

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AUGUST 29, 2023.**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Kinnikinnick Community Consolidated School District No. 131 Winnebago County, Illinois was duly called and held on August 29, 2023 in Roscoe, Illinois, within the boundaries of said District.

Vice President Lynsey Welch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

	<u>Carter</u>	<u>H. Johnson</u>	<u>Young</u>	<u>Tomilonus</u>	<u>Tousant</u>	<u>Welch</u>	<u>B. Johnson</u>
Roll Call	ABS	P	P	P	P	P	P

Others Present: Mrs. Freedlund, Mr. Hruby, and guests.

**MOTION #1. APPROVE THE REGULAR AND CLOSED SESSION SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2023, AUGUST BILLS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,258,044.97, JULY 2023 PAYROLL DEDUCTIBLE EXPENSE AND ACH WIRES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$479,244.62, JULY 2023 PAYROLLS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$649,884.87, AND THE TREASURER’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH ENDING JULY 31, 2023.**

A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by B. Johnson to approve the regular and closed session school board meeting minutes of July 25, 2023, August bills payable in the amount of \$2,258,044.97, July 2023 payroll deductible expense and ACH wires in the amount of \$479,244.62, July 2023 payrolls in the amount of \$649,884.87, and the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending July 31, 2023.

Roll call vote: Aye: H. Johnson, Young, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None.

Nay: None.

Carried

Mrs. Freedlund reported it is the District’s 75th Anniversary and the District theme is Collectively Brave. We are focused on using this year to create collaborative systems that provide avenues for dialogue, ownership and input up and down our structure systems to benefit our students.

Back to School nights and PTO Extravaganza had a good turnout with many invested families. We had overall good attendance on our early dismissal days and were able to partner with the bus company and our community partners to utilize this option. I see a lot of positivity for the year ahead even in the midst of operational challenges such as bussing, technology and extreme heat.

At our last meeting, there was a question regarding our investment rates and if there were other CD options to consider. We are getting 5.276% on our investment interest rates and the highest we could find in other possible options was 5.3%.

First Student supplied all the bus route information to me. We continue to work to make changes for efficiency and safety of stops.

We were able to fill para vacancies and have reduced from 8 to 5 contract paras from outside agencies. We will continue to review apps for possible replacements or utilize a phase in approach so that we do not release a contract employee at the detriment of the students or classroom in which they are a part of.

Mrs. Freedlund reviewed an unfunded vs. funded mandates fact sheet. It is a reality for every employee in the district that we are being asked to do more and more with less and less. While we do our best to take on unfunded mandates or those with indirect costs, it does get to a point where we will need to spend resources in order to be efficient with some of the mandated tasks.

In collaboration with ISBE, the American Association of School Administrators conference accepted our proposal to present on the integration of our strategic plan, the SEL Learning Hub, my focus in that leadership as a Superintendent and how that fits in with the work of ISBE to promote social emotional learning work.

The building principals provided their reports.

**MOTION #2. APPROVE THE KINNIKINNICK CCSD #131 BOE POLICIES AS PRESENTED.** A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by Tomilonus, to approve the Kinnikinnick CCSD #131 BOE policies as presented.

Voice vote: Aye: H. Johnson, Young, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

**MOTION #3. APPROVE THE MILK AND BREAD RENEWALS.**

A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by H. Johnson, to approve the milk and bread renewals.

Roll call vote: Aye: H. Johnson, Young, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

**MOTION #4. MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.** A motion was made by Young, seconded by Tousant, to move into closed session at 7:49 p.m. to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (1). Collective Negotiations. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Closed Session.

Roll call vote: Aye: H. Johnson, Young, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

**MOTION #5. MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION.** A motion was made by H. Johnson, seconded by Tousant, to move out of closed session at 8:59 p.m.

Voice vote: Aye: H. Johnson, Young, Tomilonus, Tousant, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None. Carried

**MOTION #6. APPROVE AUGUST 29th PERSONNEL REPORT.** A motion was made by Tousant, seconded by Young, to approve the August personnel report:

**Hires:**

- **Stephanie Adkins**, JV Volleyball Coach, RMS, effective August 23, 2023
- **Caelyn McIlwain**, Paraprofessional, KN, effective August 21, 2023
- **Christina James**, Assistant Cook, SC, effective August 23, 2023
- **Cierra Driggers**, Kids Care, LW, effective August 17, 2023
- **Jeremy Rottmann**, Science/RTI Teacher, RMS, effective August 21, 2023
- **Erika Vertiz**, Night Custodian, LW, effective September 5, 2023
- **Tiarra Vich**, 3rd Grade Teacher, SC, effective August 21, 2023

- **Kenneth Buck**, 4th Grade Teacher, KN, effective August 21, 2023
- **Cynthia Quintanilla**, Paraprofessional, KN, effective August 31, 2023

**Rescind and Transfer:**

- **Sara Fandel**, Night Custodian, KS, effective August 21, 2023
- **Caron Hruby**, Night Custodian, KS, effective August 21, 2023
- **Bob Plessner**, Lunch Aide, RMS, effective August 23, 2023

**Rehire:**

- **Christy Dowler**, Paraprofessional, RMS, effective September 1, 2023

**Resignations:**

- **Sarah Streed**, Science/RTI Teacher, RMS, effective July 27, 2023
- **Brittani LeFevre**, Special Education, SC, effective August 16, 2023
- **Erikka Coletta**, 3rd grade teacher, SC, effective August 18, 2023
- **Hailey Judy**, Kids Care, KS, effective August 11, 2023
- **Erika Hillabolt**, Paraprofessional, KS, effective August 24, 2023

**Retirements:**

- **Mary Kluck**, effective June 30, 2026, 3 year notice
- **Cindy Myroth**, effective June 30, 2027, 4 year notice
- **Dana Gugliuzza**, effective June 30, 2027, 4 year notice
- **Tracy Jasinski**, effective June 30, 2027, 4 year notice

**Request for Leave:**

- **Emily McDonald**
- **Jenna Anderson**

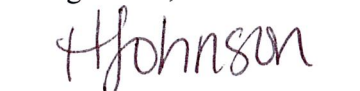
Roll call vote: Aye: Carter, Young, Tomilonus, Welch, B. Johnson Abs: None. Nay: None.  
Carried

**MOTION #7. ADJOURN.** A motion was made by Tomilonus, seconded by H. Johnson, to adjourn at 9:00p.m. Voice vote. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Craig Carter, President



Heather Johnson, Secretary