

# RECORD OF MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 9, 2016

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016, in the Cafeteria 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, Schwegel (in at 7:04), Merritt.

#### Members Physically Absent:

None.

#### Members Electronically Present:

None.

#### Also present:

V. Buehler, M. Smith, S. Cann, R. Whitworth, D. Dey, M. Wright, Amanda Saragusa, Doug Kutter, Steve Bartee, Amanda Bartee, Joni Wood, James Meisenheimer, Katie Sutton, Kristina Bushman, Heather Crisler, Jerad Burch, Kasie Allen, Ava Ostendorf, Moriah Meisenheimer, Lisa Bratten, Kara Eden, Terry McQueen, Tricia McQueen, Jameson Ramirez, Christy Helling, Michelle Wolff, Emily Thyer.

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

President 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 and Executive Session Board meetings of April 11, 2016 and the Policy, Building and Transportation, and Curriculum Committee meetings of April 20, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

President Monetti commended Joni Wood on retiring after almost 23 years of service and said she would be missed. He then presented Mrs. Wood with a gift from the Board. Sydney Schwegel, graduating board member, was then thanked for her service and wished well in her future endeavors before being presented with a gift from the Board. Principal Smith then congratulated track team members Ben Cope, DeUndrea Holloway, and Ava Ostendorf for their performances at the Prairie State Conference track meet. Ben placed first in the shot put event for the second year in a row. DeUndrea placed first in the long jump event, and Ava placed first in the 400 meter run. All three received proclamations from the Board for their efforts. Ava was in attendance to accept her proclamation. Dr. Buehler then saluted the staff for the good work they do in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week.

### *BILLS*

The bills were reviewed. A motion was made by Duckworth, seconded by Owen, 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.

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## *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Dr. Buehler noted that he had included information in the board packets regarding Illinois overpayment of corporate property taxes to schools throughout the State. He noted that Bunker Hill had far less to repay than other local areas. He stated he would inform the Board when he knew the payback schedule. He then noted that two state aid proposals were currently under review. The first was from Governor Rauner which would have Bunker Hill receiving \$7600 less in aid. The second proposal was Senate Bill 231 supported by Senator Manar. This would generate \$123,000 in funds for Bunker Hill. Dr. Buehler stated that the didn't think either bill would pass noting that Governor Rauner didn't want any district to lose money, but there was no way this was possible. Dr. Buehler closed by noting that a public hearing would need to be schedule to amend the 2015-16 budget to include bond money received and paid out. Motion was made by Owen, seconded by Bauer, 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*

Amanda Bartee was present to address the Board regarding class sizes, specifically as they pertain to this year's first and fourth grade classes. Her Power Point presentation identified more discipline problems, safety concerns due to space limitations, low test scores, lack of individualized attention, and teacher overload as problems with larger class sizes even if an aid was provided. President Monetti commended Mrs. Bartee on her presentation and assured her that this was not an avenue being pursued by the Board. A question was asked by Jamison Ramirez as to how the public was being made aware of items being formally discussed by the Board. Mr. Ramirez was informed of areas where the agenda was posted and informed that the agenda was also available on the district's website.

## *ACTION ITEMS*

### Authorize to Seek Bids on Fuel for the 2016-17 School Year

Dr. Buehler stated that M & M Service had allowed us to obtain fuel for the same price Gillespie and Staunton had been bid after we installed our tanks this year. He recommended that the Board co-op with Gillespie and Staunton this year to seek fuel bids in an attempt to receive the best price. Motion by Wieseman, and seconded by Owen, to authorize the superintendent to seek bids on fuel for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Authorize to Seek Bids on Bread and Milk for the 2016-17 School Year

It was noted that for the last 20 years four districts had combined to obtain the best prices for bread and milk. Motion by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to authorize the superintendent to seek bids on bread and milk 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.

