

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
March 24, 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, DeClue, Miller, Mushaney, and Stoll. Absent: Agnew-Bennett and Stumpf.

Member Agnew-Bennett arrived at 6:32pm.

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

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

Reports were put on file.

There were no public comments.

There was no old business to consider.

A motion to approve the **2026-2027 Jr-Sr High Student Handbook** was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

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

A motion to approve the **2026-2027 Bluffview Student Handbook** was made by Member Mushaney and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

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

A motion to approve the **2026-2027 IHSA renewal** was made by Member DeClue and seconded by Member Carroll.

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

A motion to approve **2026-2027 student fee schedule** was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member DeClue.

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

A motion to approve the **2027-2028 SWIC Running Start Agreement** was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to approve the **2026-2027 SWIC Dual Credit Agreement** was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member DeClue.

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

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); 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 DeClue and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to return to open session at 7:38pm was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

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

A motion to employ **Theresa James as an ESP Substitute**, pending successful background checks and completion of all employment requirements, was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Carroll.

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

A motion to accept the **resignation of Lily Dircks** as an Assistant High School Volleyball Coach (paid) was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to **appoint Dana Hall** as the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sponsor (nonpaid), effective immediately, was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to **appoint Bruce Miller** as an Assistant Wrestling Coach (nonpaid), pending successful background checks and all other employment requirements, was made by Member DeClue and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

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

A motion to **employ Victoria Simshauser** as Head Dance Coach (paid), pending ASEP certification, was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member DeClue.

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

A motion to **appoint Allison Barrett** as an Assistant Dance Coach (nonpaid), pending successful background checks and all other employment requirements, was made by Member DeClue and seconded by Member Agnew-Bennett.

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

A motion to **accept the resignation of Jonathan Tidball** as High School ELA Instructor, Head Drama Club Sponsor (paid), and E-Sports Sponsor (paid), effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, was made by Member Stoll and seconded by Member Carroll.

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

A motion to approve **one-year employment contracts** for District Administrators was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member DeClue.

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

A motion to approve **2026-2027 salaries and stipends** for administration and staff was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Stoll.

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

A motion to approve an addendum to the **Superintendent's employment contract** to extend the contract an additional two years through June 30, 2030, was made by Member Carroll and seconded by Member Mushaney.

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

A motion to **employ Kenneth Allen as Custodian** pending successful background checks and all employment requirements was made by Member Miller and seconded by Member Stoll.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, DeClue, Miller, Mushaney, and Stoll

Nays: None

Absent: Member Stumpf

A motion to adjourn at 7:42pm was made by Member Agnew-Bennett and seconded by Member Carroll.

Ayes: Members Agnew-Bennett, Carroll, DeClue, Miller, Mushaney, and Stoll

Nays: None

Absent: Member Stumpf

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education