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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 12, 2016

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2016, in the library of Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. Vice President Roger Owen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### *ROLL CALL*

#### Members Physically Present:

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

#### Members Physically Absent:

David Monetti.

#### Members Electronically Present:

None.

#### Also present:

Dr. Victor C. Buehler, Stephanie Cann, Matt Smith, Rhonda Whitworth, Melisa Wright, Doug Dey, Shannon Gauntt, Dane Sellars, Kristi Pennington, Blake Marth, Seth Shultz, Nathan Gray, Amanda Bartee, Moriah Meisenheimer, Joseph Manar, Brooke Morell, Kara Eden, Katie Sutton, Rick Girth, Wayne Adams, Storm Coffman, Austin Yates, Tracie Girth, Brittany Smith, Ben Kahl, Kevin Weidner, Courtney Thomas, Ashley Wilcox, Kacie Allen, Heather Crisler, Dawn Devall.

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

Vice President Roger Owen asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *MINUTES*

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings of August 8, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

Dr. Buehler commended the United Methodist Church for a successful book bag donation to needy students of the schools and stated that the District was very appreciative of their efforts. He then commended the First Congregational Church for again providing a welcome back staff luncheon. The principals noted that several of the teachers had sent thank you notes to the church for their efforts. Rusty Ingram and Alton Memorial Hospital were then commended for again providing a \$4,000 grant for athletic training purposes. Board Member Fulton then commended the administrators and teachers for assisting with the Fall Festival. This included Mrs. Gay for providing an art show, Mr. Smith and Mrs. Cann for preparing and hosting the talent and Little Mr./Miss Pagent, and Mr. Goltz and the FCA for assisting with various aspects of the event. Mr. Smith stated twenty-two student members of the FCA had donated their time to the Fall Festival. Mrs. Cann then commended Mr. Bauman for providing a bench for the butterfly garden. Mr. Smith noted that the high school volleyball team had placed second at the Wood River Tournament with Madelyn Allman and Allysa Austill being named to the All-Tournament Team. Mrs. Miller also wished to thank the administration for their assistance with the Fall Festival. She also commended Doug

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Dey for working on Sunday to insure that the playground was ready for students. Audience member, Kara Eden, also thanked everyone for helping with the Fall Festival.

## *BILLS*

Dr. Buehler noted a revised board report had been distributed prior to the meeting. He noted that most items on the budget would be discussed later in the meeting when the FY 2017 Budget was discussed. He concluded by noting that \$60,000 of last year's funds from the State had not been received at this time. These funds were missing special education and transportation payments. With no further comments, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## *FINANCIAL REPORT*

The financial report was reviewed. With no comments, a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Bauer, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

New staff members were introduced to the board. These staff members were Seth Shultz (fourth grade teacher); Courtney Thomas (Junior High math teacher), Justin Sandbach who was not in attendance (Junior High social studies teacher), Joe Manar (first grade teacher), Blake Marth (High School history teacher), Brittany Smith (High School English teacher), and Kristi Pennington (prospective IT coordinator). Each staff member told the audience and Board about themselves. The Board then welcomed them to the District.

Vice President Owen stated that comments from visitors that were on the agenda would need to be addressed in executive session. He then asked if there were any other comments or persons present who wished to be addressed in executive session. Kara Eden was recognized and recommended that notification of Board meetings should be sent by the all call system to encourage more parental participation.

## *ACTION ITEMS*

### Appoint and Seat New High School Student Board Member

Matt Smith recommended Brooke Morrell as the junior board member stating she had many good ideas to bring to the Board. A motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman, to appoint Brooke Morell as a student Board member. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Morrell was then sworn in as a member of the Board.

### Adopt Resolution 2016-7 – FY 2017 Budget

Dr. Buehler noted that the proposed budget had been posted on the website. He noted that the proposed budget would allow the District to remain in the black but that the “black” is decreasing as state payments are not received. Board member Miller asked if we had to

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purchase a new drivers' education car. Dr. Buehler said we did not. Visitor Kara Eden questioned when we would learn if State payments would be received. Dr. Buehler stated there was no way to know. With no further comments, a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to adopt Resolution 2016-7 – the FY 2017 Budget as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Sixth Day Attendance

The sixth day attendance numbers were reviewed. Dr. Buehler stated there were 623 students enrolled in the district on the sixth day which was a 20 student drop from this time last year. He noted the most important enrollment count would take place on September 30, 2016 when we report our student count to the ROE for the District's portion of the one cent sales tax. No motion was required on this item.

## Approve List of Organizations

Dr. Buehler stated this item was required for insurance purposes. The list was reviewed. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the 2016-17 List of Organizations as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## ACT & PARCC Test Scores

Mr. Smith reviewed the high school's ACT scores with the Board. The high school had received a 19.1 composite score. The State's average was 20.8, and the benchmark score was 21.25. He noted we scored similar to local schools. He commented that the Pearson math program had made a noticeable difference in students' math comprehension. He then discussed the high school PARCC scores. These scores were not as good Statewide.

