**Community Unit School District No. 316**

**340 So. 11th Street**

**Warsaw, Illinois 62379**

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**FINAL MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 P.M., April 26, 2023**

The Final Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 26, 2023, by President Courtney Yuskis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adoption of Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, 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 Mrs. Cameron, to approve the Regular and Executive Minutes of March 2023, and open the Regular Minutes to the public. The motion also includes approval of the March 2023 bills, treasurers report and financial report presented at the April 2023 meeting. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes, Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

**Board Elections**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Lucie to accept the official canvass of election votes for the April 2023 election:

Courtney Yuskis - 291

Amber Ruskell-Lamer - 207

Jeremy Conkright - 213

Ryan Jacquot - 246

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

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Lucie, to recognize holdover board member Amber Ruskell-Lamer, until 2025, due to failure to elect. On roll call: Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Lucie, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, abstain; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent. The motion carried.

The Old Board of Education was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Sie Die for reorganization of the new Board.

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION \_\_\_\_\_\_ 6:00 P.M., April 26, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:37 p.m. on April 26, 2023, by President Courtney Yuskis.

Courtney Yuskis was selected President Pro Tem.

Tea Cameron was selected Secretary Pro Tem.

**Election of Officers**

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, to nominate Ms. Yuskis for Board President. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to nominate Mr. Mecklenburg for Board Vice President. That nomination was seconded by Mr. Jacquot.

A motion was made by Ms. Yuskis, to nominate Mr. Conkright for Board Secretary. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to appoint Ellie Froman for District #316 Treasurer. That nomination was seconded by Mrs. Cameron.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to cease nominations and elect Courtney Yuskis President, Tom Mecklenburg Vice President, Jeremy Conkright Secretary, and Ellie Froman District Treasurer. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to establish regular meeting dates, times, and places. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

New Board committees were established:

Finance Committee: Ryan Jacquot & Tom Mecklenburg

Facilities Committee: Jeremy Conkright & Tom Mecklenburg

Programs & Services Committee: Amber Ruskell-Lamer & Ryan Jacquot

Student Achievement Committee: Tea Cameron & Courtney

District/Community Relations Committee: Tea Cameron & Jeremy Conkright

**Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron thanked everyone who was

involved with Prom because it looked great!

**Mr. Conkright** – Absent.

**Ryan Jacquot –** None.

**Courtney Yuskis –** Ms. Yuskis mentioned that the end of

the year is very soon and thanked everyone for a great year.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer mentioned that

the Elementary movie day was great. She thought the kids

really loved it. She also thanked our 18 students who

attended “Science Day” and said that our WHS students are

great!

**Principals Report – Bill Knowles**

**IAR Testing –** Mr. Knowles reported that they have finished their

IAR testing and students who met the criteria for proper test taking

habits and behavior were treated to a reward day. They all were

taken to the Ft. Madison Fox theatre to watch the movie Super Mario

Brothers and then ate lunch in the park.

**Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Prom/Promenade –** Mr. Froman thanked everyone who helped

with Prom and Promenade and said that everything went great.

**IHSA Band Sweepstakes –** Mr. Froman reported that we were voted an Elite 8 Band for the thirteenth year in a row.

**Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**School Calendar –** Mrs. Nixon reported that we had to update the

previous school calendar and will now start school on August 21st.

**Board Discussion and Action**

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve the final reading of various policy updates included in Press Plus Issue 111. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenbueg, to approve the students and former students that are eligible for the Berlin Wisch Scholarship. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, abstain; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve West Central FS fuel bid for the 2023-2024 School Year. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruckell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to table approving curbing bids until a special meeting on Wednesday, May 3 at 6:00 p.m. is held. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to approve affiliating 5/6 grade sports (volleyball, boys basketball, & girls basketball) as school sports. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the playground bid by American Parks. On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Jacquot, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to set next year Graduation date for May 19, 2024. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

The announcement was made for a Board vacancy and plan for filling the vacancy.

Discussion was held regarding strategic planning dates.

Future Meetings - May 24, 2023 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:45 pm.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mr. Mecklenburg, to enter into Executive Session at 8:53 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.

1. 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.

1. 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).
2. Student Discipline.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to exit Executive Session at 10:04 p.m. On roll call: Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to approve the personnel report.

Bill Knowles - Resignation

Madison Huls - Elementary Teacher

HS Business Teacher Opening

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve the following salaires:

Ellie Froman - $24.45/hour

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Cameron, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to end the meeting at 10:07p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President Secretary**