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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 8, 2017

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017, in the Cafeteria of the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. President Lacey Wieseman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board then proceeded to tour the Wolf Ridge facility. At 6:54 p.m. the Board returned to the library and roll call was taken.

*ROLL CALL*Members Physically Present:

Bauer (in 6:45), Monetti, Wieseman, Owen, Duckworth, Mullink, Fulton, Merritt (in 6:58).

Members Physically Absent:

Morell.

Members Electronically Present:

None.

Also present:

V. Buehler, M. Smith (in 6:45), S. Cann, D. Dey, M. Wright, S. Wuellner, Sue Morris, Roy Morris, Kevin Derezotes, Trista Manar, Becca Ramirez, Dave Pitts, Dawn Devall, Amanda Bartee, Matt Lawrence, Stephen Ball.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board meetings of April 20, 2017; the Building and Transportation Committee Meeting of April 27, 2017; and the Public Relations and Meissner Elementary Working Group Committees of May 1, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

President Wieseman presented Sue Morris with a gift from the Board for her retirement at the end of the year with 22 years of service in the high school English department. Mrs. Morris stated she had enjoyed her time with the District.

President Wieseman then presented Dave Pitts with a gift from the Board for his retirement at the end of the year with 23 years of service in the elementary physical education department and for service as the junior high athletic director. Mr. Pitts jokingly stated he had heard he was being fired and was relieved.

President Wieseman then presented Kevin Derezotes with a gift from the Board for his retirement after 3 years as the high school shop teacher. President Wieseman stated that in his short time with the District he had made a big impact on the vocational program. Mr. Derezotes stated that it had been an honor working for the District, and he wished he had been able to accomplish more.

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President Wieseman then presented Jalie Merritt with a gift as the retiring student board member. Miss Merritt thanked the Board for selecting her to be a board member and stated it had been an honor that had improved her speaking skills and proved to be a valuable asset for college applications. Dr. Buehler asked Miss Merritt if she ever informed fellow students of information she had learned during board meetings. Miss Merritt said she had, and she felt it had bridged a gap between students and administrators.

Proclamations were available for Ava Ostendorf who placed first for the second year in 400 meter run of the Prairie State Conference track meet and for Michael Castleberry who placed first in the shot put event at the same meet. These students were not in attendance as they were participating in a track meet that had been rescheduled for the same night as the board meeting.

BILLS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler stated we had only received one categorical payment this year and it was the only one he anticipated receiving. He continued by stating that Title II funds had been cut by forty-four percent and Title I funds had been cut by sixty percent and we had not received our vocational CTE funding payment. He had also just learned that Tames payments through Medicare may be cut from the District's funding package. On a positive note the District's expenditures were on target at eighty-one percent. The expenditures included the recent purchase of the drivers' education van. Motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Bauer, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Trista Manar was present to discuss the Blessings in a Backpack program that she wished to start in our district. This program would allow students who needed assistance to discreetly receive food to feed them through the weekend. To initiate the program, a three year commitment would be required. Discussion of the program followed. Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Mullink, to approve the Blessing in a Backpack project for the 2017-2020 school years.

*ACTION ITEMS*Authorize to Seek Bids on Fuel for the 2017-18 School Year

By seeking bids with our cooperative, we are able to obtain a lower fuel price for our tanks. Motion by Monetti, and seconded by Owen, to authorize the Superintendent to seek bids on fuel for the 2017-18 school year with the established coop. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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Select Board Members to Distribute Diplomas for Graduation

Dr. Buehler asked if anyone had family members graduating at either of the schools. As no one did, it was asked if any board member had not yet distributed diplomas or certificates. It was determined that Whitney Mullink and Lacey Wieseman would distribute high school diplomas while Dave Monetti would distribute certificates at the eighth grade graduation. As diplomas distribution is assigned by the President of the Board, no motion was required.

Purchase/Lease New Busses

Steven Ball and Matt Lawrence were present from Midwest Transit Equipment to introduce their company's lease program. The stated that bus leasing allows schools to have a low payment with a full warranty while receiving State reimbursement. Discussion followed on the cost of used busses, purchasing at the end of the lease, service agreements, and optional equipment. Mr. Ball and Mr. Lawrence then left the meeting. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to authorize the Superintendent to seek the lowest bid for a lease beginning in the 2017-18 school year for three 71 passenger busses with air conditioning and luggage compartments utilizing three of the district's current busses as trade ins. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Consider Lock Replacement at High School and Wolf Ridge

Discussion was held on needing lever handles for ADA compliancy, the need to limit the number of room keys, and locks being placed inside rather than outside of the building. An estimate had been received for this project in the amount of \$33,265.50 to rekey both Wolf Ridge and the High School. This update could be made utilizing Tort funds. After much discussion it was decided that this matter be tabled and placed on next month's agenda. Two more bids will be obtained for this project before a decision will be made.

