

Regular Board Minutes

March 13, 2023

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Monday March 13, 2023.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart, April Coats and Matt Bangert and Matt Smith. Terry Kunkel was not present.

Sara Ogden, Dana Rahe, Colton Coats and Miranda Vortman were present.

The board held a public hearing in regards to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended on the plans to issue General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023 in the amount not to exceed \$2,730,000.

No opposing actions were made after the reading by board President, Gary Westermeyer. The hearing concluded at 7:04 pm.

Colton Coats spoke highly in regards to the opportunities that have been provided to him to attend classes at Winchester. He also provided cons in regards to; having to take online classes to make up for travel time. He has asked that these opportunities be reviewed and that a committee be formed to find a way to make the co-classes more feasible. The committee would then publicize it to parents and students. In hopes to encourage more students to participate. The Board consented to proceed with the idea by way of a committee.

April Coats made the motion to approve consent agenda which included approval of previous month's minutes, monthly bills, financial reports and payroll. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Matt Bangert, DeWayne Hart, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenship elaborated on the recent teacher study sent to the board for review prior to the meeting. The teacher study provided survey replies and reasons from current and former teachers which provided several reasons for the unfortunate teacher shortage. He also spoke about a new House bill, HB 2784 which would increase minimum wage for non-certified employees for the fiscal year 24-25. The hourly wage could be raised to upwards of \$20 per hour. Blankenship also indicated that the High School renovation project is advancing to the finishing touches. The Veregy group will be on-site during the week of April 5th to clear ceiling tiles to clear for additional demos immediately after the end of school year.

Mr. Range gave the Principal's report. Third quarter is complete for FY23 and report cards will be available by the end of the week. TheFFA banquet will be held earlier this year, Wednesday, March 29th. Reminder of upcoming testing dates. Reminder of prom on May 5th in conjunction with Winchester schools. He also informed the board of the NISL group. This group consists of three teachers who are meshing ideas together to bring back vital elements that have ceased due to COVID. They have taken the reins at the Wednesday Professional development meetings in hopes to improve many aspects of the current school dynamics. Mr. Range also provided an informational packet and spoke on the most recent state report card regarding reading and math scores and how to improve.

The proposed motion to approve the 2023-24 school calendar.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the 2023-24 school calendar. April Coats seconded. Yea: Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, April Coats, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the mandated Illinois State Police Law enforcement portal user agreement.

Matt Smith made the motion to approve the mandated Illinois State Police Law enforcement portal user agreement. Matt Bangert seconded. Yea: Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, April Coats, and Gary Westermeyer. Present: DeWayne Hart Motion carried.

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The proposed motion to approve the IHSA/IESA renewal.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the renewal of the IHSA/IESA agreement. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: Roger Barnett, Matt Smith, April Coats, Matt Bangert, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart moved to closed session at 8:25 p.m. Smith seconded. All in favor yea. Motion carried.

All guests left the meeting.

Multiple personnel issues were addressed.

All administrative staff was asked to exit to discuss the extension of the current Superintendent contract at 9:05 p.m.

At 9:15 p.m. DeWayne Hart made the motion to reconvene as a regular meeting. Matt Smith seconded. Yea: DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, April Coats and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the personnel report consisting of the approval of the following;

- Approve Michelle Weber – HS Math
- Approve Addy Welbourne– JH Assistant track
- Resignation of Brittany Peterson – JH Cheerleading Coach
- Resignation of Andrea Rose – 4th Grade Teacher
- Resignation of Isabelle Cox – JH Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Matt Bangert seconded the motion. April Coats, Roger Barnett, Matt Smith and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) FY23-24 contract.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) FY23-24 contract. April Coats seconded. Yea: April Coats, Matt Bangert, Matt Smith, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the extension of the Superintendent contract through FY25-26 contract.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the extension of the Superintendent contract through FY25-26 contract. DeWayne Hart seconded. Yea: Roger Barnett, Matt Smith, April Coats, Matt Bangert, DeWayne Hart and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary