

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 1

HELD AT THE ARGENTA-OREANA MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL, 500 NORTH MAIN ST.,
ARGENTA, ILLINOIS ON MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020.

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 1, Macon and DeWitt Counties, Illinois, (Argenta-Oreana Community Unit School District No. 1) convened on March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Argenta-Oreana Middle School/High School Library at 500 North Main Street, Argenta, Illinois pursuant to notice of regular meeting having been given in due form of law Todd Armstrong, President, in the Chair, and with a legal quorum as follows: Maria Lightner, Jeff Schroetlin, Lori Sprague, Rory Tipsword, and Todd Armstrong. Also present: Damian Jones, Superintendent; Sean German, Principal; Patrick Blair, Principal; Amanda Ryder, Principal; and Michael Williams, Assistant Principal.

Student recognition occurred.

Comments from the staff occurred.

Administrative reports were presented.

Rory Tipsword/Lori Sprague, second, made a motion to appoint Mr Jones as President Pro-Tem and Hearing Officer for an Executive Session Student Disciplinary Hearing. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings ACT – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), which permits a closed session to discuss and hear evidence on a student disciplinary matter. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Lori Sprague, second, made a motion to return to open session at 7:24 p.m. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion to affirm the initial determination of administration that Student A be found to have violated school rules, because we find that it is more likely than not that she was under the influence of drugs at school and that she failed to comply with simple directions provided by high school staff and administration. Additionally, the Student was guilty of gross disobedience and misconduct by repeatedly engaging in foul language, failing to comply with administrative directives to sit down, and acting aggressively towards a family member in the administrative office to the point it required an administrator to separate her to avoid her harming the family member under circumstances so related to the school program so as to warrant discipline, and that the student's continued presence constituted a disruption to the school environment, was a threat to safety, and that the decision of administration to suspend the student for three days out of school shall thus be upheld. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to enter closed session at 7:26 p.m. pursuant to the Open Meetings ACT – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (c)(9), which permits a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific certified and/or non-certified employee(s) of the public body and a student disciplinary matter. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 8:02 p.m. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Lori Sprague, second, made a motion to approve the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to approve payroll/bills. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Stupek as 3rd grade teacher at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion to accept the resignation of Chasity Casey as Poms coach and Robert Whitcher as HS Spanish teacher at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year.

Maria Lightner/Lori Sprague, second, made a motion to hire James Dawson as district teacher for the 2020-2021 school year conditional upon and subject to the results of a criminal background investigation; Shaylyn Schall as Middle School Title I/Academic Assistance Aide conditional upon and subject to the results of a criminal background investigation; Derek Crawford as MS Girls Track Coach; Ron Houser as HS boys track coach; and Emy Stewart for HS assistant track coach. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to approve the IHSA & IESA Annual Membership Renewal as presented. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to approve the Activity Fund Bond Renewal as proposed. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Lori Sprague, second, made a motion to reschedule the April Board Meeting for Tuesday, April 14 as requested. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Maria Lightner/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion to approve the disposal of unneeded items as proposed. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion to approve the facility usage request as presented. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Maria Lightner/Jeff Schroetlin, second, made a motion at 8:07 p.m. to enter closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings ACT – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) which permits a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific certified and/or non-certified employee(s) of the public body. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting at 9:21 p.m. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

Rory Tipsword/Maria Lightner, second, made a motion to adjourn at 9:21 p.m. The roll vote: Maria Lightner-yes; Jeff Schroetlin-yes; Lori Sprague-yes; Rory Tipsword-yes; and Todd Armstrong-yes.

APPROVED BY _____
Secretary

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President