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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2017

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2017, in the library of Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Lacey Wieseman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present: Bauer, Monetti, Wieseman, Owen,
Fulton, Mullink, E. Wilkinson.
Members Physically Absent: Duckworth, B. Morell.
Members Electronically Present: None.
Also present: Dr. V. Buehler, M. Wright, S. Cann, M. Smith, Shadow
Collins, Bryan Collins, Moriah Meisenheimer, Amanda
Bartee, Dawn Devall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Wieseman asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 12, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

At this time, President Wieseman asked that Mrs. Cann be allowed to give her presentation on the PARCC scores in order that she could supervise the junior high boys' basketball game at the high school

Wolf Ridge PARCC Test Scores

Mrs. Cann distributed a comparison sheet with 2015-16 and 2016-17 PARCC test scores for the District. While the scores were not as good as she had hoped, she didn't feel the scores reflected the students' ability. She proceeded to state steps that were being introduced to improve test scores including the increase in typing programs, teaching computer skills to allow students to learn to manipulate computer tools easily, I Station and AIMS testing which allow more experience at online testing, and the usage of Google Docs. She is also focusing on students who are on the line of achieving a higher level of completion to give them the skills to advance.

BOARD SALUTE

National Education Week—November 13-17, 2017

Dr. Buehler noted that it was National Education Week. He commended the teachers of the District for the great job they do with limited resources.

National School Board Members Day—November 15, 2017

Dr. Buehler then commended the Board members in honor of National School Board Members Day. He thanked them all for their years of service.

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Mrs. Cann then thanked the American Legion Post 578 for the wonderful job they did at the Veterans' Day program. She also commended the eighth grade and high school students for their volunteer hours that made the Friday Night Lights a huge success.

Dr. Buehler then reminded the Board that the American Legion was having a fundraiser at Texas Roadhouse. At this fundraiser Post 578 would receive ten percent of the profits earned between two and nine p.m. He encouraged everyone to attend and show their support.

Mr. Smith then commended Mallory Schwegel and Ashley Dey on making first team in volleyball and Brooke Morell for earning an honorable mention in volleyball.

Principal Smith then commended Quintin Kosowski for earning first team defensive line; Braden Morris on earning second team defensive line; Bryce Parish and Jonny Darrah on being named first team linebackers; Nick DeVries, Steven Lebro, and Damin Jones for being named to second team defensive line; Jonny Darrah on being named offensive player of the year; Nick DeVries on being named first team receiver; Clayton David on being named to first team offensive line; Max Schwab on being named to second team offensive line; Kyle Heflin and Justin Osmoe for offensive line honorable mentions; and Damin Jones for running back honorable mention in football.

BILLS

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler reported that the budget is on track with approximately thirty-seven percent of our income being received to date and thirty-two percent of our projected expenses being incurred so far this year. He noted that we received a check for \$64,000 which was payment in full for all of last year's categorical payments. He concluded by stating that we won't know what funds we will be receiving for this year until January or February of 2018 due to the change in the funding formula. It is anticipated that we will receive \$5,000 more than last year, but this number is misleading as special education funds are now included as part of the general education funds. This would mean that we will be receiving roughly the same payments as in the past. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Google Doc Presentation by Brooke Morell and Emma Wilkinson

Miss Morell was not in attendance. Mrs. Meisenheimer and Miss Wilkinson presented a demonstration on Google Docs which is being used district wide for the first time this year by both students and faculty members. Miss Wilkinson demonstrated how assignments and slides were presented for her classes. She also showed that homework could be completed online and turned in for grading. Mrs. Meisenheimer then demonstrated how she was able to post assignments, grade papers, and teach computer skills to students. She noted that the students were eager to use Google Docs in class and that her biggest problem was trying to

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keep the students from starting assignments before she had a chance to explain them. She also noted that teachers were able to post lesson plans in advance or from home should an unexpected absence arise. She commented that she has noted students being more engaged in assignments and has received increased communication from them. Board member Monetti then questioned if she had students without access to a computer at home. Mrs. Meisenheimer stated there are students without computers, but time is allotted at school for students to complete assignments. She also stated that Google Docs could be used on any smart phone. She informed the Board of open lab nights in the library and classes she was hosting for parents at the public library.

Dawn Devall – Fundraisers

Dawn Devall then addressed the Board with concerns she had about excessive fundraisers. She had spoke with Dr. Buehler about fundraising for the eighth grade graduation parties and learned that this was not a school sanctioned event. Mr. Smith informed the Board that he does have a general schedule for fundraising, but sometimes the need to deviate from the schedule arises. Several ideas to limit fundraising were discussed without causing funding problems for groups. It was decided that fundraising was a legitimate concern and that not all fundraisers were supported by the school. Mrs. Devall will run an article in the paper alerting the public to this and asking them to contact the building principals if they are concerned as to whether or not it is a school sponsored fundraiser.

