

Minutes of the Public Hearing of March 8, 2023

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 1, Coles and Cumberland Counties, convened for a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at the Administration Building – 410 West Polk Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920.

At 6:15pm, Board President Jason Coe called the meeting to order and asked Secretary Daniels for roll call.

The following members were present:

Jason Coe, President
Scott Clarke, Vice President
Susan Daniels, Secretary
Charles Jarrell, Treasurer
Brian Gough

The following members were absent:

Eva Ritchey
Brandon Wright

The following staff members were present:

Chad Burgett, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services
Kristen Holly, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services
Chelsey Bennett, Recording Secretary

The following staff member was absent:

Todd J. Vilardo, Superintendent of Schools

Visitors 11 and 0 Members of the Press

Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Chad Burgett stated the purpose of the meeting was to hold a public hearing to receive testimony in regard to the District's waiver application to allow tuition-free attendance for children of full-time employees who do not reside in the District.

President Coe asked if there were any comments, questions, or written communications. There were three requests to address the Board of Education. He invited them to speak in the order on the request sheet.

Mark Williams, Vice President of the Charleston Education Association spoke on behalf of Charleston Education Association President Angel Warman and Charleston Education Support Personnel Association President Marilyn Ferguson in favor of the request. His written comments are provided as an attachment.

Elizabeth Watson, Charleston High School Physical Education teacher spoke in favor of the request. Her written comments are provided as an attachment.

Shani Iberg, Charleston High School Physical Education teacher spoke in favor of the request. Her written comments are provided as an attachment.

At that time, Mr. Burgett asked if there were any questions regarding the non-resident tuition waiver application by the Board of Education or audience. There were no questions, comments, or objections received.

Mr. Coe moved and Dr. Clarke seconded the motion to approve of the application to seek a waiver of the School Code pertaining to Section 10-20.12a, which would allow tuition-free attendance for children of full-time employees who do not reside in the District.

On roll call vote:

AYE: Coe, Clarke, Jarrell, Gough, Daniels

NAY: none Abstain: none

Motion carried

At 6:26pm, Mr. Jarrell made a motion to adjourn from the public hearing. Mr. Gough seconded the motion.

On roll call vote:

AYE: Jarrell, Gough, Clarke, Coe, Daniels

NAY: none Abstain: none

Motion carried

Jason Coe
President, Board of Education

Susan Daniels
Secretary, Board of Education