

**COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #16  
NEW BERLIN, ILLINOIS  
December 19, 2024**

**MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

President Neuman called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff, were present. Member Beard was absent.

Lori Niemeier, CSBO, shared the Tax Levy Presentation.

President Neuman called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order. Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff, were present. Member Beard was absent. One individual spoke during public comment. Member Mann made a motion, seconded by Member Kotner, at 6:18 p.m. to return to open session. The motion was passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

President Neuman opened the floor for Scheduled Audience Participation and Public Comment. Rich Hooper, CPA with Lively, Mathias & Hooper, reviewed the annual financial report, indicating there were no findings. The lack of school district auditors was discussed, stating there is a severe shortage of firms who will audit school districts, as this is a state mandate.

The Administrators shared their Pretzel Shoutouts.

Vice President Gordon reviewed the IASB talking points.

President Neuman opened the floor for adjustments to the agenda, of which there were none.

There were no questions regarding Director Reports.

The Administrative team shared their reports.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the construction renovation timeline, with the tear down of the old building in June. She informed the Board of the Fire Marshal walk through, elevator status and the IASA Vision 2030. The Superintendent also briefed the Board on the expansion of the Wabash Apartment complex as they are in the District.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed on roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Kotner and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Annual Financial Report. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to approve the 2024 Tax Levy. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to approve the Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for 2024 to pay debt service on the District's General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2022 B. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

The High School Principal presented the High School Improvement plan presentation.

A motion was made by Member Kotner and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the High School Improvement Plan. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Mann to approve the 25-26 High School Curriculum Guide. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Kotner to approve the 25-26 NBJH Curriculum Guide. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Board Member Expense Reimbursement. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea. Member Gordon abstained.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Marr to approve the Resolution to Dispose/Sell Surplus Property. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Marr and seconded by Member Bishoff to approve the second reading of Press Policy #117. The motion passed on voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Moving Company Proposal. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to approve the Resolution supporting Illinois Vision 2030. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made at 7:15 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Marr to adjourn to executive session to discuss employee, litigation and security matters. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made at 7:50 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Bishoff to return to open session. The motion passed on a roll call vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made by Member Bishoff and seconded by Member Mann to approve the Personnel Consent Agenda (Teresa Ingles-Paraprofessional, Kali Creviston-Paraprofessional, Michelle Burger-Head JH Boys Track Coach, Lauren Hemmerle-Head HS Softball Coach, Kristy Weidhuner-Asst. HS softball Coach, Kevin Howell-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach, Brian Bandy-Volunteer HS Softball Coach.) The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

A motion was made at 7:51 p.m. by Member Gordon and seconded by Member Kotner to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote, 6-0. President Neuman, Members Gordon, Kotner, Marr, Mann and Bishoff voted yea.

The meeting ended at 7:51 p.m.

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Secretary

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President