

RECORD OF MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2015

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2015, in the Library 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.

Members Physically Absent: S. Schwegel.

Members Electronically Present: None.

Also present: Dr. Buehler, R. Whitworth, D. Dey, M. Wright, S. Cann, M. Smith, Dawn Devall, Alexis Scroggins, Emily Manar, Teghan Bartee, Rachel Schwegel, Moriah Meisenheimer.

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 Miller, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings of August 10, 2015 and the Building and Transportation Committee Meetings of August 27 and September 3, 2015 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Dr. Buehler saluted United Methodist Church Members for again generously donating book bags filled with school supplies to needy students. He then thanked the First Congregational Church Members for donating the use of their facilities and lunch to the staff during their Welcome Back Meeting.

Principal Smith then recognized the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and other members of the student body for assisting at the Fall Festival. He then saluted the Quarterback Club for donating the cost of reupholstering the football sleds. Finally he recognized Sydney Schwegel for being named to the All-Star Volleyball Team during the Roxana Volleyball Tournament.

BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Owen, seconded by Bauer, 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

It was noted that there was not a financial report this month as last year's books have not yet been closed. Dr. Buehler stated that Ken Loy, Auditor, would be present at the next school board meeting to finalize the 2014-15 Budget and present his audit report.

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COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mrs. Meisenheimer, Junior High Student Council Sponsor, was present with her student council officers (Alexis Scroggins, Emily Manar, Teghan Bartee, Rachel Schwegel). They presented information on the Career Day they had recently attended at Busch Stadium. The students shared that they had learned to prepare for their future now by participating in extra-curricular and community activities, using good communication skills, using social-media wisely, and by never letting anyone tell them that they can't achieve their goals. Mrs. Meisenheimer commented that it was the first year that the Student Council had attended this activity and they had used funds raised by the Student Council to fund the trip.

ACTION ITEMS

Appoint and Seat New High School Student Board Member

Jalie Merritt was to be named as the new Student Board Member. Principal Smith explained that she was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to her work schedule. Miss Merritt will be seated at the October Board meeting.

Adopt Resolution 2015-11—FY2016 Budget

Dr. Buehler stated that no community members were present at the Public Hearing. He reviewed with members of the Board that the budget was negative in five areas, but there was money in the accounts that would make these accounts positive. He stated that he was attempting to lower the tax levy on IMRF to allow more money for the educational funds. With no further comments, a motion was made by Duckworth, and seconded by Owen, to adopt Resolution 2015-11—The Fiscal Year 2016 Budget as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes, Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Sixth Day Attendance

Dr. Buehler noted that we had approximately 20 fewer students this year. The main reason for this was a low kindergarten enrollment. No motion is required.

Approve List of Organizations

Board Secretary Wright stated that she had been informed by Principal Cann that there was no longer a hunting and fishing club at the junior high. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to approve the 2015-16 List of School Organizations with the correction noted by Mrs. Wright. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

ACT Test Scores

Principal Smith distributed a sheet with area and nationwide ACT scores and compared our District to these scores. He noted that we were comparable to surrounding areas and slightly lower than state levels. It is his hope that the new curriculum will increase ACT math scores. He also intends to propose, at the spring curriculum meeting, that students take biology first and are required to take chemistry in an effort to increase science scores. No motion is necessary.

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Insurance Renewal

Dr. Buehler stated he had received an insurance renewal quote from Eric Braasch of Scheller Insurance for the District's liability insurance coverage. This quote was from Indiana Insurance in the amount of \$54,560 which is a 4.59 percent increase. He noted this increase was due to an increase in the property blanket coverage which had not been increased in the last five years. Since Meissner is included in this coverage, he recommended we accept the quote. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth, to approve liability insurance renewal with Schellar Insurance Agency through Indiana Insurance Company for the quoted premium of \$54,560. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Application for Recognition of Schools

It was noted that this is a yearly task. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Miller, to approve the application for Recognition of Schools as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes, Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Purchase of Gas Tanks

Continued discussions were held on purchasing above ground gas tanks for the school. It was noted that savings in gas purchases would pay for the tanks in four to five years. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Owen, to purchase one 1000 gallon diesel tank with one high speed pump and one 560 gallon gasoline tank with a standard pump for \$7053.30 including installation from M & M Service Company. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Football Shed Upgrades

Discussion were held on making upgrades to the football shed in order that it may be used to house exercise equipment donated by Betty Phelps from 159 Fitness. Dr. Buehler was given authorization to install a concrete floor installed, electricity, and overhead lighting. Further discussion was held on adding restrooms in the future. No motion is necessary.

Approve FFA Attendance at National Convention

Mr. Smith presented the itinerary for five students to attend the October 28 and 29 FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. Discussion on the benefits of the trip followed. Motion by Miller, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the FFA to attend National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 28 and 29, 2015. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

The Board policies were reviewed. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to adopt Board Policies 2:140; 2:250; 3:50; 3:60; 4:45; 5:120; 5:180; 5:220; 5:290; 6:15; 6:280; 6:300; 7:50; and 7:270 as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

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INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Victor C. Buehler

None at this time.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

In addition to her notes to the Board, Mrs. Cann stated that eleven students had completed summer reading packets. She also informed the Board that she is enlisting the help of the high school horticulture class with the landscaping in front of the school. She noted that Sara Burnet had requested a community service project for some of her students. Mrs. Cann believes she will have them paint the entrance sign to Wolf Ridge. Finally, she thanked Ed and Doug for building new cubby holes for the students in the building's entrance.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith asked the Board if the Veteran's Day Program could be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. The Board was in favor of this worthy cause.

Miss Sydney Schwegel

Miss Schwegel was not in attendance.

COMMITTEES

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – A meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office.

Public Relations -- None.

Special Education – Mrs. Miller commented that a SMASE meeting would be held on Thursday.

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 Bauer, seconded by Duckworth, to go into Executive Session at 7:40 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; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

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

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Accept Elementary Principal Resignation

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Michelle Mueller as Elementary Principal effective August 21, 2015. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Elementary Principal

Motion by Miller, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Stephanie Cann as Wolf Ridge Principal effective August 14, 2015 at a salary of \$78,000 with no health insurance provided. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Miller, to employ Kellie Allen as Speech-Language Pathologist effective immediately with a MS year one salary of \$36,347 pending proof of certification, fingerprinting, health, and background screenings. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Long Term Substitutes

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to employ Chad Wagner as the long term high school English substitute teacher for Megan Ramseier for the 2015-16 school year pending proof of certification, fingerprinting, health and background screenings. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Miller, to employ Joe Manar as the long term junior high substitute teacher for Jamie Burns for the 2015-16 school year. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth, to employ Keli Plenske as the long term teachers' aide substitute for Joe Manar for the 2015-16 school year pending proof of certification, fingerprinting, health and background screenings. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Lunchroom/Playground Monitor

Motion by Miller, seconded by Fulton, to employ Lisa Abernathy as the lunchroom/playground monitor pending physical, fingerprinting, and background check. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

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ADJOURN

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.



President



Secretary