

# RECORD OF MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2015

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 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, Schwegel, Merritt.

Members Physically Absent: None.

Members Electronically Present: None.

Also present: Dr. Buehler, R. Whitworth, D. Dey, M. Wright, S. Cann, M. Smith, and Dawn Devall.

### *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 Board Meeting of October 15, 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 the faculty and staff in honor of National Education Week stating he appreciated all their hard efforts. Principal Smith then recognized the Kiwanis Club for their donation of fifty dollars to Mrs. Spickerman's classroom. Dr. Buehler then recognized Ameren for their efforts in installing exterior lighting at Wolf Ridge. Next Rachel Bouillon and Robin Payne were recognized for their efforts in collecting hats, gloves and coats for financially challenged students. Principal Cann then recognized Pam Monetti for her efforts in the Help a Classroom campaign.

### *BILLS*

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Duckworth, 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 the audit had gone very well. He noted once again that we would not be receiving the state funding we had anticipated. While he was recommending a tax freeze for next year, he noted that information on a one cent sales tax increase had been included in the board's packets. With no questions regarding the financial report, a motion was made by Duckworth and seconded by Wieseman 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.

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## *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

There were no visitors in attendance at the meeting.

## *ACTION ITEMS*

### School Report Card

Dr. Buehler and Principal Smith reviewed the school report card with the Board. They noted that while spending below the State's average, our mobility is steady and our attendance is high. It was also noted that we had lost five teaching positions in the last ten years and that our current graduation rate was eighty-eight percent. Discussion followed. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Wieseman, to post and approve the School Report Card as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Miller, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve Bleacher Inspection Report

Dr. Buehler explained the way the State had changed bleacher inspections. Mr. Dey stated that all bleachers had been check and in good working order. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Duckworth to approve the bleacher inspection report as presented. Roll call vote—Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve High School and Junior High Cheerleading Request

Dr. Buehler noted that this was a yearly request from the cheerleaders; therefore, he recommended approval as in past practice. Motion by Fulton, seconded by Duckworth to approve the cheerleaders request to compete in State competitions held on Sundays. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes; Owen, yes; Miller, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve Resolution 2015-11—Directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for The County of Macoupin, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general primary election to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016

The one cent sales tax was discussed. Many local schools had passed the tax about a year and a half ago, and found the money for facilities to be very useful. Board member Bauer noted that it was a wise tax as all residents of the County would contribute, not just property owners. Motion by Owen, seconded by Fulton to approve resolution 2015-11—directing the regional superintendent of school for The County of Macoupin, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general primary election to be held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2016. 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.

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## INFORMATION ITEMS

### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler noted that he had applied for a utility grant of \$16000. He also reported that since utilizing the services of Steve Futrell, the District had received approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000 in e-rate funds. He also discussed his visit with Beth Purvis and Senator Manar at Wolf Ridge, noting that Mrs. Purvis was very impressed with the way rural schools were stretching funds.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann noted that the American Legion would be hosting a flag raising ceremony at Wolf Ridge on November 10, 2015.

### Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith announced that Ben Cope was the defensive player of the year in our conference. This follows 4 years of being named first team offensive lineman. He also noted that Mallory Schwegel received conference honors in volleyball. He then discussed the pros and cons of a possible conference change noting that any decision would hinge on what other schools in the conference did.

### Miss Sydney Schwegel

Miss Schwegel informed the board that the boys' and girls' basketball, scholastic bowl and competitive cheer seasons had begun.

### Miss Jalie Merritt

Miss Merritt congratulated Beth Duty on being named the November student of the month. She then announced that the Veteran's Day program would be held on November 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym.

## COMMITTEES

Policy – A meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Curriculum – None

Building/Transportation – A meeting was scheduled for December 2, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Relations -- None

Special Education – Chairperson Miller noted that the SMASE board was considering changing to a governing board as opposed to the current executive board. They are also discussing limiting meetings to three times a year.

Education Foundation – Chairperson Wieseman noted that the adopt a classroom project has been very successful. Participants are able to adopt a classroom for \$50 or donate \$2 per student.

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 Duckworth, seconded by Wieseman, to go into Executive Session at 7:49 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.

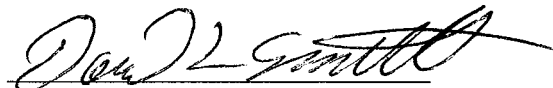
Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to return to Regular Session at 8:34 p.m. Roll call vote—Miller, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

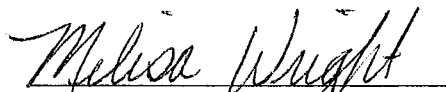
No action was necessary from the executive session.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Owen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
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President

  
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Secretary