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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2016

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. President Dave Monetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present:

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

Members Physically Absent:

Schwegel.

Members Electronically Present:

None.

Also present:

Dr. Buehler, Mrs. Cann, Mr. Smith, R. Whitworth, M. Booten, D. Dey, Kacie Allen, Heather Crisler, Shelby Crisler, AJ Allen, Regina Bassett, Pintip Perdun, Chris Morris, Erin Oxford, Katie Sutton Eric Perdun, Shannon Gauntt, Taylor Gauntt, Lisa Allen, Misty Perez, Tana Strohmeier, Stephanie Dey, Tammie Daniel, Allan Daniel, Jamie Burns, Dawn Devall Marcia Burjes, Steve Bartee, Amanda Bartee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board meetings of March 14, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mr. Smith saluted Phillips 66, Allan Daniel, Tammie Daniel, Brandon Ralston, and Nick Wieseman for \$6000 donation to athletics and activities programs. He noted that this donation was possible by the employees of Phillips 66 donating twenty or more volunteer hours per year. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel were in attendance. Mrs. Daniel noted that Phillips 66 had more money they would like to donate. She asked the school to let her know of projects they would be able to use the donation for. She believed Phillips would be willing to donate another \$2000 to the District.

President Monetti then commended Allan Daniel for the work he had done on the baseball field. Mr. Daniel stated he had donated the equipment, but Brandon Ralston had put in the man hours.

Mrs. Cann then thanked Jim Meisenheimer for installing a long jump pit at Wolf Ridge noting that the track team has placed first in two and second in two of their four meets this season.

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BILLS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler stated that the district was on budget, but a public hearing would need to be held next month to amend the budget to include the life safety money that had been received. He also stated his concern with a rumor that the State would be withholding payments next year until its budget was approved. He noted that if this process continued for three to four months, it might be necessary for the school to borrow funds. Motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

President Monetti asked visitors wishing to speak on the proposed change to attendance center and handbook changes to hold their comments until the items had been presented. At this time, no visitors requested to speak.

ACTION ITEMS

Update Phone System and Web Band (Internet Connection)

Dr. Buehler stated that a committee had been working to improve the phone system and internet bandwidth. He noted that Madison Communication would be able to offer us high speed internet and a new phone system for \$4000 less per year, but we would need to pay a one-time charge to Frontier to buy out our current contract. This proposed change would increase our internet speed from the current 10MB to 50 MB resolving many of the issues we are having with the smart boards. Motion by Owen, and seconded by Fulton, to update phone and internet connections with Madison Communication Company. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve IESA Membership Renewal

It was noted that this is a yearly procedure. Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to approve renewal of the IESA Membership for Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High athletic programs. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report

Dr. Buehler stated that law requires that we approve this report. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to approve the Post Issuance Tax Compliance Report as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Bus Request from American Legion

Dr. Buehler stated that this was a yearly request that he recommends the Board continue as the American Legion does a lot for the school, and it was a way to thank them for their efforts. Discussion was held on liability issues. Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to

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approve bus request from the American Legion. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Proposed Changes to Attendance Centers

A PowerPoint presentation outlining the need to relocate the eighth grade students to the high school was given by Principals Smith and Cann. Reasons for the move included the need to alleviate overcrowding at Wolf Ridge, ease the transition of eighth graders to the high school, and increased instructional time and course offerings for the eighth grade class. This change would cause the need for three teachers to travel to the high school, namely Ms. Sutton, Mrs. Strohmeier, and Mrs. Zimmerman. The change would also allow the cafeteria to meet fire code in capacity, comply with state laws, give IEP students the required individual minutes of instructional time and allow for more instructional time and technology exposure for eighth grade students. Other benefits would include more space for the art program, better math transition, a private room for meetings, and forty additional minutes of instructional time for the eighth grade students. It was noted that the eighth grade students would still be Patriots, would have a separate PE class that did not involve “dressing out”, and would be charged junior high book fees. In addition, junior high students would not be associating with high school students with the exception of hall passing periods and lunch which they would have with freshmen and sophomores. Questions and concerns from the community were heard. Many of these concerns involved eighth grade girls being around senior boys, the possibility of bringing the eighth graders back to Wolf Ridge if class numbers dropped, the benefits academically to the eighth grade students, if high school students would lose any opportunities due to the need of teachers to instruct eighth grade students, segregation/separation of the eighth graders, and bullying. Board member Wieseman stated while this was not the ideal situation, something had to be done. This was a way to solve the problem without requesting a tax increase. Board member Duckworth stated this was a major issue that the school faced. She stated that she had a daughter that had graduated, but by putting herself in the community’s shoes, she didn’t feel that moving her child to the high school one year early would have made a difference in her education. She reminded those present that unfortunately bullying occurs every day, even to her as an adult, and that it is our job as parents to educate our students to be strong and the difference between right and wrong. She then thanked Mr. Smith and Mrs. Cann for taking on this issue to find an economical and beneficial solution. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Duckworth, to move the eighth grade to Bunker Hill High School making it an 8-12 building. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, no; Duckworth, yes; Owen, no; Monetti, yes. Five yes votes, two no votes. Motion passed.

