

RECORD OF MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 12, 2018

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018, 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, B. Morell, E. Wilkinson.

Members Physically Absent:

Duckworth.

Members Electronically Present:

None.

Also present:

Dr. V. Buehler, M. Wright, M. Smith, S. Cann, D. Dey,
Megan Murphy, Malvern Allen, Theresa Dissen,
Rachelle Wuellner, Keith Steward, Brian Young, Jerad
Burch, Tanya Carol, Cynthia Albrecht, Amy Duty,
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 Fulton, seconded by Monetti, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings of January 8, 2018; the Special and Executive Session Board Meetings of January 22, 2018; the Special and Executive Session Board Meetings of January 29, 2018; the Special and Executive Session Board Meetings of January 30, 2018; and the Special and Executive Session Board Meetings of February 5, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Brian Young – Dakota Access Pipeline Grant Recipient

High school agriculture teacher, Brian Young, informed the Board that he had received a \$1,050 grant from the Dakota Access Pipeline for the FFA program. Dr. Buehler commended Mr. Young for the advancements he had made to the FFA program in such a short period of time.

National Counseling Week – Theresa Dissen

Dr. Buehler then commended Theresa Dissen for her hard work at the high school stating he appreciated the work she did. Mrs. Dissen stated she loved her job and enjoyed working with the students at Bunker Hill High School.

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BILLS

An additional bill from GRP in the amount of \$478,834.80 was presented. With no further comments, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the bills including the additional bill from GRP as presented. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Dr. Buehler stated that the District's budget was on target but would need to be amended at the end of the school year to include bond funds and remodeling expenses at Wolf Ridge. Discussion was then held regarding the new State funding formulary. With no further comments, a motion was made by Monetti, 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

Update on Mathematic Program

Math instructors Cynthia Albrecht, Keith Steward, and Megan Murphy were present to report on a meeting held January 26 regarding the three years of Pearson's math program in the District. The Pearson math program offers more than one method at solving a problem. The teachers felt that the topic introduction makes sense, a supplemental learning section was available, the utilization of one program district-wide was beneficial, and the third grade class had seen improvement over previous classes by using only the Pearson program. Their negatives of the Pearson program included the older grades playing "catch up" with the new program, the lack of utilizing "old school" methods, and the inability to teach the program at Pearson's recommended speed at the junior high level due to a lack of base knowledge.

Dave Monetti then congratulated Cynthia for being named to a State committee for math standards. Miss Albrecht stated that she learned about the SAT and how their numbers are created. President Wieseman then thanked all the teachers for updating the Board.

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

INFORMATION ITEMS

Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Dr. Buehler stated that the cooperative football program with Mt. Olive had first year expenses of \$23,000 which included transportation costs. He realizes this is more than the \$5,000 normally incurred for the football program, but reminded board members that there were a lot of one-time expenses such as helmets and uniforms. The booster club will be contributing \$5,800 to the expenditure, with the remaining balance to be split with Mt. Olive.

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Dr. Buehler then informed the Board that the State had made a few changes in regards to rating schools and testing students. Schools will soon receive a letter grade rating instead of the current number scale. Also, the PARCC test will be revamped. This could be bad news as one of the factors to the new funding formulary is showing improvement on the PARCC exam. As two different tests will be compared, it leaves doubt as to how improvement can be shown. Dr. Buehler will provide more details as they become available.

Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Principal Cann reported that on February 7 the pre-k auditor from the Illinois Division of Early Childhood Learning performed the school's five year review. Results from that review should be available in three months.

Mr. Matthew Smith

Principal Smith thanked Mr. Allen for his presentation on citizenship to the eighth grade students. Mr. Smith was proud that the students took it upon themselves to shake hands with Mr. Allen and Mr. Medley, to thank them for their service to our country.

Mr. Smith then noted that a new foreign exchange student had started today. She is from Spain and will be staying with the Allen family. He concluded by stating that Mr. Borkowski was very excited that seventeen students had shown up for football weight conditioning.

Board member Owen then asked if the storage of the mats in the gym had been corrected. Mr. Smith stated that they are now stored off the floor on pallets.

Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell commended Olivia Mellenthin on being named the February Student of the Month.

Miss Emma Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson opened by stating that the high school varsity scholastic bowl team had competed on February 3 at the first annual Frostbite Tournament finishing tenth of fourteen teams. Natalie Landreth and Tomas Brousseau posted new personal bests in toss ups while Nathan Cauley led Bunker Hill's tossups with twenty seven. She then commended fellow student Abbygale Mortland for receiving an honorable mention award from The Scholastic Art Awards, Mid-Central Illinois Region, with her drawing labeled "Corn".

COMMITTEES

Policy – Chairman Monetti stated that the second reading and adoption of the new policies would be held later in the meeting.

Curriculum – Chairwoman Duckworth was not in attendance due to illness.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – It was noted that a meeting had been held on Wednesday but nothing major was discussed at that meeting.

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Education Foundation – Chairwoman Mullink stated a new program had been started at Wolf Ridge to honor students whose character was outstanding during the month. Winners will be awarded a ten dollar Subway gift card, a certificate, and have an article honoring them in the Gazette.

Staffing – None.

Meissner Elementary Working Group – None.

