

# Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

## Board of Education

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## Board of Education Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2023, 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 6:30 p.m.

### 2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Radel, Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Squire, Mr. Wasielewski (entered at 6:34 p.m.).

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Schmitz.

Also Present: Mr. Young, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Beckie Dickerson, Mrs. Amanda Kreps, Mrs. Jana Hubbs, Mrs. Rena Rose, Mr. Scott Schneider, Mrs. Miller.

### 3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

### 4.0 Approval of Minutes

#### 4.01 Regular Meeting Minutes for April 2023

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 2023 with a second by Mr. Squire.

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

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

### 5.0 Financials

#### 5.01 Pay Bills for April 2023

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to pay the bills for April 2023 with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

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

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

Mr. Wasielewski entered the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

#### 5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for April 2023

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the financial and treasurer report for April 2023 with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried.

This fiscal year, N-C spent \$2,491,046 in the education fund compared to \$2,539,986 last year. In the operation and maintenance fund, the district spent \$330,057 compared to \$476,627 last year. The district spent \$259,905 in the transportation fund this year compared to \$318,151 last year. The district spent \$3,081,008 this year compared to \$3,334,764 the previous year in those three funds for a difference of \$253,756 less this year compared to last year. The district has spent \$3,500,379 this fiscal year compared to \$3,999,030 last year. The district spent \$498,651 less this year compared to last year.

April 30, 2023, completed 83% of the 2022 fiscal year. The district has expended 74.0% of the education budget, 91.2% of the operations and maintenance budget, and 63.5% of the transportation budget.

Fund balances as of April 30, 2023: Education: \$2,294,421, Operation and Maintenance: \$81,023, Transportation: \$413,504, and Working Cash: \$138,654. The four Major Fund Balances: \$2,927,602. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$3,547,878.

Fund balances as of April 30, 2022: Education: \$2,238,074, Operation and Maintenance: \$153,375, Transportation: \$438,898, and Working Cash: \$107,665. The four Major Fund Balances: \$2,938,012. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$3,565,372.

The district has \$10,410 less this year compared to last year in the four major funds. In addition, the district has \$17,494 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

There was no public comment.

## 7.0 Special Agenda to Organize the School Board

7.01 Declare the April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election Results (Although incumbent Siegfried chose not to run, and his terms has expired, and Board Members Squire and Jespersen did not receive enough votes, members Squire, Jespersen, and Siegfried remain willing to serve as appointees for the next two years and will be appointed to the new board by their remaining fellow members. This will leave one open seat.)

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the April 4, 2023 consolidated election results with a second by Mr. Squire.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried.

### 7.02 Adjournment Sine Die of Outgoing School Board

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to adjourn Sine Die of the outgoing school board with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Schmitz. Motion carried.

7.03 Declare Vacancies and Appoint Incumbents (Motion to declare vacant the board seats currently held by the four incumbents, to appoint Members Squire, Jespersen, and Siegfried to fill their former seats until the next board election in April 2025, to temporarily suspend the Policy 2:70 requirements for publication of notice and interview of individuals to fill such vacancies as to the incumbents, to direct the Superintendent to notify the Regional Superintendent of all such action within five days, and to publish notice of the remaining vacancy under Policy 2:70.)

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to declare vacant the board seats currently held by the four incumbents, to appoint Members Squire, Jespersen, and Siegfried to fill their former seats until the next board election in April 2025, to temporarily suspend the Policy 2:70 requirements for publication of notice and interview of individuals to fill such vacancies as to the incumbents, to direct the Superintendent to notify the Regional Superintendent of all such action within five days, and to publish notice of the remaining vacancy under Policy 2:70 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes. Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

7.04 Seat the New School Board (Members Mr. Jespersen for a 2-Year Term, Mrs. Koechle 4-Year Term, Mr. Radel 4-Year Term, Mr. Siegfried 2-Year Term, Mr. Squire 2-Year Term, Mr. Wasielewski 4-Year Term.)

The new school board members were seated. Mr. Jespersen-2-year term, Mrs. Koechle-4-year term, Mr. Radel-4-year term, Mr. Siegfried-2-year term, Mr. Squire-2-year term, Mr. Wasielewski-4-year term.

#### 7.05 Selection of a New School Board President for a Two-Year Term

Nominations for School Board President for a Period from May 2023, through May 2025

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to nominate Mr. Joe Radel for school board president for a period of May 2023 through May 2025 with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

#### 7.06 Call to Order

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

#### 7.07 Election of Other Officers for a Two-Year Term

Nominations for a Vice President for a Period from May 2023, through May 2025

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to nominate Mrs. Koechle for School Board Vice President from May 2023 to May 2025 with a second by Mr. Squire.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Nominations for a School Board Secretary for a Period from May 2023, through May 2025

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to nominate Mr. Squire for School Board Secretary from May 2023 to May 2025 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

#### 7.08 Oath of Office to Appointed Members

Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Squire, and Mr. Wasielewski completed the oath of office.

