

Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

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Board of Education Minutes

Monday, November 21, 2022, Time: 6:30 P.M.
Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School Cafeteria
2461 North State Highway 96, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354

1.0 Call to Order

President Joe Radel called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Radel, Mr. Schmitz, Mr. Siegfried.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski.

Also Present: Mr. Young, Mr. Cox, Mr. Scott Schneider, Mr. Jeff Brown, Mr. Jeremy Conkright, Mrs. Miller.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for October 2022

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for October 2022 with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

4.02 Closed Session Minutes for October 17, 2022

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the Closed Session Meeting minutes for October 2022 with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

4.03 Special Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2022

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2022 with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes .

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

5.0 Financials

5.01 Pay Bills for October 2022

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to pay the bills for October 2022 with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried .

5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for October 2022

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the Financial and Treasurer Report for October 2022 with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

This fiscal year, N-C spent \$875,619 in the education fund compared to \$828,237 last year. In the operation and maintenance fund, the district spent \$135,521 compared to \$458,863 last year. The district spent \$82,085 in the transportation fund this year compared to \$157,060 last year. The district spent \$1,093,225 this year compared to \$1,444,160 the previous year in those three funds for a difference of \$350,935 less this year compared to last year. The district has spent \$1,246,747 this fiscal year compared to \$1,727,478 last year. The district spent \$480,731 less this year compared to last year in all the funds.

October 31, 2022, completed 33.0% of the 2022 fiscal year. The district expended 26.0 % of the education budget, 37.5% of the operations and maintenance budget, and 20.0% of the transportation budget.

Fund balances as of October 31, 2022: Education: \$2,965,588, Operation and Maintenance: \$269,278, Transportation: \$446,761, and Working Cash: \$183,824. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,865,451. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,527,022.

Fund balances as of October 31, 2021: Education: \$2,821,235 Operation and Maintenance: \$577,196, Transportation: \$456,955, and Working Cash: \$105,662. The four Major Fund Balances: \$3,961,048. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,664,988.

The district has \$95,597 less this year compared to last year in the four major funds. In addition, the district has \$137,966 less this year compared to the previous year in total fund balance.

6.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

6.01 Public Comment

Mr. Jeff Brown approached the board about the deactivation agreement with Warsaw High School. He spoke highly of the education he feels our students are receiving at Warsaw. He does have concerns due to the extracurricular programs and the fact that Nauvoo residents have no say in certain areas. He feels it would be in the best interests of the students of the district if the board would look into other opportunities with other area schools. Mr. Brown asked the board to do their due diligence before signing the deactivation agreement.

7.0 Consider a Motion to Enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss (1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s).

Mr. Schmitz made the motion to enter into Closed Session (5 ILCS 120/2) to Discuss (1.) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee(s) at 6:53 p.m. with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn Closed Session at 7:44 p.m. with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

8.0 Superintendent's Report

8.01 Consider the Presentation of the School Report Card

Mr. Young presented the school report card.

8.02 Consider the Information on the Tax Increase Resolution

Mr. Young explained he had received the information late and it should be reviewed by the board. There will be further discussion at the December board meeting.

8.03 Principal's Report

Mr. Cox's report was included in the board packet.

8.04 Other

Mr. Siegfried shared that a student had asked him about a salad bar. He inquired how long it had been since the school offered a salad bar. He wondered if it would be utilized by the students and staff. Mr. Young will look into details about this. Mr. Siegfried asked if staff members are allowed to use the gym and facilities when school was not in session. Mr. Young informed the board that staff was allowed to do so and they would check with him first and the gym schedule would be viewed to make sure it was available. The building keys have recently been changed for security reasons and that action changed the ability of some people to come in the building.

9.0 Action Items

9.01 Consider Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Report

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the 2022 Annual Financial Report as presented with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.02 Consider Accepting the Retirement Letter of the Social Studies Teacher

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the retirement letter of the social studies teacher, Mr. Scott Schneider, with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.03 Consider Accepting the Resignation Letter of the School Treasurer

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the resignation of Annie Meyer as the school treasurer with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.04 Consider Hiring a 4th grade teacher

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to hire Julie Stout as a 4th grade teacher with a second by Mr. Siegfried. Mrs. Stout has been accepted into the WIU MAT program.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.05 Consider Renewing the Deactivation Agreement with the Warsaw Community Unit 316 School District

Mr. Schmitz made the motion to renew the deactivation agreement with the Warsaw Community Unit 316 School District as presented with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

The board appreciates the comments from the public but the district needs to be realistic about the future of our school. Mr. Siegfried is concerned about the difference in funding between the districts due to student numbers. Mr. Young will do a 5-year projection on the enrollment figures for the December meeting. Mr. Conkright shared that the Warsaw school board has a special meeting coming up before the end of the month and he will bring this subject up to the board.

Mr. Schmitz made an amended motion to table this item until the December meeting with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Schmitz-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Amended motion carried.

10.0 Communications and Correspondence

10.01 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, December 12, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

10.02 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, January 9, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, February 13, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. with a second by Mr. Schmitz.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.