

# RECORD OF MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2017

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017, in the library of Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. President David Monetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### *ROLL CALL*

#### Members Physically Present:

Bauer, Monetti, Wieseman, Owen, Miller, Fulton, Merritt, Morell.

#### Members Physically Absent:

Duckworth.

#### Members Electronically Present:

None.

#### Also present:

Dr. Victor Buehler, Melisa Wright, Doug Dey (in 8:42), Matthew Smith, Lauren Mueller, Rachelle J. Wuellner, Katie Sutton, Stacy Thomason, Shyan Grant, Michelle Zimmer, Nicholas Payne, Allen Thomason, Dawn Devall, Whitney Mullink, Amy Duty, Amanda Bartee, Kacie Allen, Sarah Lachner, Keith Steward.

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

President David Monetti asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *MINUTES*

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 9, 2017 and the Building and Transportation Committee Meeting and Executive Session Meeting of February 1, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

Principal Smith commended Phillips 66 Company and Brandon Ralston for a \$2,000 donation to the athletic program. Mr. Ralston earned this money by working sixty hours on a program with Phillips 66 Company.

Shelly Wuellner then commended Freer Auto Body. They donated materials and labor to paint the old gates from Meissner which are being repurposed for Wolf Ridge.

### *BILLS*

The bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Dr. Buehler stated that the District has received seventy-five percent of their payments with no state funding or categorical payments having been made. He noted that we have spent approximately sixty percent of the budget allotment which has us on financial track for the year. He commented that we may lose Chapter and Title funds because the Secretary of Education may be issuing vouchers in lieu of these programs. This would result in a

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\$120,000 loss to the District. While the expenses of the cut programs would be gone, we also would lose the payroll for one teach and one teacher's aide. On a positive note, he stated that \$70,089 had been received over the last four months from the one cent sales tax. He expects the District to receive \$190,000 this year. A motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

Stacy Thomason introduced herself and asked that the District work with a small committee willing to raise money and find grants to do something with the Meissner property. She stated that the building was deteriorating and it had historical value as it was one of the few buildings remaining after the tornado. President Monetti informed her that the building is for sale and is part of a TIF district. He stated the building could not be used as it contained mold and asbestos; furthermore, the District's insurance would increase greatly if the building were occupied. Discussion regarding the building followed. Shyan Grant requested an opportunity to locate grants that the school might not be able to obtain. President Monetti stated the Board would support any plausible plan.

President Monetti then asked if anyone in the audience had comments. Amanda Barteo asked when the Board planned to review the grading scale. She was informed that it would be addressed at the March Board meeting.

## *ACTION ITEMS*

### Adopt Resolution 2017-1—The Serious Safety Hazards

Dr. Buehler noted that this is a yearly procedure. Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2017-1—The Serious Safety Hazards as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve Auditor

Dr. Buehler stated that we had worked with Mr. Loy for several years. There was no increase in the charge this year for services. He recommended that we continue to use Mr. Loy's services. Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to approve Loy, Miller, Talley, PC as the 2017-18 auditors at a rate of \$7,275. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approval of Band Trip to Branson from May 5-7, 2017

Sarah Lachner and Amy Duty introduced themselves. They asked the Board's approval for the band to attend the Music in the Parks competition from May 5-7, 2017, discussing the details of the trip. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the band trip to Branson from May 5-7, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approval of Senior Trip to Chesterfield and Eureka Missouri on May 12, 2017

Jalie Merritt then presented the itinerary for the May 12, 2017 senior trip. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve the May 12, 2017 senior trip to Chesterfield and Eureka Missouri as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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## Approve Non-Certified Staff Seniority List

Dr. Buehler stated this too was a yearly procedure noting that the union members had reviewed the list. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the Non-Certified Staff Seniority List as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Teacher Employment Date List

Again it was noted that employees had reviewed the list for this yearly procedure. Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to approve the teacher employment date list as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Participation in Lawsuit Against ISBE

Dr. Buehler stated this was actually a lawsuit against the State of Illinois being waged by some of the southern school districts. In 1996 a similar lawsuit had been filed because school districts felt the State was not doing its fair share in the education of students. At that time a judge ruled that there wasn't a good definition of learning standards. At this time there is a definite definition of learning standards to which the State must be held accountable for funding. A minimum of ten to fifteen districts will contribute \$1000 each to support this effort. There should not be any additional legal fees. If additional expenses are incurred, the District will have the option to withdraw from the suit. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution 2017-10 to Join the Consortium of Districts that are Against State Mandates with No Funding Provided with a cost to the District of \$1000. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Pest Control Company

Dr. Buehler stated that Byots Pest Control, a local service company, had submitted a significantly lower offer for services than currently given by Orkin. Orkin contacted Dr. Buehler and was willing to reduce their price. Dr. Buehler recommended contracting with a Byots as they had offered a lower price from the start and were a local company. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve Byots Pest Control as the District's Pest Control Company for the 2017-18 school year at a cost of \$150 per month. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Part-Time Cook Position

Shelly Wuellner stated that having a part time cook working at Wolf Ridge on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and at the High School on Tuesday and Thursday would allow her to offer more options in the cafeteria and allow for a substitute when one of her full time cooks was ill. Dr. Buehler stated it would also alleviate some of the burden on Mrs. Wuellner as she has been performing the job of three people. Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to hire a four hour cook at Wolf Ridge effective immediately. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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## Approve Increase in Cafeteria Pricing

Dr. Buehler stated this was a government requirement that we must participate in. Failure to increase lunch prices would result in a loss of federal and state funding for the lunch program. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve an increase in cafeteria pricing by twenty-five cents for a student breakfast and twenty cents for a student lunch to meet state requirements. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Accept Bread Bid

This item was tabled as the bids had not been received.

