

# RECORD OF MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2016

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, in the library of Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. President David Monetti called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### *ROLL CALL*

#### Members Physically Present:

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

#### Members Physically Absent:

Merritt, Morrell.

#### Members Electronically Present:

None.

#### Also present:

Dr. Victor C. Buehler, Stephanie Cann, Matt Smith,  
Rhonda Whitworth, Melisa Wright, Kacie Allen, Dawn  
Devall, Amanda Bartee, Parkeoka Huddleston.

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE*

President David 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 Board Meeting of October 13, 2016 and the Public Relations Committee Meeting of November 10, 2016 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

#### 1. National Education Week—November 13-19, 2016

Dr. Buehler took a moment to discuss with the Board how happy he was with the performance of the District's staff.

#### 2. National School Board Members Day—November 15, 2016

Dr. Buehler thanked the Board in advance for their dedication and service to the District in honor of National School Board Members Day.

President Monetti then asked if anyone else wished to administer a Board salute. Mrs. Cann noted that the Bunker Hill Educational Foundation did a wonderful job in preparing a free chili supper for the veterans. Mr. Smith noted that the Veteran's Day program at the high school had gone well. Both principals stated that they would like to combine the two events next year. Board Member Miller then commended the performance of the band at the Veteran's Day program noting that they were "amazing". Mr. Smith then congratulated Christian Summers on being named all conference first team linebacker for the second year in a row. He also commended Chase Williams on being named all conference first team receiver and Mallory Schwegel for being named all conference first team in volleyball. President Monetti then saluted the community for raising almost \$5,000 for the adopt-a-room program.

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## *BILLS*

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 stated we have yet to receive \$70,000 in funding from last year. He noted we are not receiving categorical payments, only general state aid payments. He continued by commenting that the District was on target to meet this year's budget. With no comments, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, 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*

### Kacie Allen

Mrs. Allen's comments will be addressed in executive session.

No further comments were made.

## *ACTION ITEMS*

### School Report Card

Dr. Buehler began the review of the District School Report Card. He noted that our teachers make on average \$15,000 less than other teachers in the State. He also noted that the administrators were paid on average \$22,000 less than State average.

Principal Smith then pointed out an error in the report where the report stated no eighth grade students had passed algebra 1 when actually, twenty-seven students had passed the class. He continued by pointing out that most of his students were taking dual credit courses and that he was proud of his student's high graduation rate. He noted that Bunker Hill was in the middle of most area high schools in PAARC test scores. He plans to rearrange the order in which students take required science courses in hopes of improving scores.

Principal Cann then noted that scores were low Statewide for math. She did observe that Carlinville had high math scores on the exam and plans on contacting them to see the methods they use to teach their students. She may possibly have some of her teachers observe classes at Carlinville to get ideas for their own classrooms. She noted that with the use of I-Station she is able to identify students that are almost attaining the "meets" criteria. She plans on working with these students one on one to have them reach the "meets" goal.

Board Member Duckworth asked Mrs. Cann if parents with concerns from the previous meeting had their issues resolved. Mrs. Cann stated she had resolved all issues with the parents that contacted her.

President Monetti then stated that Royell Communications has a program where low income individuals can receive free internet. A member of the audience, Parkeoka Huddleston, said he would get the information on obtaining this internet to Principal Smith.

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## Recommendation of Public Relation Committee on Family Passes

Chairperson Fulton of the Public Relation Committee stated that the committee had met Thursday and recommended lowering the price of a senior citizen ticket to \$2. A senior citizen is defined as an individual who is 55 years of age or older. They also recommend selling family fall and family winter passes for \$50 each. These passes will only include immediate family members. The passes and reduced ticket prices would not be available for tournaments. Individual ticket prices for students and adults not holding a family pass would remain the same. A motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to accept recommendations from the Public Relation Committee on athletic passes as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Possible Football Co-op with Mt. Olive