Sale of Old Drivers' Education Car

Dr. Buehler stated he had checked the Blue Book value on the 2005 Chevy Malibu that had been used as the drivers' education vehicle. The value of the car was between \$1,000 and \$1,500 dollars. Dr. Buehler recommended that the vehicle be declared surplus property and that a request for sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$900 be advertised. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to declare the 2005 Chevy Malibu as surplus equipment and to accept sealed bids to sell it to the highest bidder with a minimum bid set at \$900. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Lunch Program Policy

Dr. Buehler stated this was not an actual policy, but an administrative procedure. If the Board chose to accept it, it would be 4:120-AP. Mrs. Wuellner was present to discuss that this policy was mandated by the State to outline what happens with lunch account balances and what would happen when accounts had a negative balance. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to approve the administrative policy on student lunch accounts (4:120 AP) as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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Parking Lots and Drives

Bids were reviewed for three projects: repairing and repaving the high school parking lot, repairing and repaving the Wolf Ridge parking lot, and adding additional parking at Wolf Ridge. Discussion followed on the expense of the projects and the need. It was felt that work needed to be done so that the lots were not neglected and additional expenses incurred in repairing them. All felt the expense necessary to provide additional parking at Wolf Ridge was not warranted at this time due to the lack of financing.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Owen, to approve High School parking lot and drive repairs by DeLaurent Construction in the amount of \$16,796.00 with \$10,828.14 to be paid from district funds and \$5,967.86 to be paid from general funds. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, no; Wieseman, yes. Six yes votes, one no vote, zero abstaining. Motion passed.

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve Wolf Ridge parking lot and drive repairs by DeLaurent Construction in the amount of \$24,556.00. Repairs to be paid out of the general fund. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, no; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Six yes votes, one no vote, zero abstaining. Motion passed.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler had nothing further to contribute.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann stated that Teacher Appreciation Week went well thanks to the assistance of the student council. She noted that the fifth grade class had taken a field trip to the historical museum and wished to host a lemonade stand on fun day to raise funds for the museum. She commended the boys track team on being featured in the State Journal. Despite having no track to practice on, they had won the track sectional. She thanked Keith Pennington for picking up a trophy display case from St. Louis for her. She also thanked Chandra Bristol on making a video for the Wolf Ridge dream flag project.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith commended the band for their wonderful performance at the Spring Band Concert on May 2. He also commended them for winning first place honors at the band competition in Branson, Missouri. He ended by thanking the National Honor Society for tutoring eighth grade at risk students during lunch and PE.

Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt congratulated Madelyn Allman on being named the May Student of the Month. She commended Ben Kahl who will be shadowing Senator Andy Manar on May 10 for the Senator for a Day program. She noted that she had been named homecoming queen and

Chase Williams was named homecoming king. She closed by stating that the high school athletic and academic award ceremony would be held on May 11 and senior trip would be held on May 12.

Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance

COMMITTEES

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – Chairperson Fulton reported that a meeting was held on May 1 to recommend the District start a Facebook page. The page was up with positive results. The committee also recommended changes to the district's webpage. These changes are in process of being made.

Special Education – A meeting will be held on June 26, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Education Foundation – None.

Staffing – None.

Meissner Elementary Working Group—Chairperson Mullink stated that a meeting had been held on May 1. The meeting started with a tour of Meissner. At this time the committee is in process of obtaining several different up to date estimates to determine the best avenue for the school to pursue with the Meissner property.

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

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to go into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

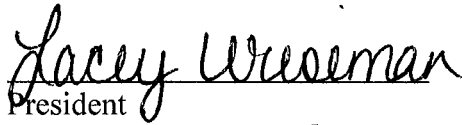
Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to return to Regular Session at 8:48 p.m. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

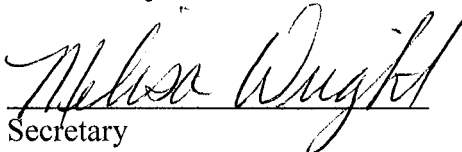
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GENERAL DIALOGUE

ADJOURN

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m. All were in favor.
Motion carried.


President


Secretary