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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 13, 2016

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016, in the band room of 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.
Members Physically Absent: Jalie Merritt.
Members Electronically Present: None.
Also present: Dr. Victor C. Buehler, Stephanie Cann, Matthew Smith, Rhonda Whitworth, Melisa Wright, Kacie Allen, Jerad Burch, Amanda Bartee, Katie Sutton, Dawn Devall, Steve Bartee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board meetings of May 9, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mrs. Cann saluted Ed Heinemeier and Doug Dey for moving the lockers at Wolf Ridge. She also thanked Ed for installing new faucets in all the classrooms. President Monetti then commended the Wolf Ridge staff and administration on being named one of the twenty-five most improved schools.

BILLS

Mrs. Whitworth noted that a corrected board report had been distributed prior to the meeting with changes highlighted. 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; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler started that the district was on budget with the exception of two life safety items that needed to be amended in the budget. President Monetti question how far the State was behind on payments. Dr. Buehler responded that only one state aid payment was missing and the district was on target for all incoming revenue. He did express his concern on the financial state of the district if a State budget was not passed. He noted that the district had enough funds to operate for approximately four months without seeking a bank loan. He further noted that many districts have vowed not to open without receiving State payments. Motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Fulton, to approve the financial report as presented.

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Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Jerad Burch had requested to address the Board. President Monetti asked him what the content of his discussion was about as certain matters could not be addressed in open session. Mr. Burch stated he wished to address the eighth grade move to the high school. President Monetti allowed him to proceed. Mr. Burch questioned when Wolf Ridge became overcrowded. He was informed that Wolf Ridge had been overcrowded for many years. He then asked why the pre-k classes had been moved to Wolf Ridge. He was informed it was for safety purposes and in anticipation of the sale of the Meissner property. He then inquired if there had been any offers on the Meissner property. President Monetti informed him one offer had been made but was not completed. Mr. Burch then questioned the security of Wolf Ridge stating the portables and back doors were not always locked. Mrs. Cann stated that these areas had been rekeyed and teachers would need to obtain a key from the office to use the computer lab. President Monetti then informed Mr. Burch that the eighth grade move was a “done issue” and scheduling changes were in process. Discussion was then held on long range benefits such as alleviating overcrowding and opportunities for a better education. Mr. Burch was concerned that teachers and parents were not involved in this planning process and some students would be negatively affected by this change. Board member Duckworth then stated she felt the Board had not properly made the choice they had. At this time, Board members and audience members were speaking without being recognized. President Monetti reminded everyone that they must be recognized. Additional discussion followed. President Monetti then stated the best decisions were made with the funds the school had. Mr. Burch then questioned why the administration received raises. President Monetti reminded Mr. Burch that the District was saving between seventy to eighty thousand dollars by having a part-time superintendent. Mr. Burch then questioned if the eighth grade move would be placed back on the agenda. Mr. Monetti stated that it would not.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Transportation Agreement Renewal

Dr. Buehler noted that the transportation agreement had been amended for the 2016-17 school year to alleviate the problem of parents trying to avoid picking up their children in the Wolf Ridge car line. Motion by Miller, and seconded by Wieseman, to approve transportation agreement renewals with Day Lilies and Susan’s Daycare. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Amended Budget

A public hearing was held prior to the regular board meeting. No comments had been made by the Board of Education or the public. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Owen, to approve the amended 2015-16 budget. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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Approve IASB Membership Renewal