### Select Board Members to Distribute Diplomas for Graduation

President Monetti asked if anyone had family members graduating at the high school. As no one did, Lacey Wieseman and Julie Fulton agreed to distribute high school diplomas at graduation. Deb Miller had family graduating at Wolf Ridge. She agreed to distribute diplomas at Wolf Ridge as did President Monetti.

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## Establish Meeting Date and Time

Dr. Buehler noted that the calendar followed the second Monday of the month policy as in the past with the exception of the October 13, 2016 and April 17, 2017 meetings. October 13 is a holiday, so the meeting will be held on Thursday per past practice. The April 17 meeting is one week later to allow newly elected board member to be sworn in. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve the 2016-17 Board meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Purchasing of Computers for the 2016-17 School Year

Dr. Buehler recommended that the Board purchase new computer to replace broken and outdated units and meet the needs of the new equipment being installed when Madison Communications increases our bandwidth in July. Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to purchase new computers for the 2016-17 school year at a cost of \$39,962.24. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## First Reading of Policies by IASB

As this was a first reading of the new policies, no motion was required.

## Set Date for Public Hearing

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Miller to hold a Public Hearing to Amend the 2015-16 Budget on June 13, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

## *INFORMATION ITEMS*

### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler stated he has had several meetings regarding the installation of the new computer line in hopes that the transition will be smooth. At this time July 1, 2016 is the scheduled transfer date. He also stated that he would be starting the 2016-17 budget soon, noting that this would be a difficult job due to the fact that it was uncertain what funds the State would be providing and paying out.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann said the butterfly garden had been planted and due to the wonderful bid received from the Market Basket, they would be able to purchase more plants than expected. She noted that she would be contacting volunteers soon to assist with the additional planting. She also stated that the Baptist Church no longer allowed parking on their lot for families picking up students. This is due to problems caused by teen drivers. With the loss of parking, parents are again parking too close to the school. Mrs. Cann plans on working with the police this summer to come up with a solution to the pickup/drop off problem. Mrs. Cann then closed by noting that an IEP student had been utilizing the Illinois Assistive Technology Program’s talk to text program with much success. She hopes to utilize the program more in the future.

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## Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the band concert went well. He commended Carey Runde, Jason Runde, and Tempest Events for raising \$2000 for the band program. He also commended Steve Schwegel for collecting over \$800 in donations at the concert. He then noted that the Illinois Science Assessment exam would be given to the biology students on May 10. Mr. Smith closed by thanking United Community Bank for offering graduates the new checking account bonus program.

## Miss Sydney Schwegel

Miss Schwegel left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. due to a previous commitment.

## Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt commended Kathryn Smith on being named the May Student of the Month. She stated that the student council had many treats during the week for the teachers in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. She stated FFA week was the same week as Teacher Appreciation Week, so food was in abundance.

## *COMMITTEES*

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – A meeting will be held on June 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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 Owen, seconded by Wieseman, to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Bauer, to return to Regular Session at 8:10 p.m. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Employ High School English Teacher

Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Fulton, to employ Laura Walker as the High School English teacher for the 2016-17 school year pending background check and health screening. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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Employ Elementary Teacher

Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to employ Joseph Manar as an elementary teacher for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ High School Scholastic Bowl Coach

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to employ Moriah Meisenheimer as the High School Scholastic Bowl Coach 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.

Employ Junior High Yearbook Sponsor

Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to employ Moriah Meisenheimer as the Junior High Yearbook sponsor for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Junior High Math Teacher

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to accept the resignation of Emily Zimmerman 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 Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

Motion by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to accept the resignation of Rick Petrolina as the junior varsity girls' basketball coach effective immediately. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

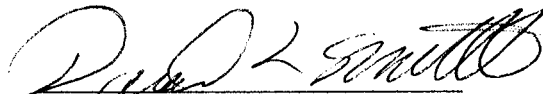
Employ Junior High Cheerleading Coach


Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Wieseman, to employ Elora McLaughlin as the Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor 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.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
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President

  
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Secretary

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