7.09 The Board of Education declares a two-year term school board vacancy that expires April 2025. Policy 2:70 requires publication of notice and interview of individuals to fill such vacancies as to the incumbent, to direct the Superintendent to notify the Regional Superintendent of all such action within five days of this meeting, and to publish notice of the remaining vacancy under Policy 2:70.

Mr. Squire made the motion to declare a two-year term school board vacancy that expires April 2025. Policy 2:70 requires publication of notice and interview of individuals to fill such vacancies as to the incumbent, to direct the Superintendent to notify the Regional Superintendent of all such action within five days of this meeting, and to publish notice of the remaining vacancy under Policy 2:70 with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 8.0 Superintendent's Report

8.01 Notice that the Social Studies Teacher hired at the Last School Board Meeting accepted a Teaching Position at Another School District

Mr. Young informed the board that the Social Studies teacher that was hired at the April school board meeting has accepted a teaching position at another school district. The position has been posted again.

8.02 Notice that the Elementary Will Need to Update Books and Curriculum

Mr. Young shared that the Elementary will need to update books and curriculum.

8.03 Principal's Report

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

8.04 Other

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day as discussed. The teachers in attendance explained that the visit is just being changed, not deleted. Mrs. Kreps explained they would like a more organized orientation in August. Kids would visit along with their parents, they would have their actual schedules at that time, and they would have their assigned lockers so

they could bring their supplies. The staff feels this would make it more personal and give them the chance to meet the kids and parents one on one. In their opinion, the visit in May isn't beneficial. They feel from past experiences that the kids forget from May to August where everything is and the morning isn't a wise use of instructional time as it interrupts their classes. The August visit would give the students and parents a chance to meet administration and teachers. The suggested 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation would be August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-6:00 p.m. Mr. Siegfried shared that he thinks it's important to have the 6<sup>th</sup> graders come visit early just to see the building to help them feel more comfortable. Mrs. Hubbs shared her perspective that in the spring, the kids are led around by other students and they've had discipline problems in the past. It was decided to have the 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation in August as suggested.

## 9.0 Action Items

### 9.01 Consider Approving the Elementary Student Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year as presented with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.02 Consider Hiring Two Summer Custodial Helpers for the Summer of 2023

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to hire Kadeeyn Greer and Keaton Harl as summer helpers with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.03 Consider Accepting the Resignation of the Music Teacher

Mr. Squire made the motion to accept the resignation of Stephanie Roach as the music teacher with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.04 Consider Adopting the Dates, Times, and Place of the Regular School Board Meetings

Mr., Jespersen made the motion to adopt the meeting dates, times and place of the regular school board meetings with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

The meeting dates are on the third Monday of each month unless the third Monday falls on a school holiday.

The meetings are on the second Monday of those months. The board meeting times are at 6:30 p.m. and the place is the Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.05 Consider Approving the School Lunch Prices for the 2023-24 School Year

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to increase the student lunch price from \$2.90 to \$2.95 and to increase adult lunch price from \$3.35 to \$3.40 with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.06 Consider Approving the School Breakfast Prices for the 2023-24 School Year

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to increase the student breakfast price from \$1.95 to \$2.00 for the 2023-2024 school year with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.07 Consider Approving the Milk Prices for the 2023-24 School Year

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the cost of an extra milk at \$.50 with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 9.08 Consider Approving the School Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to approve the registration fee at \$75, \$35 for Junior High Art class, and \$35 for Family Science class with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

#### 9.09 Consider Approving the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar as presented

Mr. Wasielewski made the motion to approve the updated 2023-2024 school calendar as presented with a second by Mr. Jespersen.

This will be the same calendar for both Nauvoo-Colusa and the Warsaw school districts.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

#### 9.10 Authorizing the Interfund Transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund

Mr. Squire made the motion to authorize an interfund transfer of \$75,000 from the working cash fund to the operations and maintenance fund with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mr. Jespersen-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes, Mr. Wasielewski-Yes.

Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion carried.

### 10.0 Communications and Correspondence

10.01 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, June 12, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.02 Beginning of the Fiscal Year 2024- July 1, 2023

10.03 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, July 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.04 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, August 21, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.05 First Day of School- August 21, 2023

10.06 Regular School Board Meeting- Elementary School Cafeteria, September 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

10.07 Budget Hearing for the Fiscal Year 2023, September 18, 2023

### 11.0 Adjournment

Mr. Jespersen made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. with a second by Mr. Wasielewski.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Absent: Mrs. Koechle. Motion passed.