This is a yearly process. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Fulton, to approve membership renewal with IASB at a cost of \$2,719. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Allen interrupted during the discussion of the IASB membership renewal stating her comments were not heard during the comments from visitors section of the meeting. President Monetti asked her to refrain from commenting until after the membership renewal was voted on. Mrs. Allen then asked when schedules would be available. Mr. Smith assured her they would be ready by registration. Mrs. Allen then stated it was not student schedules she was inquiring about, but teacher schedules. She felt this matter was important as her child attends Bunker Hill school district, and she feels there would be a negative effect on the curriculum. Mr. Smith explained how a drop in enrollment over the years from 235 students to 187 students has created extremely small classes. These classes could be combined freeing a teacher to teach classes they had not taught in the past. Mrs. Allen then stated that according to the mission statement, the Board of Education worked for the parents. She felt the Board was not honoring their statement. President Monetti asked that Mrs. Allen refrain her outburst or he would have her removed from the meeting. At 7:27 p.m. Mrs. Allen made a derogatory comment toward President Monetti and stated she would not need to be removed, she was leaving. President Monetti then asked if there were any other comments. Mrs. Bartee stated she felt that parents were concerned that the wording on the agenda for the eighth grade move could have been stated more clearly. She felt that this is where much of the anger has stemmed from. President Monetti then continued with the action items.

Adopt Resolution 2016-6—The Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Dr. Buehler reported that the State had not posted prevailing wage rates for 2016, but the Department of Labor advised us to proceed with this resolution using the rate charts from 2015. Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2016-6 The Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Joint Publication of the Prevailing Wage Ordinance by ROE 40

It was noted that this is a cost saving measure performed by the ROE that allows schools in the county to save on publishing expenses. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Owen, to approve joint publication of The Prevailing Wage Ordinance by ROE 40. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Bid for Insurances

Dr. Buehler stated that after approving Mesirow Financial as our insurance agent at last month's meeting, a quote for coverage was prepared. This quote will provide all property and casualty insurance coverage for the district at a cost savings of \$26,000 to \$27,000. More importantly, the district will be able to maintain coverage on the Meissner property. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve the insurance bid from Mesirow Financial in the

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amount of \$87,057 for district insurance coverage through ICRMT 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.

Approve District Concussion Policy

Principal Smith stated that the concussion policy was prepared by himself and Mrs. Cann in response to Public Act 99-245. The policy and its benefits were then discussed. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to approve the District Concussion Policy per Public Act 99-245. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Second Reading and Adoption of Policies by IASB

President Monetti stated the policies had been reviewed by the Board and approved by the Policy Committee. With no comments a motion was made by Wieseman and seconded by Fulton to adopt policies 6:130; 6:300; 6:300-E2; 7:150; 7:150-AP; 7:190; 7:190-AP3; 7:190-E4; 7:200; 7:210; 7:220; 7:230; and 7:305 as presented. 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 commented that the tax rate was down eleven cents from last year. He also informed the Board that the IASB convention would be held November 18-20, 2016.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann thanked PFK for the Fun Day they hosted on May 20 stating that everyone had a good time.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith noted that the air conditioning project was on pace and proceeding as planned noting that it would be two to three weeks before they would be able to enter the classrooms. President Monetti then questioned when the Wolf Ridge roof project was slated to begin. Dr. Buehler replied that it would begin the week of July 11.

Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt was not in attendance.

COMMITTEES

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – A meeting will be held on June 27, 2016.

Education Foundation – None.

Staffing – None.

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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 Bauer, to go into Executive Session at 7:41 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 Duckworth, seconded by Wieseman, to return to Regular Session at 8:02 p.m. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior High Math Teacher

Motion by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Courtney Thomas as the Junior High Math Teacher for the 2016-17 school year pending background check and health screening. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach

Motion by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Katie Sutton as the junior varsity girls' basketball coach 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 English Teacher

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

Accept Resignation of High School JV Boys' Basketball Coach

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

Recall Teacher's Aide

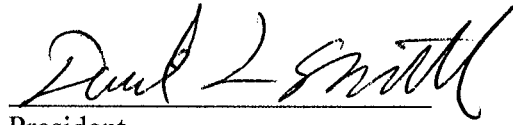
Motion by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman, to recall Stephanie Dey as a teacher's aide for the 2016-17 school year. Roll call vote—Duckworth, abstain; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Six yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining vote. Motion passed.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

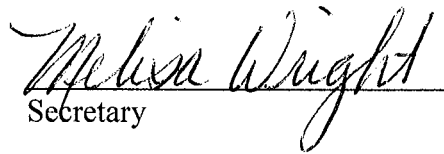
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ADJOURN

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.



President



Secretary