

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 14, 2022

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Monday November 14, 2022.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart, April Coats and Matt Bangert. Matt Smith, was absent.

Zach Morrissey, Sara Ogden, Suzanne Steckel, Miranda Vortman, Conner Turner, Shaylyn Bitoon, Jake Bangert and Zach Evans were present.

DeWayne Hart 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, Gary Westermeyer, Terry Kunkel, DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert and Roger Barnett. Motion carried.

Matt Bangert briefed the board on the Athletic Committee meeting that he and Roger Barnett attended. They heard from other districts and parents in regards to current/active issue in the athletic department. No real resolution with exception of prevention of same occurrence in the future.

Dr. Blankenship gave Superintendent report. He stated that the financials are now in balance. We are currently working with TRS and SDS (business office software) to clear up concerns in that area. Election decision did not make a major impact on education. Veteran's day presentation was a success. Winchester and Bluffs teachers gathered on November 11th for a Professional Development session in search of the "Why" they became teachers. III conference weekend of November 19th. Reported replacement of 6-year-old water heater in kitchen, classroom window replacement, Drivers Ed Van repair/tune-up. Bus lease up in 6/23. Looking into unleaded bus lease for next purchase.

Spencer gave Principal's report. Veteran's Day breakfast and assembly success with assistance of teachers, Toni Freesen and Zach Morrissey. Bully prevention is this week, recently renamed. Previously known as Red Ribbon week. Implementation of the Accelerated Reader program with hopes to involve the community to assist the student's participation. Christmas program will be December 14th @ 6:00.

Suzanne Steckel, district auditor, presented the FY22 Annual Audit. Provided a brief explanation of the Financial Report Binder. Expenditures vs. Revenues. Audit scoring up from last year. Annual expenses and revenue percentages similar to those of last. She exited at 7:30.

Roger Barnett made the motion to approve the annual audit. April Coats seconded. Yea: Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel, Gary Westermeyer, DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, April Coats. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenship provided an update of the current logistics (ordering of parts, materials, etc.) on the HVAC replacement in the high school after speaking with Gordon (Veregy) and Gary since absence of last board meeting. Option 2 is more cost efficient. Health, Life and safety should be a factor to prevent any delays. Specific bids and decision requested by December board meeting.

Dr. Blankenship provided explanation of current proposed Tax Levy increase. Set Truth & Taxation hearing date and time for December 12th at 6:45 pm.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to consider the tentative tax levy increase. Terry Kunkel seconded. Yea: Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel, Gary Westermeyer, DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, April Coats. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenship spoke on the application of the property tax relief grant.

April Coats made the motion to apply for the property tax relief grant. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel, Gary Westermeyer, DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, April Coats. Nay: none. Motion carried.

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Dr. Blankenship provided roof bid received from Henson Robinson Company, same company that did the elementary roof. The bronze bid cost of \$154,105 was the logical choice.

Matt Bangert made the motion to consider the roof bid from Henson Robinson Company. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart and Matt Bangert, Gary Westermeyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenship briefed on the HS restroom update cost being included in the recent maintenance grant project.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to consider the maintenance grant project HS Restrooms. Terry Kunkel seconded. Yea: April Coats, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart and Matt Bangert, Gary Westermeyer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Dr. Blankenship reminded and requested all members to read the 1st reading of the policy updates – issued on Fri. November 11th. Press issue 110.

Coats moved to closed session at 8:13 p.m. Hart seconded. All in favor yea. Motion carried.

All guests left the meeting.

Multiple personnel issues were addressed.

At 8:45 p.m. DeWayne Hart made the motion to reconvene as a regular meeting. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: Gary Westermeyer, Matt Bangert, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett, DeWayne Hart and April Coats. Nay: none. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to dismiss JH/HS softball coach, Kandice Kunkel. Matt Bangert seconded. Yea: DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, April Coats, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: Terry Kunkel. Motion carried 5:1.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve personnel report consisting of accepting Grace Duesterhaus' resignation from WCJH Volleyball coach and the allow to have Kylie Slagle volunteer to assist Head Coach Jason Likes with high school basketball. April Coats seconded. Yea: DeWayne Hart, April Coats, Matt Bangert, Roger Barnett, Terry Kunkel and Gary Westermeyer. Nay: None. Motion carried.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

President

Secretary