

Minutes of Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
of Community Unit District #196 in St. Clair County
held in the HS Cafeteria in said district at Dupou, IL
November 19, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Stoll at 6:32pm with the provision of HB476 by the 76th General Assembly having been complied with. Present: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf. Absent: DeClue

Girls on the Run and the Board of Education were recognized.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Mushaney.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

Reports were put on file.

There was one public comment regarding a local Anti-Bullying Organization.

There was no old business to consider.

Superintendent White reviewed the **Fund Balance in all District Funds**.

Superintendent White presented the preliminary recommendation for the **tax levy for 2024** (payable in 2025) for the Board to review before the December meeting.

Superintendent White, Mr. Book, Dr. Baker, and Mr. Treece presented the **School Report Card Data**.

Superintendent White, Mr. Book, Dr. Baker, Mr. Treece, Mr. Aldridge, and Mr. Duke presented the **District Strategic Plan 2024-2029**.

Superintendent White discussed **1st Reading of Updated Board Policy**.

A motion to approve the **FY25 School Maintenance Grant application** was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Stumpf.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to approve the **Resolution declaring the intention to issue \$4,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District** was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Mushaney.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to enter executive session at 7:35pm to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, individuals who serve as independent contractors, volunteers or legal counsel for the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); Student disciplinary cases; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); and Pending or probable litigation against, affecting or on behalf of the public body, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Stumpf.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to return to open session at 8:22pm was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Stoll.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to **uphold the decision to suspend Student #9234 on October 15, 2024** was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to employ **Lauren Weatherford as an ESP Substitute** pending successful background checks was made by Member Stumpf and seconded by Member Carroll.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to employ **Deborah Pearl as an ESP Substitute** pending successful background checks was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Carroll.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to approve an extended maternity leave for **Katie Ray** was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Stumpf.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

A motion to adjourn at 8:26pm was made by Member Mushaney and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf.
Nays: None
Absent: DeClue

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education