

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

*November 9, 2023  
Colona, IL*

*The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 p.m.*

*Present: Julie Arnold, Bill Rossow, Jim Legare, Dennis Teichman, Julie Vandewoestyne*

*Absent: Patricia Sedlock, Lindsey Trickey*

*Also Present: Mike Carlson, Cody Cuppy, Vicki Bohlman, Nicole Stockwell, Mike Ruff and Eydie Glackin*

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

*Good News Items: Colona Grade School will have a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 10 in the gymnasium. Students made special artwork to be on display to welcome our guests. The main entrance to the school now has vinyl window decals. The BOE received many thank you's from the staff for the T-shirts. TT Trunk or Treat was well attended. UEF Mini Grant recipients for Colona Grade School were: Susie Bizarri, Susan Monohan, Amy Sharp, Taylor Siwek, Nicole Stockwell and Jessica Tucker. The school cafeteria received a 100% score from the health department on a surprise inspection.*

*November 15 is School Board Appreciation Day. Dr. Ruff thanked the BOE members for their hard work and dedication to Colona School District#190.*

*Strategic Planning - Recruitment/Retention update: Colona School District was invited to a UTHS feeder district job fair. The idea was to have one location with the feeder schools present to recruit future employees for all positions within the districts (certified, non certified, clerical, transportation, cafeteria, custodial).*

*Nicole Stockwell was present to speak about Agenda Item 10g. BP 7:60 Residency. Mrs. Stockwell discussed the benefits of allowing teachers that live out of district to enroll their children as students in Colona School District #190.*

*Vicki Bohlman was present to speak about Agenda Item 10d. Approval of the Hiring of a Temporary Interim Assistant Administrator for FY24.*

*The Principal reported Students of the month were: Preston Jones, Ella Mueting, Jeva Cady, Eli Mays, Oliver Alden, Brantley Bohnert, Viviana Garcia, Averie Secor, Laila Moulton, Denise Kaga, Laila Coffman, Chris Hester. The first band concert of the year was great. Trunk or Treat and Halloween parties were held on October 27 and the Student Council Halloween Dance was held on October 28. There will be an early dismissal and Thanksgiving break starting on November 21. PD for November will be a presentation on school safety and evacuation plans. MMs. Maddi and Mrs. Creger will review our SEL program, Character Strong.*

*Lindsey Trickey arrived at the meeting at 6:47 p.m.*

*The Athletic Director shared that boys basketball and cheerleading seasons have begun. Wrestling practice will begin when students return to school after Thanksgiving.*

*The PTA minutes discussed the Craft Fair on October 28. There are 57 vendors expected. Breakfast with Santa will be on December 9 at the school cafeteria.*

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

*The School Resource Officer detailed his daily schedule and future tasks. He is working with Underground Graphics on the door graphics and installation. This is an ongoing project.*

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

- 5a. Approve the regular board meeting minutes from October 12, 2023*
- 5b. Approve the closed session board meeting minutes from October 12, 2023*
- 5c. Approve the minutes from the Finance Committee meeting on October 17, 2023*
- 5d. Approval to declare 13 old cafeteria tables as surplus*
- 5e. Approve the bill for the month*
- 5f. Approve the activity fund report for the month*

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

*Dr. Ruff presented the BOE with two options for the Tax Levy. The Tax Levy will be on display in the district office for (at least) 20 days prior to adoption at the December BOE meeting. Option A (104.89%) is calculated to stay under the 5%, not requiring a Truth in Taxation notice. Option A does not capture all the new EAV growth. Option B (108.40%) is to maximize the levy request and will require a Truth In Taxation notice to be published. The tax rate is currently 3.8317 and has the potential to be lowered depending on how much EAV growth is captured. Dr. Ruff also explained to the BOE that he may study the possibility of ballooning the request up to (around) ten percent to maximize capturing the new growth, especially in the current EAV market in both Rock Island and Henry Counties. Social Security funds have been lowered at the recommendation of the accountant and Tort has been increased to reflect suggestions in the Risk Management Plan.*

*The BOE reviewed the District #190 Bond Indebtedness and Payment Schedule. It is required to be reviewed annually. The new issue bond will replace the expiring bond. This will help keep the tax rate the same.*

*Colona Grade School has received a Commendable rating on the Annual School Report Card. This rating reflects the hard work of the staff and the students at Colona.*

*The 2024-2025 school year calendar was drafted with teacher input. The draft has been shared with staff. This calendar is closely mirrored to UTHS. The calendar will be approved at the December BOE meeting.*

*The Triple I Joint Annual Conference will be held November 17-19 in Chicago. Eydie has given folders to the board members attending, please let her know if you have any questions.*

*The BOE received a list of all student activities offered at the school. Activities that have been offered or will be offered for the 2023-2024 school year include: football, cheerleading, boys basketball, girls basketball, volleyball, track, student council, scholastic bowl, cross country, wrestling, band, and Foster's Voice.*

*As part of the Strategic Planning in September, the Mission Statement is being reviewed. The BOE has decided to wait to address any changes to update the wording.*

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Dennis Teichman 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; Legare - aye; Trickey - aye; Arnold - aye; Teichman - aye; 6 ayes; no nays, one absent, Motion carried*

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

*A Motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to return to open session at 8:00 p.m.*

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

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Jim Legare to accept the FY23 Colona School District #190 Audit Report, Transfers, and Adjustments as presented by Gorenz and Associates, Ltd.*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Julie Arnold to approve the tentative 2023 Tax Levy as presented.*

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

*A motion was made by to approve the District Health Insurance Renewal with Lohman Companies*

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

*A motion was made by Dennis Teichman, seconded by Jim Legare to approve the hiring of a temporary interim Assistant Administrator for FY 24: V. Diamond-Bohlman.*

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

*A motion was made by Bill Rossow, seconded by Dennis Teichman to approve the employment of Brook Carlson (Elementary PE), beginning January 2, 2024, pending the successful completion of all employment requirements*

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

*A motion was made by Lindsey Trickey, seconded by Jim Legare to renew the Risk Management Plan*

*Roll Call Vote: Rossow - aye; Teichman - aye; Arnold - aye; Trickey - aye; Legare - aye; Vandewoestyne - aye; 6 ayes, no nays, one 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 Bill Rossow, 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 8:37 p.m.*

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*PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD*

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