At this time, President Wieseman asked that informational items be presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler informed the board that he had just learned today that we received a \$2,000 grant from Powerade (Coke) for support of the initial football season. Mr. Smith stated he had been contacted also and a presentation would be made at one of the upcoming high school basketball games.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Mrs. Cann was not in attendance at this time in order that she could supervise the junior high boys' basketball game.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Mr. Smith stated that the Veterans' Day program led by the Boy Scouts had gone well. He commended Nathan Cauley on winning the DAR Scholarship.

President Wieseman then took a moment to remind all in attendance that the superintendent search survey would be closing at midnight on November 14. While they have not heard preliminary results from IASB, they do know that 187 people have participated in the survey so far with a final information blast going out today. IASB was impressed with the participation of our district's residents.

Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance.

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Miss Emma Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson commended Amy Duty on being named the November Student of the Month. She noted that the Bunker Hill Kiwanis Club would be sponsoring a can good drive to benefit the Bunker Hill Food Pantry. Collections will be taken at the high school from December 1-8 for this cause. She concluded by stating that Emma Rushton and Danna Krueffel were winners of a twenty-five dollar gift card for posters they had created for the Macoupin County Anti-Meth Coalition poster contest in Mrs. Michalski's art class.

COMMITTEES

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – None.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Mullink stated that donations were still being accepted for the adopt a class program. They would like to see each teacher receive \$250 for their classroom. She reminded everyone that this was a tax deductible donation.

Staffing – None.

Meissner Elementary Working Group – None.

ACTION ITEMS

GRP Report on High School Project

Dr. Buehler reviewed the GRP performance contract measurement and verification report for the guaranteed energy savings program at the high school. He noted that the District had observed a ten thousand dollar savings in energy costs in the first year alone. No motion was required for this item.

Review School Report Cards

Dr. Buehler reviewed the school report card with the board. He was impressed that almost forty-nine percent of our students had passed algebra in eighth grade. He noted that our student to staff ratio shows that we are doing more with less funds. Our average class size is approximately fifteen students and our teacher salaries are almost twenty thousand dollars below state average. He noted that while our administrative salaries are also significantly lower than state levels, the number was inaccurate as the State had increased his salary to a full year amount instead of the part time salary that he actually earns. He noted that we received \$8,162 to educate a student which is well below the state average of \$12,973. Further, we only spend \$5,093 to educate a student compared to the State average of \$8,162. No motion was required for this item as it was informational.

Resolution 2017-15 authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate bonds of the District in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,500,000 pursuant to the Local Government Deb Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of altering, repairing, and equipping school buildings and facilities of the District

Dr. Buehler stated this was the first step in the bonding process and that a public hearing and approval of the bond would need to be held next month. President Wieseman confirmed that this bond would be issued from the one cent sales tax and that property taxes would not increase due to this bond. With no further comments a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve Resolution 2017-15 authorizing the issuance of general obligation alternate bonds of the District in an aggregate

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principal amount of \$1,500,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of altering, repairing, and equipping school buildings and facilities of the District as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve 17-18 Health, Vision, Life and Dental Insurance Plans

Dr. Buehler noted there had been a 3.4 percent decrease in the health insurance rates this year. It was the first time he had heard of a rate drop without a complete rebid process. He commented that this was a fifteen to twenty dollar savings for employees not including the ten dollar increase in the employer contribution to the premium payment that employees had received in the recent contract. With no further comments a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Monetti, to continue health insurance plan with Blue Cross, dental and vision insurance plans with Delta Dental, and life insurance plan with Dearborne for 2018 through Cornerstone Insurance. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wiseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Change Order #2 to Performance Contract #15-0051 with GRP

Dr. Buehler stated a motion needed to be made if we planned on proceeding with the Wolf Ridge window, HVAC, and gym floor project in order that GRP could contract with their sub contractors for summer completion. Motion by Owen, seconded by Bauer, to approve change order #2 to performance contract #15-0051 with GRP as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P. A. 88-621:

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to go into Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. per section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621. To consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, seconded by Bauer, to return to Regular Session at 8:28 p.m. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ Event Coordinator

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to employ Suzanne Spickerman as the Event Coordinator for the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Employ General Building Maintenance/Mechanic

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Owen, to employ Deb Dey as the General Building Maintenance/Mechanic effective December 31, 2017. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Monetti, no; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Five yes votes, one no vote, none abstaining. Motion passed.

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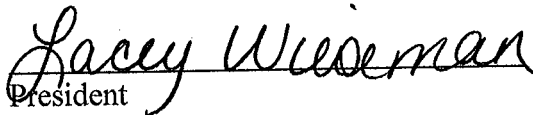
Approve Volunteer Basketball Coach

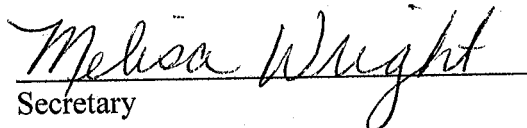
Motion by Mullink, seconded by Owen, to approve Chase Williams as a high school volunteer basketball coach pending proof of coaching certification and health and background screenings. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

ADJOURN

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Monetti, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.


President


Secretary