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## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2018

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 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 (in 7:06), Monetti, Wieseman, Owen, Duckworth, Mullink, Fulton.  
Members Physically Absent: None.  
Members Electronically Present: None.  
Also present: Dr. V. Buehler, M. Wright, M. Smith, S. Cann, Todd Dugan, Doug Dey, Deb Dey, James Speitel, Dawn Devall, Amanda Bartee.

### *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 Mullink, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Session Board Meetings of March 12, 2018 and the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2018 as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

Amber Speitel – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place at Illinois Wrestling Coaches & Officials Association  
 James Speitel was present to accept a proclamation on behalf of his daughter, Amber Speitel who placed third at the Illinois Wrestling Coaches and Officials Association competition. Mr. Speitel stated that Amber will be doing some mat work at McKendree this summer. She has been looking into attending Cali due to their women's wrestling team. President Wieseman and the board informed Mr. Speitel that they were very proud of his daughter's accomplishment.

At 7:06 board member John Bauer entered the room. A motion was made by Monetti, seconded by Fulton, to seat John Bauer. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### *BILLS*

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

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## *FINANCIAL REPORT*

Dr. Buehler stated he had received some good news. The district will be receiving \$194,621.37 in state funds. Six checks total will be made twice monthly on the tenth and twenty-fourth of the month each in the amount of \$32,436.90. He commended Senator Andy Manar for pushing the bill through. Board member Monetti questioned if this would be the three year frozen budget amount. Dr. Buehler stated it would be. President Wieseman noted this amount would be in addition to what we currently had been scheduled to receive. Superintendent Buehler noted that this increase was a base amount. There is a possibility that funds received would be increased.

Superintendent Buehler then stated the District was on budget, but a public hearing would need to be held next month on June 11 at 6:50 p.m. to discuss amending the budget. With no further comments, a motion was made by Monetti, seconded by Bauer, to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

## *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

There were no visitor comments.

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

## *INFORMATION ITEMS*

### Dr. Victor C. Buehler

Superintendent Buehler had just read an article in the IASA Bulletin stating that the governor is trying to make schools responsible for pensions and also to place a freeze on property taxes. If this happens, the increase in funding that was just passed will be lost to the additional expenses. He doesn't foresee this happening, but wanted to make sure the board was aware of the possibility. He noted that the handbook changes would be on next month's agenda for approval. He has spoken with the principals and all changes will be minor. He recommended that a committee meeting not be held.

### Mrs. Stephanie Cann

Principal Cann stated a pre-k screening had been held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two students were screened with the assistance of the Illinois Valley Economic Corporation's head start program. They were also able to screen several birth to age three children as well. She continued by stating a Kindergarten Kickoff program would be held on April 12. Twenty families have already signed up for this program which will allow future students to tour the building and receive a tote bag full of activities.

Mrs. Cann then commented that there was a ninety-six percent attendance for the PARCC exam. Only four students will require make up tests.

On a historical note, she commended the junior high for preparing a tribute for the Florida shooting victims. Board member Mullink thanked her for allowing the students the

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opportunity to plan the event themselves. She felt the impact received by student preparing their own tribute gave them a much larger impact of the situation by allowing them to have a voice and deal with the tragedy in a serious manner that was important to their needs.

Mrs. Cann closed by informing the board that teacher Cheryl Best was doing well after her surgery. She was happy that retired teacher, Amy Stapleton, would be a long term substitute in Mrs. Best's absence.

### Mr. Matthew Smith

Principal Smith stated that eleventh grade SAT testing and ninth and tenths grade PSAT testing would begin tomorrow. He will have one hundred fifty of his students testing during these exams. He noted that the PARCC assessment would be administered in two weeks.

He commended Mr. Banwart for the great achievements he has made in his short time with the district, the latest being the field trip to Chicago with six students to compete in the annual Euro challenge

Mr. Smith stated he has no additional information from the state board regarding advanced placement fees being waived for students receiving free and reduced lunches.

### Miss Brooke Morell

Miss Morell was not in attendance.

### Miss Emma Wilkinson

Miss Wilkinson was not in attendance.

### *COMMITTEES*

Policy – Chairperson Monetti stated he would like to have a committee meeting to discuss the possibility of a weather related delayed start schedule for the 2018-19 school year. A meeting was scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. or immediately following the curriculum committee meeting.

Curriculum –None.

Building/Transportation – None.

Public Relations – None.

Special Education – None.

Education Foundation –Chairperson Mullink stated the annual dinner was held last month and went well.

Staffing – None.

Meissner Elementary Working Group – None.