Mr. Smith stated that the reason an inquiry to a co-op with Mt. Olive had been discussed was due to a low number of players for both teams. By combining teams, the players would have more experience, resulting in fewer injuries. They would also be able to possibly create a freshman/sophomore team. He noted that if the Board wished to pursue this option, we would need to proceed swiftly as much work would have to be completed by December. On the negative side, he reported that we would be playing different teams as our schools would be entered into the 2A division with a co-op enrollment of 356 students. Many ideas had been discussed between the two schools such as uniform colors and logos, practicing on the fields that were being played on that week, inclusion of the cheerleading squads, transportation, and coaching staff. He also noted that if everyone decided to enter into this co-op, IHSA mandates state it must be a two year commitment. As Parkeoka Huddleston of the Quarterback Club was in attendance, they asked him how the club would feel with this type of change. Mr. Huddleston recommended a three year commitment and stated this would be a good time as it was a year they intended to purchase new uniforms for the team. Board Member Duckworth asked how Mr. Gray felt. Mr. Smith reported that he was in favor of the change. Much discussion was held on parents being made aware and the students of both schools being involved if a transition was made. It was decided that an informational meeting will be held to invite anyone interested in voicing their comments or concerns. A motion was made by Wieseman, seconded by Bauer, to explore the possibility of a football co-op with Mt. Olive. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## Presentation on 3D Printer by Mr. Derezotes

Mr. Derezotes was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. This item will be presented at the December Regular Meeting of the Board.

## Change April Board Meeting Date

Dr. Buehler explained that while creating the Board meeting schedule he did not realize that Easter was falling so late in the Spring. He recommended changing the date of the meeting to Thursday to avoid having a meeting when school was not in session. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to reschedule the April 17, 2017 Regular Board meeting to Thursday, April 20, 2017 due to the observance of the Easter holiday. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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## Accept Snow Removal Bid

Dr. Buehler noted that only one bid had been received for snow removal and the bidder was only willing to bid on one year of service. The bidder was Jim Meisenheimer who had performed our snow removal services last year. Mr. Meisenheimer had increased his rate by ten dollars. Discussion was held. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Owen, to award Jim Meisenheimer the snow removal contract for the 2016-17 school year in the amount of \$75 per hour. 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 informed the Board that he had received a complicated FOIA request from Smart Procurement. This organization does bidding for schools. While the FOIA request was quite involved, it had been completed. He continued by stating that thirty computers would be purchased using REAP grant funds. He closed by asking Board members to look at an eleven page handout that contained a listing of unfunded mandates that are required of all schools.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Principal Cann stated that Mrs. Pennington is in process of converting Powerschool grades to a cumulative style to align with the high school. Mrs. Pennington is also preparing an eligibility report for the Powerschool program. She then reported that Friday Night Lights went well with over 100 students attending. She noted that it was the largest Friday Night Lights of record. She also reported that the Special Person’s lunch had gone well with over 165 visitors. She then commended several of her junior high students who had planned a “Think Pink” day on Halloween. This event was a fundraiser for Mr. Chestnut who is suffering from cancer. Students who made a contribution were able to dress in pink on Halloween. She ended by commending Ed Heinemeier and Doug Dey for hanging sports plaques in the entry of Wolf Ridge noting that students were very proud to see them displayed.

### Mr. Matthew Smith

Principal Smith thanked Doug Dey and Ameren for installing a new light by the dumpster at the high school. He commended the volleyball team for earning first place in the conference (tied with Mt. Olive) noting that this was the first time the volleyball team had completed such a feat. He also commended Mrs. Gay for having three students from Bunker Hill win in the Fall 2015 Macoupin County Anti-Meth Coalition poster contest. These students were Alyse Gombos who place third in the county, and Tracy Scoggins and Madelyn Allman who won for their individual schools.

### Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt was not in attendance due to school activities.

### Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance due to school activities.

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## *COMMITTEES*

Policy – A meeting will be scheduled in January to discuss policy updates.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – None.

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:

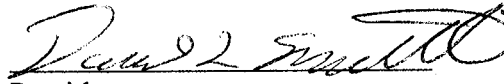
Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to go into Executive Session at 8:04 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.


Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to return to Regular Session at 9:02 p.m. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

## *GENERAL DIALOGUE*

## *ADJOURN*

At 9:04 p.m. a motion was made by Owen, seconded by Wieseman, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
President

  
Secretary

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