**Community Unit School District No. 316**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

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

The Regular Meeting of the Community Unit School District #316 Board of Education was called to order at 6:01 p.m. on July 26, 2023, 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, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, here; Mr. Jacquot, here; Ms. Yuskis, here.

**Public Comments**

Cliff Koltzenburg spoke regarding the concrete work.

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Encouraging Words -**

**Mrs. Cameron** – Mrs. Cameron stated that she is excited

for school to start and that there was a great turn out of kids

that the park for the Farmers Market.

**Mr. Conkright** – Absent.

**Ryan Jacquot –** Mr. Jacquot complimented three senior

graduates that played in the IL vs MO baseball game. They

were Bryan Gerhardt, Alec Hymes, and Luke Jacquot.

**Courtney Yuskis –** Ms. Yuskis thanked Tom Mecklenburg

and Jeremy Conkright for their help with the concrete and

track projects.

**Mr. Mecklenburg** - None.

**Mr. Roskamp** – None.

**Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer** – Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer stated that she

is very excited for the upcoming Cardinals game to see the

kids sing.

**Principals Report – Brett Ufkes**

**Teacher Training** – Mr. Ufkes stated that some of the elementary

teachers attended an Orton Gillingham training last week in Macomb.

**Playground Update –** Mr. Ufkes reported that the new equipment

is finished, we have new mulch and that he is building a gaga pit.

**Principals Report – Brad Froman**

**Open House –** Mr. Froman reported that open house is right around

the corner on August 17th, 5:30 – 6:30 with Freshman/New student

orientation to follow.

**Summer Sports –** Mr. Froman reported that summer sports contact days are wrapping up and fall sports practice will begin the week of August 7th.

**Superintendent Report – Katrina Nixon**

**District App –** Mrs. Nixon reported that our school app is currently

being built. Hopefully it will be up and running by the start of

school.

**Summer Projects** – Mrs. Nixon reported that many projects are still getting finished. Some of them include, the track, curbing, electrical updates, the playground, and the fencing. Most of them are expected to be finished before school starts.

**Board Discussion and Action**

Discussion was held regarding the Elementary handbook and PBIS handbook but it was tabled until next month.

Discussion was held regarding the ending balance and percentage of the FY23 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the ESSER III funds that are still available.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to direct the Superintendent to prepare the FY24 School District Budget. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to approve the District safety hazard routes for transportation. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Cameron, to appoint Mrs. Nixon as the IMRF authorized agent. A voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding our architects.

Discussion was held regarding our track renovation.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mr. Jacquot, to approve substitute salaries for the 2023-2024 school year. On roll call: Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes; Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes. The motion carried.

Future Meetings - August 23, 2023 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Short break taken at 8:00 pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 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. Roskamp, yes; 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 Ms. Yuskis, to exit Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. On roll call: Mrs. Ruskell-Lamer, yes; Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; Mr. Mecklenburg, yes; Mr. Jacquot, yes; Ms. Yuskis, yes; Mr. Roskamp, yes. The motion carried.

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

Caleigh Hayhurst - Resignation

On roll call: Mrs. Cameron, yes; Mr. Conkright, absent; 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 Ms. Yuskis, to continue to be a member of IHSA. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Mecklenburg, seconded by Ms. Yuskis, to end the meeting at 8:43 p.m. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed.

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**President Secretary**