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## *ACTION ITEMS*

### Adopt Resolution 2018-5 – Renew SAPCO Agreement

Dr. Buehler stated this was a yearly procedure to make sure we are legal when the cooperative seeks low bids for cafeteria food supplies. A motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Monetti, to adopt Resolution 2018-5—Renewal of SAPCO Agreement, as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve IESA Membership Renewal

It was again stated that this is a yearly procedure that is required to participate in junior high sports. A motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to approve the IESA Membership Renewal. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

### Approve Wolf Ridge Renovation Changes

#### a. Abatement

Dr. Buehler stated abatement bids were opened in his office on April 4. Midwest of Bunker Hill was the lowest bidder performing both alternates. Dr. Buehler recommended that the board perform both alternates as this would eliminate all known asbestos sources. Board member Owen was concerned about the Freon contained in the units being an EPA violation. After discussion it was determined that this was ultimately the responsibility of the contractor removing the vent units. Board member Mullink questioned if this project could indeed be taken from tort funds. Dr. Buehler stated he had confirmed with the auditor that these funds could be used for asbestos abatement. A motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to retain Midwest Service Group of Bunker Hill in the amount of \$173,100 which includes alternates one and two. Alternate three to be performed by GRP as part of their bid. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

#### b. Material Changes

GRP change order number three was then reviewed. This bid includes work to be performed on the cafeteria, ceiling, floor, lighting and weekday night shift premium. Dr. Buehler commented that an energy grant of approximately three thousand to thirty-five hundred dollars was not included in the bid. This would make the actual bid between \$135,968 and \$136,468. With no questions or comments a motion was made by Fulton, seconded by Bauer, to approve change order number three from GRP in the amount of \$139,468 as presented. Roll call vote—Duckworth, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Owen, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

#### c. Approve Fees from Farmer's Environmental

Dr. Buehler stated no motion would be required on this item as the board had already voted to approve the work. The bill for Farmer Environmental Services, LLC to sample areas of Wolf Ridge for asbestos contaminates, prepare the

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abatement specifications, and advertise and obtain a winning bid for the abatement services will be no higher than \$26,290.

At this time an estimate from Bekins Moving Company from Springfield, Illinois for storage containers and movers was reviewed. Bekins will provide eight people for eight hours at a rate of \$3,024. They will also provide packing boxes at no additional charge. Should it not take eight hours to empty the classrooms, the cost would be less.

Dr. Buehler and Mr. Dey also informed the board that five storage containers have been reserved. These containers will be rented for three months at a cost of \$1,030. A container will be available between every two and a half rooms. Questions were raised regarding containers being in the way of contractors, grass being damaged, and teachers having time to pack. Dr. Buehler assured them that as containers would be placed outside of classrooms, they would not interfere with the contractor, and it would be easy to reassemble classrooms with minimal confusion. Teachers will use the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May to pack their classrooms. Computers will be stored in the band room at the high school.

Discussion was then held on using volunteers to pack classrooms. It was determined that students could help teachers pack for community service hours. Unfortunately, the district will not be able to utilize the services of adults in the community as they would lack the fingerprinting and background checks necessary to interact with students. Dr. Buehler was given verbal authority by the board to utilize Bekins Moving Company.

### Approve Early Graduation Request

Principal Smith and Dr. Buehler stated that this was a yearly procedure. Students who wished to graduate at the end of the first semester of their senior year must submit an application by April 1 of their junior year and be on track to graduate. With no comments, a motion was made by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the early graduation request of Logan Brunaugh as presented. Roll call vote—Fulton, yes; Monetti, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Duckworth, yes; Owen, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the early graduation request of Tracy Skersick as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Monetti, yes; Fulton, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the early graduation request of Tomas Brousseau as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to approve the early graduation request of Emily Buckley-Prior as presented. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

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

No executive session was required

Personnel

a. Accept Resignation of Speech Pathologist

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to accept the resignation of Kellie Allen, speech pathologist, at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Fulton, yes; Mullink, yes; Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

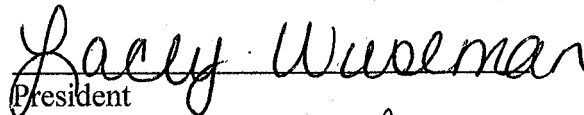
b. Approve FMLA Request

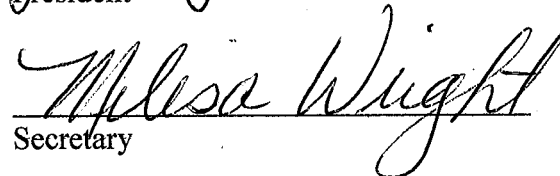
Motion by Fulton, seconded by Mullink, to approve the FMLA request of Cheryl Best for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Roll call vote—Monetti, yes; Owen, yes; Duckworth, yes; Bauer, yes; Mullink, yes; Fulton, yes; Wieseman, yes. Motion carried.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Mullink, seconded by Fulton, to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. All were in favor. Motion carried.

  
President

  
Secretary