

# Community Unit School District No. 316

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## **REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**6:00 P.M., January 22, 2025**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on January 22, 2025, by President Courtney Yuskis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, here; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, here; Mrs. Cameron, here; Mr. Conkright, here; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

### **Public Comments**

None.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve the agenda as is. A voice vote was taken, and the motion passed.

### **Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of December 2024, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the December 2024 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the January 2025 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes, Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

## **Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Tea commented that it is nice it is 35 degrees today.

**Mr. Conkright** – None.

**Mr. Jacquot** – Ryan stated that the Christmas program was the best program he has ever seen. He also congratulated both basketball teams on their 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes in their tournaments.

**Ms. Yuskis** – None.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Roskamp** – Congrats to Kaylee Blunier for being chosen for the Quincy Symphony.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Amber stated that the Elementary Christmas program was amazing again this year.

## **Principals Report – Brett Ufkes**

**Awards** – Titans of the Month: Janie Brunenn, Parker Jacquot

**Christmas Concert** – Mr. Ufkes thanked Mrs. Weirather and everyone that helped with the best Christmas Concert.

**Simon Bentzinger** – Brett stated that they dedicated a bench in front of the elementary school to Simon, on his birthday.

## **Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**School Calendar** – Mrs. Nixon reported that she will be meeting with Hamilton and Nauvoo in the next week to finalize a school calendar that works for all three Districts.

**School Board Terms** – Katrina stated that there will be 4 – 4 year terms open on the April ballot and we have 4 individuals that have filed.

## **Board Discussion and Action**

Discussion was held regarding an update from Johnson Controls.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Roskamp, to approve the 2025-2026 Guidance Handbook. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve releasing closed meeting minutes and/or destruction of audio tapes older than 18 months. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held about property insurance.

Discussion was held regarding the Superintendent evaluation process.

Discussion was held over Policy Plus 116 & 117.

A motion was made by Mr. Roskamp, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the funds currently in CD's and adding another one. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to approve purchasing a lift for the District. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, no; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, no; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

Future Meetings - February 25 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:11 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to enter into Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. The appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.
2. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular district finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes.
3. Discussion of lawfully closed meeting minutes, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21).
4. Student Discipline.

On roll call: Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to exit Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to approve the personnel report.

Carson Deckared	-	Assistant Wrestling Coach
Valerie Heisler	-	3 Year Retirement Notice

On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, yes; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Conkright, to end the meeting at 8:30 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President**

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**Secretary**