

# RECORD OF MINUTES

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 11, 2017

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 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:

Monetti, Wieseman, Owen,  
Fulton, Mullink, Duckworth.

#### Members Physically Absent:

Bauer, B. Morell, E. Wilkinson.

#### Members Electronically Present:

None.

#### Also present:

Dr. V. Buehler, M. Wright, S. Cann, M. Smith, Bryan Collins, Brad Huette, Kacie Allen, Tanya Carol, John Chapman, Nathan Cauley, Ed, Heinemeier, Amanda Barte, Amy Duty, 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 and Executive Session Board Meetings of November 13, 2017 and the Special Board Meeting of December 6, 2017 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

#### Student Council – Household Item Drive

Principal Smith stated that the high school student council was hosting a household item drive instead of the Secret Santa program this year. They felt the families would benefit all year from this drive. The student council has asked faculty members, teams, classes, and groups to donate specific items for the drive. The collection is going well.

#### Illinois State Scholars

Principal Smith then presented Nathan Cauley and Amy Duty with proclamations for being named Illinois State Scholars. These students were chosen as Illinois State Scholars along with Ashley Dey, Olivia Mellenthin, and Matthew Weidner based on their standardized test score and GPA. Dr. Buehler commented that this was a large group of recipients for a district our size. He noted that Staunton only had six scholars.

#### Ed Heinemeier – Retiring After 21 Years of Service

President Wieseman presented Ed Heinemeier with a retirement gift stating that he would be missed. When asked how many working days he had left, Mr. Heinemeier stated he was working until December 22 which left him with nine day to work.

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Dr. Buehler then commended the basketball team for the nice job they did honoring Coach Hlafka at Friday's Alumni Night basketball game. Principal Smith stated they did not have much time to prepare, and the ceremony was available online for those who were unable to attend.

Mrs. Cann then commended Cheryl Best for her hard work in organizing the student council's collection for the Kiwanis Food Drive.

### *BILLS*

Dr. Buehler stated a supplemental list of bills was distributed before the meeting. The bills were reviewed. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Mullink, to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Dr. Buehler stated we had received approximately fifty-eight percent of our income and utilized approximately thirty-four percent of our anticipated expenses this year which means we are doing fairly well financially. He reminded the Board that the budget would have to be amended at the end of the year due to unexpected expenses. Board member Monetti then questioned how much revenue the one cent sales tax had raised. Dr. Buehler informed him that it was approximately fourteen thousand dollars per month. With no further comments, a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 8, Macoupin and Madison Counties, Illinois to Sell \$1,500,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds

Next members of the audience were asked if they had any questions or comments concerning the District's intent to obtain funding for the Wolf Ridge HVAC improvement project. No questions or comments were made.

### *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

#### I-Station Assessment and Interventions – Judy Rothermich

Mrs. Rothermich was ill and unable to make her presentation. Mrs. Cann asked that she be allowed to present the I-Station program at the January meeting.

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

### *INFORMATION ITEMS*

#### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler stated that Steve Futrell had been preparing documents for the District in regards to the E-Rate program for the past three years at a cost of ten thousand dollars per year. He intends to correspond with Mr. Futrell to let him know that his services will no longer be needed. Dr. Buehler feels that Kristi Pennington will be able to perform this duty as our information technology specialist.

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### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Principal Cann stated that the party dates and PARCC testing dates had been set.

### Mr. Matthew Smith

Principal Smith noted that SAT practice tests had been included in the Board's packets. He noted that students are given sixty-five minutes to read and answer fifty-two questions. He has initiated SAT practice on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday along with offering incentives to motivate the students to prepare for the exam.

### Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance.

### Miss Emma Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson was not in attendance.

### *COMMITTEES*

Policy – None.

Curriculum – None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – Vice President Fulton stated a meeting would be held in February.

Education Foundation – It was noted that due to a good response, more funds were raised than last year in the Adopt-A-Classroom program. This enabled every class from kindergarten through eighth grade to receive two hundred dollars for their classroom.

Staffing – None.

Meissner Elementary Working Group – None.

### *REPORTS FROM IASB/IASA/IASBO CONVENTION*

Board member Owen handed out information from the convention to board members on bills that were presented and resolutions that were offered. He noted that reimbursing schools that were used as polling places had passed by a narrow margin. This surprised him as he felt all districts would support this resolution as the expenses incurred were for added security measures to keep the public separated from the students. One district alone had incurred fifteen thousand dollars in security expenses for one day of operating as a polling place. Mr. Owen was also very surprised that the statewide one cent sales tax had been vetoed. He found it hard to believe that not all districts would want this added income.

Dr. Buehler then stated he had attended two seminars that he found moving. The first was by Ruby Payne who is a guru of underprivileged students. The seminar topic was a framework for understanding poverty. He also attended a presentation by Tim Knight. This seminar discusses how success is achieved by taking one step at a time.

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### ACTION ITEMS

#### Adopt Resolution 2017-16—The FY 2017 Tax Levy Payable in 2018

Dr. Buehler stated that our assessed value increased by \$2,500,000 due to the reassessment of farms. He has proposed a 3.78 tax rate which is similar to what has been paid in the past. A spreadsheet was reviewed showing that we have one of the lowest tax rates in the area. He also noted that our District has a tax cap. He always prepares our tax levy on the high side. His reasoning for this is that it is better to have the assessor tell you to decrease your levy rate. If you submit a levy rate that is too low, you are not allowed go back and increase it. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2017-16—The FY2017 Tax Levy Payable in 2018 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

#### Consideration to Employ (as an addendum to the original IASB Professional Services Agreement) the IASB, Executive Searches, to facilitate in-district stakeholder group interviews with semi-finalists identified by the Bunker Hill CUSD 8 Board of Education

Discussion was held on the Board's feelings in utilizing a stakeholder group. Members of the audience were in favor of this idea. Board member Monetti asked if the fifteen hundred dollar charge was a onetime cost. President Wieseman informed him it was unless they chose to seek all new candidates. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to employ (as an addendum to the original IASB Professional Services Agreement) the IASB, Executive Searches, to facilitate in-district stakeholder group interviews with semi-finalists identified by the Bunker Hill CUSD 8 Board of Education at a rate of \$1,500 per day. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, 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 7:27 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) and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6). Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Owen, seconded by Duckworth, to return to Regular Session at 8:12 p.m. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

#### Employ Custodian

Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Fulton, to employ Bryan Collins as a Custodian effective January 3, 2018 pending background screening and health exam. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Mullink, abstain; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Five yes votes, zero no votes, one abstaining. Motion carried.

#### Legal

No action was taken on this item.

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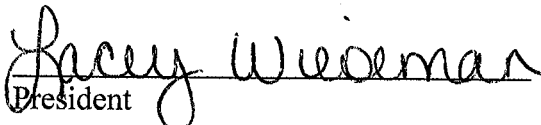
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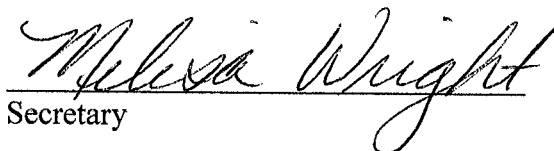
No action was taken on this item.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Duckworth, seconded by Owen, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
President

  
Secretary

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