ARCOLA BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 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 7:01 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 for the purpose of regular business.

President Strader opened the Fiscal Year 2020 School District Budget Hearing. He asked if there were any questions regarding the budget and when none occurred, he closed the hearing.

President Strader called the meeting to order. The following members answered roll call: Crane, Stout, Shonkwiler, Wesch, Arrol and Strader. Board member Thieman arrived shortly before closed session.

Others present were: Tom Mulligan, Jennifer Frichtl, Lisa Sigrist, Angie Gentry, Cathy Brimner, David Porter, Megan Clark, Jessica Emanuel, and Lauren Hamilton.

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

There were no pending FOIA requests.

Dr. Mulligan welcomed the new teachers to the meeting. The Board Members introduced themselves to the new staff and the new teachers gave a short background as well.

The district auditor was scheduled to be at the meeting but was not able to complete the report in time. She will attend the October Board Meeting instead.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 14, 2019. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Wesch, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as of August 31, 2019 as submitted. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the payment of bills as submitted in the amount of $193,912.80. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

$405,131.24. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Business:

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Crane, to approve the list of fundraisers for the 2019-2020 school year, amended to include the Nancy King Mertz fundraiser. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Wesch, to approve the 2019-2020 school district budget. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Wesch, seconded by Shonkwiler, to table the approval of the district audit from the 2018-2019 school year until the October Board Meeting, when the auditor can attend.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the field trips for the FCCLA Convention, the FCCLA Fall Leadership Meeting as SIU in Carbondale, and the FFA National Convention. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Wesch, to approve the District Improvement Plan for the 2019-2020 School Year as presented. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the second reading of school board policies from PRESS Packet, June 2019. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Wesch, to approve closing the FCCLA Section 15 activity account and opening the FCCLA Section 7 activity account. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 6 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Shonkwiler, to table the approval of the agreement with the district architect related to the elementary school building project.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Shonkwiler, to table the approval of the agreement with the district construction manager related to the elementary school building project.

Administrative Team Reports

~~Mrs. Gentry, Principal, Arcola Elementary – The elementary school recently held their parent information night. Attendance was good but down slightly from the previous year. Teachers have been in throughout the summer preparing for their new students. Often times this even includes family members of staff coming in to help setup the classrooms.

~~Mrs. Sigrist, Principal, Arcola Jr/Sr High – As part of the college and career readiness Mrs. Mendez has started a Senior Rider newsletter for the senior class. There have already been several events and activities in the junior/senior high school, including a presentation sponsored by Sports World, featuring Ray McElroy, a motivational youth speaker and former NFL player. Overall August attendance was 97.2%.

~~Mrs. Brimner, Director of Special Services – Staff is busy planning for Hispanic Heritage Night which will be held at the beginning of October. The committee is hoping to expand on the event from last year.

~~Dr. Mulligan, Superintendent – Report submitted.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Wesch, to enter executive session at 8:17 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; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Shonkwiler, to return to regular session at 8:58 p.m. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Crane, seconded by Thieman, to approve the resignation of Julie Wigall as Paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Shonkwiler, seconded by Wesch, to approve the employment of Lyn Maxwell as Part-Time District Office Clerk, Robert Beauchamp as Volunteer Assistant HS Boys Basketball Coach, and Pam Colvis as Paraprofessional. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Motion by Stout, seconded by Shonkwiler, to approve the unpaid leave request for Jodie Pantier. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Announcements:

Motion by Crane, seconded by Wesch, to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Crane, aye; Stout, aye; Shonkwiler, aye; Thieman, aye; Wesch, aye; Arrol, aye; Strader, aye. 7 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Secretary