

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 20, 2017

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2017, in the library of Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. President David Monetti called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

*ROLL CALL*Members Physically Present:

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

Members Physically Absent:

Miller, Merritt, Morell.

Members Electronically Present:

None.

Also present:

Dr. Victor Buehler, Stephanie Cann, Doug Dey, Melisa Wright, Dawn Devall, Kacie Allen, Whitney Mullink, Tim Mellenthin, Keith Steward, Cherie Mortland, Miranda Cook, Katie Sutton, Amanda Barte.

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 and Executive Session Board Meetings of March 13, 2017; the Special and Executive Board Meetings of March 20, 2017; the Policy Committee Meeting of April 6, 2017; and the Curriculum Committee Meeting of April 6, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Dr. Buehler saluted Kristi Pennington for obtaining additional funds of \$4,800.

Mrs. Cann thanked the PFK and room parents for their efforts in preparing the spring parties. She also saluted Keith Steward for work he had performed on the butterfly garden over the weekend. She commented that Ed Heinemeier had also donated his time to cut the grass in front of Wolf Ridge in preparation for the pre-k screening. Finally she thanked Senator Manar for allowing the history club to have a behind the scenes tour on their field trip which included viewing an original copy of the Gettysburg Address and one of Abraham Lincoln's hats.

REVIEW OF ELECTION RESULTS

The election results were reviewed by the Board. It was noted that John Bauer received 453 votes, Lacey Wieseman received 474 votes and Whitney Mullink received 505 votes. With only three candidates for three open chairs, these candidates would be seated.

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BILLS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler reported that the State owes the district \$217,159.58 in back payments. Some of these funds may not be received. He also presented the Board with a financial profile that had been prepared by the State. Our score of 3.9 had not been changed. This report did show that approximately one quarter of the surrounding districts are experiencing financial problems. A motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARD

Deb Miller was not in attendance to receive her service award. President Monetti thanked her for all the time she had dedicated to the Board of Education noting that her services on the special education committee were especially appreciated.

APPOINTMENT OF SUPERINTENDENT AS PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE

Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to appoint Dr. Victor Buehler as President Pro-Tempore. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN "SINE DIE"

Motion was made at 7:15 p.m. by Wieseman, and seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting "Sine Die". Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Buehler called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. He then requested that the newly elected board member step forward to take the oath of office.

NEW CANDIDATES RECEIVE OATH OF OFFICE

John Bauer, Whitney Mullink, and Lacey Wieseman were sworn to office by the Board Secretary and took their seat with the Board.

ROLL CALL

<u>Members Physically Present:</u>	Bauer, Wieseman, Owen, Duckworth, Mullink, Fulton, Monetti.
<u>Members Physically Absent:</u>	Merritt, Morell.
<u>Members Electronically Present:</u>	None.
<u>Also Present:</u>	Dr. Victor Buehler, Stephanie Cann, Doug Dey, Melisa Wright, Dawn Devall, Kacie Allen, Whitney Mullink, Tim Mellenthin, Keith Steward, Cherie Mortland, Miranda Cook, Katie Sutton, Amanda Bartee.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT OFFICERS

A nomination of Lacey Wieseman for Board President was entered by Dave Monetti. No other candidates were nominated. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Bauer, to elect Lacey Wieseman Board President. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, abstain; Bauer, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Six yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining. Motion passed.

Nominations of Dave Monetti (with a first by Bauer, second by Owen) and Julie Fulton (with a first by Duckworth, second by Wieseman) were received for the office of Vice President. A vote was taken—Mullink, Fulton; Bauer, Monetti; Owen, Fulton; Duckworth, Fulton; Fulton, Fulton; Wieseman, Fulton, Monetti, Fulton. Six votes for Fulton, one vote for Monetti. Julie Fulton was elected Board Vice President.

Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to elect Melisa Wright Board Secretary. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Duckworth, to elect Rhonda Whitworth Board Treasurer. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

ESTABLISH MEETING PLACE AND DATE

The tentative board schedule was reviewed. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to approve the 2017-18 Board of Education Regular Board Meeting Schedule as proposed. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

It is the job of the Board President to appoint committee members. President Wieseman appointed the following committees: Curriculum--Lisa Duckworth, chairperson with Dave Monetti and Julie Fulton; Community Relations—Julie Fulton, chairperson with Whitney Mullink and Lisa Duckworth; Staffing—John Bauer, chairperson with Whitney Mullink and Lisa Duckworth; Policy—Dave Monetti, chairperson with Lisa Duckworth and Roger Owen; Building and Transportation—Roger Owen, chairperson with Whitney Mullink and John Bauer; Negotiations—Roger Owen, chairperson with Lisa Duckworth and Dave Monetti; Special Education—Julie Fulton, chairperson; Educational Foundation—Whitney Mullink, chairperson. President Wieseman also created a new committee known as the Meissner Elementary Working Group. She appointed Whitney Mullink chairperson with John Bauer and Julie Fulton.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Tim Mellenthin had requested to address the Board regarding their recent change to the grading scale for 2017-18. He inquired if the Board had been considering the change or if it had followed the recommendations of a parent proposal. President Wieseman informed him that changes to the grading scale were discussed in the fall and recommendation had been brought by the principals for formal address in the spring. Mr. Mellenthin then questioned what the goal of lowering grades was stating that he felt lowering the expectations would

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make students strive for less instead of more. President Wieseman explained that lowering the grading scale made us align with area schools and colleges. Mr. Mellenthin then noted that it did not sound like Board Member Miller and Principal Smith had been in favor of the change. President Wieseman told him that Mrs. Cann, who had a background in curriculum, was in favor of the change. Mrs. Cann stated her reasons for supporting the change. She also commended the district for recognizing plus and minus grades. Board member Monetti stated that “A” students will push themselves. He hoped to help students at the lower end of the spectrum to graduate or participate in extracurricular activities.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve IESA Membership Renewal

