. Colona Grade School will host a summer picnic on Wednesday, June 14 for our school community.*

*Mrs. Stablein and Ms. Park presented a Tik Tok video to update the BOE on the new purchases and plans for the school library. New books were received from proceeds from the book fair and from Title I.*

*The Principal reported Students of the Month were: Kayden Jett, Emberlee Stevens, Charlotte Stockwell, Vada Green, Alexandria Mercy, Ryley Erichsen, Bradleigh FOx, Danika McShane, Carsynn Rubinate, Laila Coffman, Andrea Jones and Caleb Lane. Lunch on the Lawn is scheduled for May 12th with a rain date of May 19 if necessary. Promotion and the last day of PreK will be on May 23rd. The Perfect Attendance Breakfast will be on May 23rd as well. The last day of school for students is on Wednesday, May 24th. The staff will be participating in professional development on May 24, 25 and 26th. There will be a professional photographer taking pictures at the promotion and students will wear green gowns for the promotion ceremony. PTA purchased the gowns for the school. The school was able to purchase hundreds of new books for the library, a robotics kit was purchased, Ms. Alva attended a drone workshop and a digital microscope was purchased. These items were purchased with Title I funds.*

*The Athletic Director shared that the scholastic bowl season has ended. The Colona School team finished second at the IESA regional tournament. Track has ended for the season with the following results from the conference meet: 5 / 6 girls - 1st, 5 / 6 boys 3rd, 7 / 8 girls 4th and 7 / 8 boys 3rd.*

*The PTA reported needing volunteers for Doughnuts with Grownups on April 28 and the Craft Fair on May 6. The PTA will provide box lunches for the PTA and has purchased retirement bricks for Mr. Danek and Mr. Kutzman. School supply kits will be sold this year.*

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

*The School Resource Officer reported daily tasks and his schedule. Officer Tony has successfully completed online training in Civil Rights and Procedural Justice. He is also helping with the family picnic in June.*

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

- 5a. Approve of the Board Policy committee meeting minutes from April 12, 2023*
- 5b. Approve regular board meeting minutes from April 13, 2023*
- 5c. Approve closed session board meeting minutes from April 13, 2023*
- 5d. Approve the bills for the month*
- 5e. Approve the activity fund report for the month*
- 5f. Approve payment of the Walmart, Visa and HyVee bills after the May board meeting*
- 5g. Accept the resignation of Lindsey Campos (Paraprofessional) effective April 18, 2023*
- 5h. Accept the resignation of Troy Dennison (Groundskeeper) effective May 12, 2023*
- 5i. Accept the resignation of Marina Senteras (Custodial) effective April 28, 2023*
- 5j. Accept the resignation of Mariah Shaver (Paraprofessional) effective May 4, 2023*
- 5k. Accept the certified consolidated elections results from the County Clerk*
- 5l. Approve the vacant board seat*

*The Joint Annual Conference for School Board members will be held November 17-19, 2023 in Chicago, IL. Registration begins on June 5, 2023.*

*The Board Policy committee met with Tammie Ng from IASB to discuss revisions to the board policy book. Items have been sent to the school attorney for review. This is a lengthy process but is almost done and ready for adoption.*

*There has not been much interest in the AD position. The crossing guard position will need to be filled for next year as well.*

*A breakdown of the investment of the 12 month CD was explained to the BOE. Interest earned must be used in each category respectively ( Ed, O/M, Trans. Capt. Proj, Tort, Life Safety).*

*Board member training: Trauma Informed Practices is mandatory for new board members and is not available to veteran board members at this time.*

*Dr. Ruff discussed with the BOE administrative support for the future needs of Colona Grade School. He has been taking time to study to make an informed recommendation to the BOE. Options to be considered are in house employees that have their administrative certification sharing employee with BHASED, stipends to spread out workload. A job description will be needed for the position. This position would be for the next fiscal year.*

*Larry Swemline from the IBDR inquired about using the school facilities for their organization. The organization Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief offers their services to areas of disaster to help clean up and rebuild. There is a possible threat of flooding that may require them to come to the area. The BOE would like more information from the IBDR.*

*Mr. Rossow inquired to Dr. Ruff about the NCID (National Children Identification Database) services to the students of Colona Grade School. This is a free program, but there is a cost for the Child Identification Kits. Officer Tony has been asked to look into more information about this program.*

*Dr. Ruff updated the BOE about the comprehensive sex-ed opt out options, and option to review any of the district instructional materials regarding sexual abuse (in an age appropriate format). Options include the ability to review material, opt out of participating in the lesson. The school district has the*

responsibility to inform the parents regarding instruction.. This gives the parents the right to make an informed decision. Moving forward, this form will be made available at registration.

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

- i. The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance [5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)]
- ii. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the district {5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)} the appointment of employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District [5ILCS 120/2 ( c ) (1)]

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

The board entered closed session at 7:31 p.m.

A Motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to return to open session at 8:55p.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 Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5:180

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

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the first reading of Board Policy 5:240

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

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the MOU regarding the teacher evaluation/observation timeline

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 was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlcok to approve the 2023-2024 Colona School District #190 Student, Teacher and Staff Handbooks

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

A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the employment of Susan Monahan (JH Math)

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlcok to approve the employment of Addison Holstrom pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the employment of Ryann Tracey (PreK/ECE) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve the employment of Matthew Cook (Custodial) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Lindsey Trickey to approve the employment of Carl Brandom (Groundskeeper) pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlcok to approve the FY23 Amended Budget to be on public display for 30 days*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Patricia Sedlock to approve Jim Legare to fill the unexpired two year term on the Colona School District #190 Board of Education*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Lindsay Trickey to appoint Dr. Ruff as President Pro Tempore to conduct the Reorganization Meeting*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Wittenauer to adjourn the current Board of Education Sine Die "The day to reconvene is not defined; as to imply indefinite adjournment; the work of the Board of Education is officially done."*

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

*Having noted that all agenda items had been discussed, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.*

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*PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD*

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*SECRETARY OF THE BOARD*

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