## Accept Milk Bid

This item was tabled as the bids had not been received.

## Update on Football Joint Agreement—Resolution 2017-2

Principal Smith reported that he had been working with Mt. Olive to finalize details for the football coop noting that if the resolution was approved by Bunker Hill's Board of Education, Mt. Olive's Board of Education would vote on the intergovernmental agreement on February 15. Discussion then followed on coaching requirements, paperwork, administrative details, booster club participation, and uniforms. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman, to approve Resolution 2017-2—The Joint Intergovernmental Agreement for a Cooperative Athletic Football Team Between Bunker Hill CUSD No. 8 and Mt. Olive CUSD No. 5 as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Request to Form Clay Target Shooting Team

Nic Payne introduced himself and requested that the Board allow him to form a clay target shooting team using the school's name. He commented that since the activities are hosted at Brittney Shooting Range in Bunker Hill he felt we should have a team. He only asked that the school offer support in the yearbook, with eligibility, and in lettering. General discussion was held on coaching, practicing, and that guns must not be on school property. It was noted that coaches would need to be fingerprinted for a background check. Motion by Owen, seconded by Bauer, to approve request to form a clay target shooting team for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Adopt Resolution 2017-7 Approving Travel, Meal and Lodging Policy

Dr. Buehler commented that State law required that this resolution be in place. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution 2017-7 Approving Travel, Meal and Lodging Policy as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## First Reading of Policies

Dr. Buehler commented that a policy committee meeting had been held to review the policies presented. No problems were noted at that time with the policies. As this is a first reading of the policies, no action is required.

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## Approve Purchase of Drivers' Education Van

Through a State bid list, the District would have an opportunity to purchase a 2017 Dodge Caravan for less than \$22,000. As this vehicle could also be used for other school functions and it is significantly lower than the budgeted amount for a drivers' education vehicle, Dr. Buehler recommended its purchase. We would not be trading in our current vehicle (a 2005 Chevy Malibu with 105,000 miles) as the dealership was only offering \$500 for it. Discussion was held on possible options for the current drivers' education vehicle. Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to authorize the Superintendent to purchase a Dodge Caravan from Wright Automotive at a cost not to exceed \$22,000. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Substitute Teacher Pay

Dr. Buehler stated that everyone was having a difficult time locating substitute teachers. He has surveyed surrounding schools and recommends increasing our daily sub rate in an effort to become more competitive. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve an increase in substitute teacher pay to \$90 per day effective immediately. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

## *INFORMATION ITEMS*

### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler had nothing further to add.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann was not in attendance due to a workshop in Chicago.

### Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith thanked Malvern Allen for recently addressing the eighth grade class. He commented that Mrs. Sutton had informed him that the seventh and eighth grade Olympiad team had tied for third place in the Olympiad. Board Member Miller then stated she had just been informed that the seventh grade had won their volleyball regional.

### Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell congratulated Jalie Merritt on being named February's Student of the Month. She also congratulated Dane Sellars and Mallory Schwegel for earning All-Tournament team honors at the Macoupin County Basketball Tournament in Carlinville.

### Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt congratulated the cheerleaders for earning a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the IHSA cheer sectional. She congratulated Mercy Daniels for earning an All-Conference title in scholastic Bowl. She finished by stating a Sadie Hawkins dance would be held on February 17 from 7 to 9 p.m.

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## *COMMITTEES*

Policy – A meeting was recently held.

Curriculum – It was noted that the schools were meeting this month. They will present their recommendations to the Board in March.

Building/Transportation – A meeting will be scheduled for April.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – None.

Education Foundation – Committee Member Wieseman stated there would be changes in the foundation dinner this year. There will only be three inductees.

Also an Educator of the Year Award will be introduced. Tickets are available at a cost of \$20 per person or \$35 per couple.

Staffing – None.

## Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P. A. 88-621:

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to go into Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and legal matters. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to return to Regular Session at 9:07 p.m. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Review Closed Session Minutes of Meeting

Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to open the closed minutes for inspection. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Filler, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to reseal the previously closed minutes. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Staffing Needs for 2017-18

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution of Dismissal Number 2017-6 for Nicholas Mellenthin as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution of Dismissal Number 2017-8 for Valerie Sarver as presented—Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution of Dismissal Number 2017-9 for Stephanie Dey. Roll call vote—Miller, abstain; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Five yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining. Motion passed.

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Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution 2017-3 Authorizing Dismissal of Full-Time, First Year, Non-Tenured Teacher, Justin Sandbach. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2017-5 Authorizing Dismissal of Full-Time, First Year, Non-Tenured Teacher Blake Marth. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Miller, to accept the retirement request of Kevin Derezotes at the end of the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve the Certified Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Courtney Thomas effective May 25, 2017. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

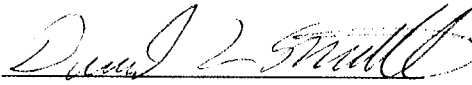
Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Thomas Haynes as head football coach effective immediately. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

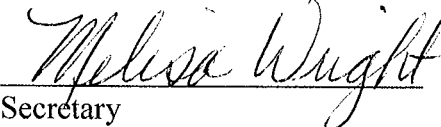
Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Nathan Gray as assistant football coach effective immediately. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## *GENERAL DIALOGUE*

## *ADJOURN*

At 9:20 p.m. a motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

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