

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2010

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Special Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 in the Cafeteria of the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School located at 700 West Orange Street, Bunker Hill, IL 62014. President Jon Payne opened the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

*ROLL CALL*

Members Present: Bauer, Burnet, Martin, Ostendorf, Owen, Payne, Strohmeier

Members Absent: None

Members Electronically Present: None

Also Present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, D. Allen, C. Mohr, Donna Lawrence, Paula Enke, Kay McElroy, Rebecca Tuchalski, Tracey Willhoit

*PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE*

President Jon Payne asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance in unison.

*ACTION*

Set Date for Board Visitation Day: The Board Members would visit both schools on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. They would start 8:30 A.M. at the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School.

Review of District Financial Considerations:

Mrs. Rogers handed out a sheet of financial obligations and personnel needs for the FY 2011 school year. She reviewed the information and informed the Board that the District would again have the General State Aid cut back at least 15% more for the upcoming school year and thereby show a loss of \$246,242.00. The District is also expected to lose categorical grant money amounting to 194,147.00. Transportation funding is expected to be cut 50% showing an additional loss of \$109, 194.00. Special Education Costs are expected to drop by 30% showing a loss of \$23,851. The suspected total loss of soft money would amount to \$379,287.00. Even though 5 teachers will retire at the end of this school year, the District has reassigned 4 of our teachers and thereby would only replace one teacher. Two special education aides would be needed as well as possibly one Administrative position. The District would need to RIF all staff being paid from grant monies over the past two years in anticipation of the State's financial outlook. She reported savings could be generated by dropping the work experience program, dropping golf, eliminating the cross-town bus, and by not sending anyone to the School Board Convention. Areas discussed to possibly increase revenue are raising admission fees, sports fees, and participation fees. Discussion followed.

Mr. Doug Dey arrived at 7:06 P.M.

Ms. Deanna Martin thanked the present Administration for all their hard work in keeping the Board Members informed and abreast of the District's finances. She reported the District cut very few positions this year not like other surrounding districts.

She reported our District would have been in a world of hurt right now without the tough decisions that the Administration has had to make. She did not want to be in their shoes. Mrs. Rogers thanked Ms. Martin for her comments.

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Bauer, seconded by Strohmeier to go into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: a. Non-Renewal/Release of Staff. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Martin, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Martin to return to Regular Session at 7:42 P.M. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Martin, yes; Strohmeier yes; Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

#### *NON-RENEWALS/RELEASE OF STAFF*

Ms. Martin read the Resolution 2010-8 – “Resolution of Dismissal” as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the educational support personnel employees hereinafter set forth are to be removed or dismissed as a result of a decision of the Board of Education to decrease the number of educational support personnel employees:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BUNKER HILL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.8, MACOUPIN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** That **Diana Chestnut** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 2.** That **Stephanie Dey** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 3.** That **Kathleen Mansholt** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 4.** That **Shelle Needs** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 5.** That **Valerie Sarver** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 6.** That **Amy Steward** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 7.** That **Jo Wolf** shall be honorably dismissed effective the end of the current school year.

**Section 8.** That the President and Secretary of the Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to send each such educational support personnel employee specified above, a written notice of this Board's decision not to reemploy said educational support personnel employee, by regular mail and also either by certified mail, return requested, or personal delivery with receipt at least thirty (30) days before the end of the school term, which notice shall be substantially in the form of the exhibits attached hereto.

**Section 9.** That the Superintendent or his designee shall personally deliver a copy of said notice to each said educational support personnel employee.

This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect forthwith upon its passage.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Martin to Adopt "Resolution 2010-8 – Resolution of Dismissal" as presented. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

**ADOPTED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: 7;    NAYS: 0;    ABSENT: 0**

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Martin, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jon C. Payne  
President

Carole L. Mohr  
Secretary