

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
April 28, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Stoll at 6:30pm with the provision of HB476 by the 76th General Assembly having been complied with. Present: Members Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf. Absent: Agnew-Bennett and DeClue.

Dr. Simmons and Mr. Heather were recognized for providing district-wide professional development that is focused on improving student literacy skills.

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

Reports were put on file.

There was one public comment asking the board to consider changing the athletic handbook to be more lenient on student discipline regarding athletic suspensions.

There was no old business to consider.

A motion to authorize the **Superintendent to develop a tentative budget for 2026-2027** was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Stumpf.

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

A motion to approve **expenditures between July 1, 2026 and the adoption of the 2026-2027 tentative budget** was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to approve the **Consolidated District Plan** was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to create **2 part-time Summer Student Worker positions** was made by Member Stumpf and seconded by Member Miller.

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

A motion to enter executive session at 6:43pm 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); placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10); 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 Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to return to open session at 7:37pm was made by Member Mushaney and seconded by Member Stumpf.

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

A motion to employ **Luna Beatty as an English Instructor** for the 2026-2027 school year, pending successful background checks and completion of all employment requirements, was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Carroll.

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

A motion to employ **Patrick Baker as High School PE Instructor, Head Football Coach (paid), and Weightlifting Coach (paid)** for the 2026-2027 school year, pending successful background checks and all other employment requirements, was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Stumpf.

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

A motion to accept the **resignation of Ramon Rivera as Special Education Instructor and ESL Translator** effective the end of the 2025-2026 school year was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to accept the **resignation of Emily Concialdi as Head High School Cheer Coach (paid)** effective immediately was made by Member Stumpf and seconded by Member Stoll.

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

A motion to adjourn at 7:39pm was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

Ayes: Members Carroll, Miller, Mushaney, Stoll, and Stumpf

Nays: None

Absent: Member Agnew-Bennett and DeClue

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education