Approve Insurance Agent for Property and Casualty Coverage

Dr. Buehler stated that five agents had provided information to bid on insurance coverage. After reviewing their information and checking their backgrounds, Dr. Buehler suggestion that the Board seek property and casualty insurance quotes from Mesirow Financial. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to receive property and casualty insurance quote from Mesirow Financial for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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Approve Wolf Ridge Handbook Changes

Mrs. Cann reviewed proposed changes to the Wolf Ridge handbook, many of which were made to comply with changes in state laws. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve the Wolf Ridge handbook changes as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve High School Handbook Changes with Fee Changes

Mr. Smith reviewed his proposed handbook changes. Motion by Miller, seconded by Owen, to approve the high school handbook changes with fee changes as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve District Handbook Changes with Fee Changes

Dr. Buehler stated that the changes to the District handbook had been made to incorporate changes by the schools or to update information such as the web address. Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the district handbook changes with fee changes as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Early Graduation Requests

Discussion was held. Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to approve early graduation requests of Lexye Shaw, Cheyenne Sander, Joe Everts, Kaitee Farmer, and Kourtney Proctor. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Review and Approval of Bids for Obsolete Equipment

Dr. Buehler stated that one bid had been received for the snow blower and three bids had been received for the John Deere tractor with snow pusher. He recommended that the Board accept the high bidders.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to accept the high bid of \$128 from Roger Owen for the Snapper I524 Snow Blower. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, abstain; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Six yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining vote. Motion passed.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to accept the high bid of \$815 from Richard Strasen for the John Deere Tractor Model F1145 with Snow Pusher. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, 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 at this time.

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Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann stated that the PARCC testing had been completed. She noted that 8th grade promotion would be held on May 19, 2016 at the high school. She also stated that the junior high special person's lunch would be held on Friday, April 8.

Mr. Matthew Smith

In upcoming events, Mr. Smith noted that the Drama production would be held on April 22 and 23 at 7:00 p.m., the spring band concert would be held on May 3 and the athletic and academic awards ceremony would be held on May 13 at 2:00 p.m. He congratulated Heidi Ostendorf of being named April's Student of the Month. He then stated that Miss Merritt requested that he inform the Board that Mr. Goltz's physics class had participated in the LCCC trebuchet competition and placed first in two of four matches.

Miss Sydney Schwegel

Miss Schwegel was not in attendance

Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt had to leave the meeting before presenting her report. She asked Mr. Smith to present her update.

COMMITTEES

Policy – A meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Curriculum – A meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Building/Transportation – A meeting was scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Public Relations – Board member Fulton thanked the community for their support in regards to the one cent tax. She also noted that two teachers were nominated to receive mini grants as teacher of the year from Madison Communications Company. She urged everyone to go online and vote for Mrs. Wood and Miss Allen.

Special Education – Board member Miller reported that SMASE had held a meeting, but she was unable to attend.

Education Foundation – None.

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 Owen, to go into Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Wieseman, to return to Regular Session at 9:20 p.m. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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Accept Resignation of High School Scholastic Bowl Coach

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Carla Johnson as high school scholastic bowl coach at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Junior High Yearbook Sponsor

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to accept the resignation of Lori Schmidt as junior high yearbook sponsor at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of High School English Teacher

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Miller, to accept the resignation of Megan Ramseier as high school English teacher. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to accept the resignation of Laura Huette as junior high cheerleading sponsor at the end of the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Contracts and Salaries

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Owen, to extend the contract of Principal Stephanie Cann for three years with the second and third year salary to be determined. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to issue a four percent salary increase to Principal Stephanie Cann for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton issue a four percent salary increase to Principal Matthew Smith for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, issue a one percent salary increase plus \$1000 to non-certified administrative staff members, Rhonda Whitworth, Melisa Wright, Doug Dey and Shelly Wuellner for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

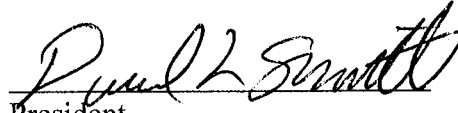
Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Owen, to issue a two percent salary increase to Dr. Victor Buehler for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, no; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Six yes votes, one no vote. Motion passed.

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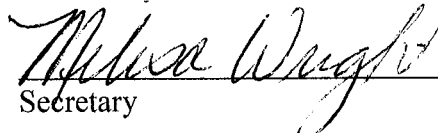
GENERAL DIALOGUE

ADJOURN

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.



President



Secretary

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