

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ILLINI WEST HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #307
Regular Meeting**

Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: 600 Miller Street, Carthage, IL 62321

- 1) The Regular Meeting of the Illini West High School District 307 of Hancock County, IL was called to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2) Roll Call:
 1. Tracey Anders
 2. Darrell Sutton
 3. Betsy Wujek
 4. John Huston
 5. Shannon Pence
 6. Beth Pence
 7. Holly Wilde

Audience Member – Joy Swearingen

- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Motion by Anders, seconded by Sutton to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2019 and Executive Session on September 18, 2019. Roll Call: B. Pence/yes; S. Pence/yes; Wilde/yes; Sutton/yes; Huston/yes; Wujek/yes; Anders/yes. Motion carried.
- 5) Motion by Anders, seconded by B. Pence to approve bills as presented. Roll Call: Huston/yes; B. Pence/yes; S. Pence/yes; Anders/yes; Wujek/yes; Wilde/yes; Sutton/yes. Motion carried.
- 6) Motion by B. Pence, seconded by Wilde to approve all consent agenda items as presented:
 - a. Approve Agenda
 - b. Early Graduation Requests
 - c. Overnight Trip Request
 - d. Intramural Soccer Tournament

Roll Call: Wujek/yes; Wilde/yes; B. Pence/yes; Huston/yes; S. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes; Anders/yes.
Motion carried.

- 7) Recognition of Visitors - None
- 8) Public Comment - None
- 9) Reports
 - a. Annual Financial Report - Lowell Yates, Gray Hunter Stenn LLP Community - Lowell Yates retired – Jeff McPherson discussed the audit. Segregation of duties

issue was the only finding, ISBE lets us do this on a cash basis, but this puts us out of “compliance” with the auditors. Overall rating of 4.0. Jeff explained what the auditors do while they are here. Biggest concern is our athletic event revenue. Audit went very well.

- b. Dean of Students – SEL Implementation – PD in August, now doing walk thrus with teachers and see how they are doing with SEL. A lot of this is being done on their own not knowing that they are doing it – partner work, students helping, routine expectation, real world application, student choice, excellent. Committee has decided to do 2 big things – September – SEL survey given to all students 40? Team will meet to review the results focusing on areas of concern to improve these scores. No real surprises; key area self-management & schoolwork (staying focused when there are distractions. Emotional regulation. Implemented Charger Traits – traits we want students and staff to exhibit – C – caring, H – honesty, A – acceting, R – respectful, G – goal oriented, E – empathetic, R – respectful, S – self aware
- c. Principal – Community Service Day. 88 kids participated.
- d. Superintendent – Pending legislation – property tax relief – if approved, districts raise their levy to protect themselves. Cost shift still being talked about moving state portion back to the schools. County Wide Sales Tax – 1 cent sales tax, excluding cars and farm equipment, creating an equity issue, looking at the Iowa model, look at the whole and pro-rate it out by student enrollment.

10) Discussion/Action

- a. Building for the Future – Steve Baumann, Russell – Provided us a snapshot on the condition of the building and highlighted potential problems/code issues. Steps for the state will require a full life safety assessment; take items in the report and aligns them to specific school codes. Issue with this is ownership of the building. ISBE encouraged Russell to get our legislators involved. What do we do next? Absorb info, then \$50,000 maintenance grant, could be used to do our facilities assessment. Steve will get us info on when we can apply for this grant. Commission being created and will report out in March how to apply for capital funding. Tim would be happy to sit down with local legislators to encourage their help. Mike stated that the storm picture is telling and scary.
Statutes – response of the board – how do we want to go about it? Look at another meeting to discuss this specifically, look at getting on board with a referendum, Kim is meeting with representatives and she will take the reports and ask that they have time to meet with us because it’s a funding issue. Referendum passing requires all 7 of us at the table to be committed to the passing of a referendum. There are some potential other options of getting what we want.
- b. Motion by Anders, seconded by B. Pence to approve Annual Financial Report as presented. Roll Call: Anders/yes; B. Pence/yes; Huston/yes; S. Pence/yes; Wujek/yes; Sutton/yes; Wilde/yes.
- c. Motion by Anders, seconded by Sutton to set the Levy Hearing 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 2019. Roll Call: Sutton/yes; Huston/yes; B. Pence/yes; Wilde/yes; Wujek/yes; Anders/yes; S. Pence/yes. Motion carried.
- d. Charge Ahead Program – 2-year degree with Carl Sandburg – juniors/seniors could take this program and graduate with 2 diplomas. Motion by Wilde, seconded by Sutton to approve Illini West Administration to pursue the Charge Ahead Program. Roll Call: Anders/yes; Wilde/yes; Wujek/yes; Huston/yes; B. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes; S. Pence/yes. Motion carried.

- e. Eighth Grade Algebra – Meetings with all principals in elementary districts except LaHarpe – broadcast via the internet. This class will be at the end of the day to accommodate all the students and staff. 2 times per week we will broadcast and 1 day per week the teacher will travel. Motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilde to approve the 8th grade algebra program. Roll Call: Wilde/yes; Anders/yes; B. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes; Wujek/yes; Huston/yes; S. Pence/yes. Motion carried.

11) Motion by Anders, second by B. Pence to leave regular session for the purpose of entering Executive Session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

Roll Call: Anders/yes; B. Pence/yes; Huston/yes; Wilde/yes; Wujek/yes; S. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Sutton, seconded by Anders to leave Executive session at 9:00 p.m. Roll Call: Huston/yes; B. Pence/yes; S. Pence/yes; Anders/yes; Wilde/yes; Sutton/yes; Wujek/yes. Motion carried.

12) Action

a. Personnel

- i. Motion by Anders, seconded by S. Pence to confirm the resignation of Jennifer Brevick. Roll Call: Wilde/yes; S. Pence/yes; Anders/yes; Wujek/yes; Huston/yes; Sutton/yes; B. Pence/yes. Motion carried
- ii. Motion by Anders, seconded by S. Pence to confirm the appointment of Lisa Duffy as regular route bus driver and custodial staff. Roll Call: Wujek/yes; B. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes; Wilde/yes; Huston/yes; Anders/yes; S. Pence/yes. Motion carried.
- iii. Motion by Anders, seconded by S. Pence to confirm the appointment of Ann Menschel to digitize district files. Roll Call: Wujek/yes; Huston/yes; Anders/yes; Wilde/yes; S. Pence/yes; Sutton/yes; B. Pence/yes. Motion carried.

13) Motion by Sutton, seconded by Wilde to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Roll Call: Huston/yes; Anders/yes; Wujek/yes; B. Pence/yes; Wilde/yes; Sutton/yes; S. Pence/yes. Motion carried.

John Huston, School Board President

11/20/2019

Date

Betsy Wujek, School Board Secretary

11/20/2019

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