At this time President Wieseman informed the audience that a superintendent would not be hired at this meeting, but all visitors were welcome to stay.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Senior Trip to St. Louis, Missouri on May 11, 2018

Brooke Morell presented information of the May 11, 2018 senior trip. Participants will leave the high school at 8:00 a.m. to have breakfast at Cracker Barrel before arriving at the Escape Room. They will then have a fast food lunch before an active time at the Sky Zone in Chesterfield, Missouri. Finally, they will eat and play games at Dave and Busters before returning to Bunker Hill. With no questions a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Owen to approve the senior trip to the St. Louis area on May 11, 2018 as present. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Band Trip to Branson from May 4-6, 2018 by Amy Duty

Amy Duty was present to request permission for the band to participate in their yearly competition in Branson, Missouri. She informed the Board that there would be approximately thirty five participants and that the only major change to this year's trip was that they would be staying in a different hotel in an attempt to keep costs at a minimum. With no questions, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the band trip to Branson from May 4-6 as presented. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Non-Certified Staff Seniority List

Dr. Buehler commented that this was a yearly procedure. With no questions, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton to approve the Non-Certified Staff Seniority List as of February 1, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Teacher Employment Date List

It was again stated that this was a yearly procedure. Dr. Buehler commented that these dates are not as important as they had been in past years as a new State issued system of sequential release had been established several years ago. With no further comments, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the Teacher Employment Date List as presented. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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Revisit Resolution 2018-2 abating a portion of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District.

Dr. Buehler stated a resolution had been signed two years ago that part of the once cent sales tax money would be used to pay down property taxes. Board President Wieseman and Board member Mullink stated that they felt obligated to rebate these funds. Dr. Buehler stated that property owners would see a reduction of approximately six cent per thousand dollars of assessed value on their tax statements. Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to approve Resolution 2018-2 abating a portion (\$34,775) of the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited tax School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Adopt Resolution 2018-3—The Serious Safety Hazards

This is a yearly procedure. We have one safety hazard rider who graduated early. His address will remain on the list should another student move into that residence. With no comments a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2018—3-The Serious Safety Hazards as presented. Roll call vote—Mullink, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Auditor

Dr. Buehler stated that it was time to approve our auditor for the 2017-18 school year. He recommended retaining Loy, Miller, Talley, PC as we had in the past since we have never had a problem with them and their rate had only increased by \$210. With no comments, a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to approve Loy, Miller, Talley, PC as the District auditors for the 2017-18 school year at a rate of \$7,485. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policies

It was noted that the changes to these policies were mostly in minor wording. With no comments, a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Monetti, to adopt the following Board Policies as presented: 2:260; 2:260-AP1; 4:15; 4:15-E1; 4:110; 4:170-AP2, E1; 5:20; 5:20-AP; 5:90; 5:220; 5:240; 5:240-AP; 5:290; 6:50; 6:150; 7:260. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Possible Cooperative Social Worker Position with Mt. Olive

Dr. Buehler has spoke with Mt. Olive's superintendent regarding obtaining a social work or psychology student to intern three days a week to be shared by both districts. The cost of this program would be \$12,000 a year in contrast to hiring a part time person at \$40,000 per year. Employment of a psychology student would benefit the social and emotional growth section of our evaluations and free time currently being spent by principals and guidance counselors to work on things beneficial to all students. SMASE would need to be the supervisor of a student intern as their supervisor must be trained in the field of psychological studies. Motion by Mullink, seconded by Owen, to allow Dr. Buehler to consult with SMASE to obtain a cooperative social worker or psychological intern to work in Bunker Hill one and a half days per week for the 18-19 school year. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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Adopt Resolution 2018-4 – The Purchasing Cooperative

Food Services Director Shelly Wuellner was present to discuss that entering a purchasing cooperative would allow us to find ways for the cooperative to obtain high quality foods at lower costs. Possible candidates could include Costco, Sams, or even our current supplier, Kohls. Board member Monetti questioned if there would be additional fees to join warehouse suppliers. Mrs. Wuellner said they wouldn't know until a cooperative was formed since the reason for forming a cooperative was to enable members to talk and research alternatives further. With no further comments, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to adopt Resolution 2018-4—The Purchasing Cooperative 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 Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to go into Executive Session at 7:45 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—Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to return to Regular Session at 8:07 p.m. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Personnel

a. Review Closed Session Minutes of Meetings

i. Open Previously Closed Minutes

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to open the executive session minutes of July 10, 2017 and August 14, 2017. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

ii. Reseal Previously Closed Minutes

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to reseal the remaining executive session minutes opened for review. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

b. Other

No action required.

c. Accept Resignation of Assistant Football Coach

Motion by Monetti, seconded by Owen, to accept the resignation of Chuck Cox as assistant football coach effective immediately. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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d. Employ Superintendent for 2018-19

No action was taken at this time. A Special Board Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. regarding this matter.

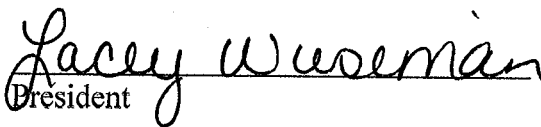
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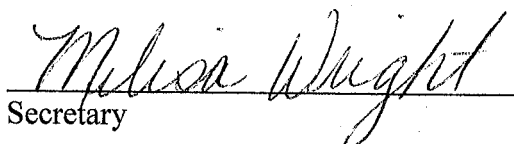
No action required.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

ADJOURN

Motion by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.


President


Secretary

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