It was noted that this is a yearly procedure. If we do not have IESA membership, we will not be able to participate in their sports programs. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to renew membership with IESA at a cost of \$745. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Wolf Ridge Handbook Changes

Dr. Buehler noted that the policy committee had met and recommended approval of these changes. Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Monetti, to approve Wolf Ridge Handbook changes as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve High School Handbook Changes

Dr. Buehler again noted that the policy committee had met and recommended approval of these changes. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve High School Handbook changes as presented. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve District Handbook Changes

Dr. Buehler stated that changes had been made to align with the Wolf Ridge and High School handbooks. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Duckworth, to approve District handbook changes as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve 2016-17 Final School Calendar

Assuming no Act of God days are required, May 24, 2017 will be the last day of student attendance. Dr. Buehler commented that the 8th Grade Graduation was scheduled for May 23 at 6:00 pm. And the High School Graduation was scheduled for May 19th at 7:00 p.m. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to approve the 2016-17 final school calendar as presented. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve 2017-18 School Year Calendar

Dr. Buehler reported that the calendar had been prepared as a collaboration by four area districts. One change had been made to the calendar being that November 9 would be a 12:30 dismissal. Assuming no snow days are used, May 15, 2018 would be the last student attendance day. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to approve the 2017-18 school year

calendar as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve 2017-18 Board of Education Schedule of Meetings

This item was approved under section E.

Approve Bus Request from American Legion

While the American Legion has not requested use of bus services for community service projects at this time, Dr. Buehler asked the Board for permission to grant approval for their yearly service projects to Jefferson Barracks and for the Memorial Day Ceremonies. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Monetti, to authorize the Superintendent to approve bus requests from the American Legion for service projects. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Early Graduation Requests

Dr. Buehler reminded the Board that it was necessary for students wishing to graduate early to petition the Board for approval in April of the preceding year. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Monetti, to approve the December 2017 early graduation request of Zeb Bostick, Tabitha Owen, and Haylee Mize. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, abstain; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Six yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining. Motion passed.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler discussed transportation issues due to a shortage of drivers. With this in mind, high school “away” activities might need to start at 4:45 instead of 4:00. He noted that Doug Dey had been driving some of the routes, school vans had been utilized, and some events had to be cancelled. An advertisement for substitute drivers has again been posted.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann reported that the fifth grade had completed their science testing with only three students needing to make up the exam. She commended the fifth grade service club for their dream flag project. She noted that the fourth grade had taken a diversity field trip with a grant received by Mrs. Perez. She again thanked Senator Manar and the State Treasurer for the behind the scenes tour given to the history club on their field trip to the Lincoln Museum. Finally she noted that 100 students had been serviced when the Macoupin County Dental Clinic visited. She noted that the health department would again be present at registration to offer physicals to students at a reduced rate.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith was not in attendance due to the Silver Medallion Award Banquet.

Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance.

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Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt was not in attendance due to the Silver Medallion Award Banquet.

COMMITTEES

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None. A meeting will need to be held next year.

Building/Transportation – A meeting has been scheduled for April 27 at 6:00 p.m.
in Dr. Buehler's office.

Public Relations – A meeting will need to be scheduled to discuss social media. President Wieseman suggested that all meetings attempt to be held on Monday at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was scheduled for May 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in Dr. Buehler's office.

Special Education – None.

Education Foundation – None.

Staffing – None. Dr. Buehler did state that he had a discussion with the State Superintendent wherein it was discussed that we would not be receiving Title II funds. These funds have been used by the district to pay a teacher's salary.

Meissner Elementary Working Group – A meeting will be scheduled for May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the public relations committee meeting.

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 7:51 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and legal matters. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to return to Regular Session at 8:38 p.m. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior High Social Studies/History Teacher

Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to employ Tyrus Short as the Junior High Social Studies/History Teacher with a BS plus six years for the 2017-18 school year pending proof of certification, health, and background screenings. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ High School Social Studies/History Teacher

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to employ Doug Banwart as the High School Social Studies/History Teacher with a MS plus seven years for the 2017-18 school year pending proof of certification, health, and background screenings. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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Approve High School Scholastic Bowl Coach

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to employ Doug Banwart as the high school scholastic bowl coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ High School Assistant Basketball Coach

Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton, to employ Tyrus Short as the high school assistant basketball coach for the 2017-18 school year pending proof of certification. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior High Student Council Sponsor

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Lisa Allen and Elora McLaughlin as Co-Sponsors of the Junior High Student Council for the 2017-18 school year with the stipend to be divided equally. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior High Baseball Coach

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to employ Thomas Haynes as the Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Junior High Athletic Director

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Katie Sutton as the Junior High Athletic Director for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to accept the resignation of Sara Burnet as the junior high assistant volleyball coach. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Eighth Grade Volleyball Coach

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to employ Sara Burnet as the eighth grade volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Rebecca Wilkinson as the seventh grade volleyball coach for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Resignation

No action was taken on this item.

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Other Personnel Matters

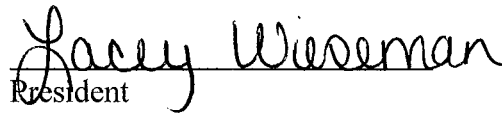
No action was taken on this item.

Negotiations

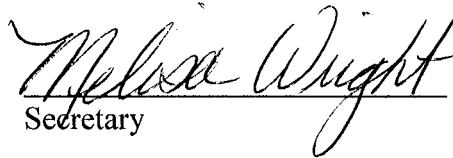
No action was taken on this item.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE**ADJOURN*

At 8:46 p.m. a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.



President



Secretary