

Nauvoo - Colusa Community Unit School District # 325

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Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026, Time: 6:30 P.M.
Nauvoo-Colusa Elementary School Cafeteria
2461 North State Highway 96, Nauvoo, Illinois 62354

1.0 Call to Order

President Joe Radel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2.0 Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Koechle, Mr. Radel, Mr. Siegfried, Mr. Squire.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski.

Also Present: Mr. Scott, Mrs. Beckie Dickerson, Mrs. Miller.

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Approval of Minutes

4.01 Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for April 2026

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for April 2026 with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

4.02 Approve Closed Session Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on April 20, 2026

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to approve the Closed Session Minutes from April 20, 2026 with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

4.03 Approve Special Meeting Minutes from Special Board Meeting on May 4, 2026

Mr. Squire made the motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2026 with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

5.0 Financials

5.01 Pay Bills for April 2026

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to pay the bills for April 2026 with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

5.02 Approve Financial and Treasurer Report for April 2026

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the Financial and Treasurer Report for April 2026 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

Fund balances as of April 30, 2026: Education: \$1,802,054 Operation and Maintenance: \$261,632 Transportation: \$402,264 and Working Cash: \$65,316. The four Major Fund Balances: \$2,496,059. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$3,051,092.

Fund balances as of April 30, 2025: Education: \$1,981,766 Operation and Maintenance: \$318,289 Transportation: \$363,977, and Working Cash: \$128,244. The four Major Fund Balances: \$2,792,276. Total Fund Balance for all funds: \$4,041,720.

The district has \$296,217 less this year compared to last year in the four major funds. In addition, the district has \$990,628 less this year compared to the previous year in total fund balance.

6.0 Recognition of the Members of the Audience

6.01 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7.0 Superintendent's Report

7.01 Superintendent/Principal Report

- * Bus Drivers-The district has a desperate need for school bus drivers. Teachers and staff are being encouraged to get a school bus license. The rate of pay was discussed.

- * Staff Use of Days-Mr. Scott informed the board that a memo will be going out to staff about the misuse of sick time for vacations or personal events.

- * Acceptance Art Donation-Mr. Scott shared that the school has been notified of a memorial gift of \$500 from the Nyla French memorial that is to go to the Art Program. Mr. Siegfried questioned if the proper procedures were in place in how the gift was accepted and possible changes in the future with such donations. Mr. Scott will check into this matter.

- * Negotiations-will be discussed at a later time.

- * Roof-Mr. Scott reported that they continue to deal with issues on the roof and getting contractors to agree on the best course of action.

- * Health Insurance-new program will be in effect June 1st.

- * Meal Program-Mr. Scott has been monitoring the meal program. The district's numbers for students who qualify for free and reduced meals are getting close to the level where it might be possible for all students in the district to receive free meals but we aren't quite there yet.

8.0 Consider a Motion to Enter into Closed Session

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:58 p.m. with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION—To Discuss Closed Session Minutes for review and approval per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057; Student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Adjournment

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to adjourn Closed Session at 7:47 p.m. with a second by Mr. Siegfried.
Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.
Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.0 Action Items

9.01 Discussion for possible action to hire two-part time summer maintenance workers.

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to hire two-part time summer maintenance workers, Oliver Koechle and Braxton Scott, with a second by Mr. Squire. There were 5 applicants for these positions.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.02 Declare old shop 208/230v 60 gallon stand up air compressor and 6 sections of old metal scaffolding as surplus property and accept bids.

Mr. Squire made the motion to declare an old shop 208/230v 60 gallon stand up air compressor and 6 sections of old metal scaffolding as surplus property and accept bids with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.03 Discussion and Review of Tentative Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2026 and Authorization to post the notice of time and date for hearing and adoption of amended budget on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to discuss and review the tentative budget amendment for Fiscal Year 2026 and to authorize posting the notice of time and date for hearing and adoption of amended budget on June 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.04 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Nauvoo-Colusa Education Association for the Professional Negotiations Agreement for a (3) year term of 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029.

Mrs. Dickerson answered board members' questions about the contract. Mr. Scott shared that the board is not in agreement in some areas, such as bus driver pay. Discussion followed on proposed rates. Mrs. Dickerson will return to the union with the proposed changes. This matter was tabled at this time.

9.05 Discussion and Possible Action to approve the proposed bid for a special education van.

Mr. Siegfried made the motion to approve the bid for a special education van from Woodrum Automotive for \$41,702.63, with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.06 Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2026/2027 school year.

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan for 2026-2027 school year with a second by Mr. Siegfried.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.07 Consider review for the Second Reading and discussion for adoption of recommended revisions to board policy PRESS Issue #121.

Mr. Squire made the motion to adopt the recommended revisions to board policy PRESS Issue #121 with a second by Mrs. Koechle.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.08 Discussion and approval of Nauvoo-Colusa CUSD #325 fee schedule for 26-27 school year.

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to approve the fee schedule as presented for the 26-27 school year as presented with a second by Mr. Siegfried. This matter had been tabled previously to allow Mr. Scott to research and compare fees from other schools.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

9.09 Acceptance of resignation from paraprofessional Justyne Burtalo effective the end of this school term.

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to accept the resignation from paraprofessional, Justyne Burtalo, effective the end of this school term with a second by Mr. Squire.

Mrs. Koechle-Yes, Mr. Radel-Yes, Mr. Siegfried-Yes, Mr. Squire-Yes.

Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.

10.0 Communications and Correspondence

10.01 Regular Board Meeting on June 15, 2026

10.02 8th Grade Promotion May 21 at 6:00 p.m.

10.03 Last Day of Student Attendance May 22, 2026

10.04 Teachers Institute May 26, 2026

11.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Koechle made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. with a second by Mr. Siegfried
Ayes-4, Nays-0. Absent: Mr. Hardy, Mr. Jespersen, Mr. Wasielewski. Motion carried.