Mrs. Cann then discussed the test scores at Wolf Ridge. While she was pleased overall with the scores, she expressed concern with the third grade's scores and also with seventh grade's math scores.

No motion was required on this item.

## Application for Recognition of Schools

It was noted that this is a yearly task. A copy of the application had been included in the Board packet. Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools as presented. Roll call vote – Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Movie Request by Mrs. Dissen – *A Beautiful Mind*

Mr. Smith stated an outline of the learning objective for viewing *A Beautiful Mind* was included in the Board packet. He noted that only juniors and seniors would be viewing the movie. He, himself, had viewed the movie and felt it would be beneficial to the class. With no further comments, a motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the viewing of *A Beautiful Mind* for educational purposes. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

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## Approve FFA Attendance at National Convention

Vice President Owen stated that the FFA had attended this convention for several years. He felt it was a wonderful learning opportunity for FFA members. Mr. Smith stated the convention would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana this year. He also noted that further information about the trip was included in the Board packet. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to approve five members of the FFA to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 19 and 20, 2016. Roll call vote---Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

As the changes in Board policy were language only, the Board reviewed the policies prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Board Policies 2:70; 6:235; 7:10; 7:270; 8:90 and 8:110 as presented. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve Applying for State Library Grant

It was noted that this is a yearly procedure. Dr. Buehler stated that the State would be contributing seventy-five cents per student this year as opposed to the dollar per student they had awarded in previous years. A motion was made by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to approve the Superintendent applying for the 2016-17 State Library Grant. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Request to Purchase Meissner Light Fixtures

Dr. Buehler stated an employee had wished to purchase the light fixtures from the pillars in front of Meissner, one of which had a broken globe. Board members stated they would rather see the fixtures purchased as opposed to being destroyed. A motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to declare the light fixtures outside Meissner Elementary as surplus property. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

## *INFORMATION ITEMS*

### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler said community members had contacted him with concerns of lead being in the school’s water supply. He has contacted the Macoupin County Health Department about testing the water. Dr. Buehler reminded members of the Board that a Kaskaskia Division Meeting would be held on October 25, 2016 in Staunton. He then presented information from Macoupin County Public Transit on busing for students living within one and a half miles of the District.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann stated a mock election would be held on Friday for Student Council offices. Mrs. Meisenheimer and Mrs. Sandbach have even arranged for voting booths from the County for

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the elections. She stated students would also have commercials on the intercom asking for support. She also said everyone who hasn't already should visit the butterfly garden.

## Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith noted that there was an increased spirit in the student body which he is very appreciative of. He noted that thanks to Mr. Sandbach, Senator Manar would be visiting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on September 19 and Representative Davis would be visiting the 8<sup>th</sup> grade on October 13.

## Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt congratulated Brooke Morell on being appointed to the Board. She commented that the FCA had held its first meeting with forty-five to fifty students signing up.

## Brooke Morell

Miss Morell congratulated Kourtney Proctor on being named the September Student of the Month. She also welcomed Christian Garcia-Ramos, a foreign exchange student, recently enrolled from Mexico. Mr. Smith stated that Bunker Hill was very successful with foreign exchange students. He noted that another student from Germany was interested in attending the high school next year.

## *COMMITTEES*

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – Board Member Miller stated a meeting will be held on Thursday.

Education Foundation – Board Member Wieseman stated the Adopt a Classroom program had begun with twelve classes already being sponsored. She encouraged anyone wishing to participate to contact Pam Monetti.

Staffing – None.

At this time Vice President Owen asked if anyone wished to speak about Item G in executive session. Kevin Weidner, Wayne Adams, and members of the baseball team asked to address the Board. Tracy Girth noted that John Willmon was scheduled to address the Board, but was ill. She requested that an email he had sent be read in executive session on his behalf.

## 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 7:54 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Miler, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Miller, to return to Regular Session at 9:13 p.m. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

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## Employ Special Education Aide

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Miller, to employ Nick Mellenthin as the Special Education Aide effective September 6, 2016. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Employ IT Person

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to employ Kristi Pennington as the IT Specialist for the 2016-17 school year pending background check and health screening at a salary of \$54,000 plus benefits. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## Approve 2016-17 Coaching List

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman to approve the 2016-17 Coaching List as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

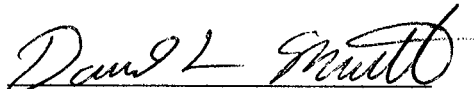
## Employ History Club Sponsor


Motion by Fulton, seconded by Miller, to employ Justin Sandbach as the Junior High History Club Sponsor. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes. Motion carried.

## GENERAL DIALOGUE

## ADJOURN

At 9:16 p.m. a motion was made by Fulton to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
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President

  
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Secretary