ARCOLA BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2017 7:00 P.M.

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Arcola Community Unit District #306 Arcola, Illinois was called to order in the Media Center at 6:59 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 for the purpose of regular business.

President Strader called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Crane, Stout, Shonkwiler, Thieman, Rothrock, Arrol and Strader.

Others present were: Tom Mulligan, Jennifer Frichtl, Lisa Sigrist, Angie Gentry, Cathy Brimner, and David Porter.

President Strader recognized the visitors and asked for public comment. There was none.

Dr. Mulligan mentioned he had received one FOIA request during the month and had responded promptly. He said the information on the FOIA was outlined in the Board packet.

Motion by Thieman, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the regular meeting minutes and closed session minutes from October 11, 2017 and the Building Committee meeting minutes from November 1, 2017. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Rothrock, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2017 as submitted. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Thieman, to approve the payment of bills as submitted in the amount of $421,430.98. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the payment of payroll in the amount of

$392,649.20. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion by Arrol, seconded by Thieman, to approve the second reading of board policies from PRESS Packet – July, 2017. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Thieman, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the tentative tax levy and the certificate of abatement and set a truth in taxation hearing for December 13, 2017 at 6 p.m. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Thieman, to approve the completion form for Health Life Safety Amendments for Arcola Elementary School and Arcola Jr/Sr High School. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Arrol, to approve the Resolution authorizing the abatement of working cash for the permanent transfer of $34, 272 for graphic arts equipment. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Thieman, to approve the acceptance of the 2017 Arcola School District, Arcola Elementary School and Arcola Junior-Senior High School report cards provided by the Illinois State Board of Education. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the proposed workload plan for special education teachers as required by law. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Thieman, to approve the HS Girls Basketball fundraiser to sell Purple Rider Gear. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Administrative Team Reports

~~Mrs. Gentry, Principal, Arcola Elementary – Mrs. Gentry reported that the elementary had 93% attendance for parent-teacher conferences. A PreK Parent Forum has been created to help foster parental involvement at the early childhood level. Family Literacy Night will be held on November 16th in conjunction with the Scholastic Book Fair. This year is a western themed evening full of various literacy activities for the families. Integrity is the PRIDE principle of the month.

~~Mrs. Sigrist, Principal, Arcola Jr/Sr High – The annual Veterans Day Program and Luncheon is coming up this Friday. Several students were name All-District Musicians and have been invited to participate in the ILMEA District 5 Festival. The volleyball team held their Pink Out Night and raised over $1,200 for the Mills Breast Cancer Center. There was a good turnout for the parent-teacher conferences. Mrs. Sigrist also discussed the possible need to hire another Social Sciences teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. This is in part due to a recent change in state law that requires Civics to be a stand-alone class. Additions to current curriculum and increases in high school enrollment are other reasons another teacher will be necessary.

~~Mrs. Brimner, Director of Special Services – Staff members will be traveling to Anna, IL to observe their elementary school’s reading program. The school implemented what they now call “The Anna Plan” and saw huge improvements in their reading scores. Dr. Havercroft from EIU came and evaluated the district’s PBIS program on October 19th. Mrs. Brimner will be meeting with her Friday to review the results and discuss follow-up training. Beckie Headrick raised $450 for the Special Olympics Polar Plunge through the jeans fundraiser.

~~Dr. Mulligan, Superintendent – Dr. Mulligan noted that the CEO Class will be presenting Friday morning at City Hall and invited the Board Members to attend.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Stout, to enter executive session at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.  *Illinois* *Open Meetings Act*, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

At this time David Porter from the Arcola Record-Herald presented the Board with a donation of $500 for the Yearbook Fund. Mr. Porter said the donation was from monies collected for the 100th Year Celebration insert.

Motion by Thieman, seconded by Crane, to return to regular session at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Thieman, to approve the employment of Courtney Walker as the High School Ag Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year pending completion of her PEL, Annie Perez as the Elementary Bilingual/ESL Teacher, Veronica Skidmore as Jr/Sr High School Bilingual/ESL Teacher and Cristina Cherry as a Paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Rothrock, to approve the resignation of Abigail Rivera as the JH Girls Track Coach. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Thieman, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the three health insurance plan options and the rate increase of 7.95% effective January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Rothrock, seconded by Arrol, to approve the MOU between the Arcola School District and the Arcola Education Association regarding health insurance. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Stout, to approve the increase of board contribution for health insurance premium for support staff from $330 to $378. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Announcements: Dr. Mulligan reminded the Board Members about their mandated reporter status. The Board noted that the December Board meeting will start at 6:00 pm on December 13, 2017.

Motion by Rothrock, seconded by Thieman, to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Rothrock, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Secretary