

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 12, 2007

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, March 12, 2007, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Pam Monetti called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members Physically Present: Cook, Gvillo, Monetti, Payne, Spickerman, Strohmeier, Wolff, J. Booten, H. Gvillo

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, G. Welch, G. Lievers, C. Mohr, D. Allen, Roger Owen, Deanna Vivian, Tim Burnet, J. D. Huber II, Lori Schmidt, Ken Jaworski, Dave Monetti, Tana Strohmeier, Joe Welch, Tracey Willhoit, Rebecca Tuchalski, Elizabeth Sherfy, Kay McElroy, Matt Smith, Lenny Clark, Trevor Clark

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

Motion by Cook, seconded by Strohmeier to amend the agenda to change Action Item 7.a.4.) to Accept Letter of Resignation. Roll call vote—Cook, yes; Gvillo, yes; Payne, yes; Spickerman, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Wolff, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Minutes: The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2007, the minutes of the Board Retreat Meeting of February 15, 2007, the minutes of the Athletic Committee Meeting of February 26, 2007, and the minutes of the Community Forum Meeting of March 3, 2007 were reviewed. Motion by Gvillo, seconded by Cook to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2007, the minutes of the Board Retreat Meeting of February 15, 2007 with correction, the minutes of the Athletic Committee Meeting of February 26, 2007, and the minutes of the Community Forum Meeting of March 3, 2007 with correction. Roll call vote—Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

President Pam Monetti thanked the students, teachers, and administration for the great test scores as our students scored highest of ISAT test scores for all of the Macoupin County schools and held 4th highest compared to the surrounding area schools. Discussion followed. She also thanked all the coaches who helped with the tournament.

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman commended those students who were inducted into the National Honor Society and thanked Matt Smith for the successful Winter Sports Banquet held March 12th.

The high school coaches were thanked for helping to make the Trivia Night Benefit successful.

Bills: The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Wolff, seconded by Strohmeier to accept the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Gvillo, yes; Spickerman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mr. J. D. Huber, a Boy Scout in Troop 101, was present to observe a Board meeting as he is working towards a civic badge. Discussion followed.

Mr. Dave Monetti presented earnings of \$941.00 for the Athletic Department from the recent Trivia Night fundraiser. Discussion followed.

Mr. Brad Skertich to Report on the ISAT Testing: Mr. Brad Skertich commended the K-8 students, teachers, and parents for helping achieve great ISAT test scores. The District scored highest of all of the Macoupin County schools and scored 4th highest compared to the state average. Student incentives and the Accelerated Reading program were discussed. Discussion showed a new reading series would be reviewed. Mr. Skertich and Mr. Welch were commended for all their hard work in promoting and boosting student achievement.

STAFF REPORTS/COMMENDATIONS None

ACTION ITEMS

2nd Reading and Adoption of Policies, Administrative Directives, and Exhibits: The following Policies, Administrative Directives, and Exhibits are ready for adoption:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Section/Title</u>
2:10	School Board – School District Governance
2:30	School Board – Powers and Duties of the School Board
2:20-E	School Board Exhibit – Waiver and Modification Request Process
2:80	School Board – Board Member Oath and Conduct
2:110	School Board – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
2:130	School Board – Board-Superintendent Relationship
2:140	School Board – Communications To and From the Board
2:150	School Board – Committees
2:200	School Board – Types of School Board Meetings
2:210	School Board – Organizational School Board Meeting
2:220	School Board – School Board Meeting Procedure
2:240	School Board – Board Policy Development
2:250-E1	School Board – Exhibit-Written Request for District Records

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2:250-E2	School Board – Exhibit-Response to Request for District Record Inspection
2:250-E3	School Board – Exhibit-Inspection Report for District Records
3:10	General School Administration – Goals and Objectives
3:40	General School Administration – Superintendent
3:60	General School Administration – Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:10	Operational Services – Fiscal and Business Management
4:40	Operational Services – Incurring Debt
4:170	Operational Services – Safety
4:170-AP2	Operational Services – Administrative Procedure-Criminal Offender Notification Laws
5:30	General Personnel – Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP2	General Personnel – Administrative Procedure-Investigations
5:90	General Personnel – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:250	Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
5:330	Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:60	Instruction – Curriculum Content
6:60-AP	Instruction – Administrative Procedure-Comprehensive Health Education Program
6:250	Instruction – Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
6:340	Instruction – Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:270	Students – Administering Medicines to Students
7:270-AP	Students – Administrative Procedure-Dispensing Medication
7:270E	Students – Exhibit-School Medication Authorization Form
8:30	Community Relations – Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the Policies, Administrative Directives, and Exhibits for immediate inclusion in the Board Policy Manual. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Renew Membership in IHSA & IESA: Motion by Gvillo, seconded by Payne to renew the membership for Bunker Hill High School in the Illinois High School Association for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolff, seconded by Payne to renew the membership for Bunker Hill School District in the Illinois Elementary School Association for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote—Cook, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Wolff, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment to Gazette: Mrs. Rogers reported the Gazette has graciously allowed the District to use their bulk-mailing permit to mail out the quarterly newsletters. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to approve payment to the Bunker Hill Gazette in the amount of \$100.00 per use for the use of their bulk-mailing permit. Roll call vote—Gvillo, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Cook, yes; Wolff, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Approve 2006 School Report Card: Mrs. Rogers again reported how pleased the District is with the results of the 2006 Report Card. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Cook to approve the 2006 School Report Card as presented for distribution to the community. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Gvillo, yes; Spickerman, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Dispose of Transportation Van: Discussion followed as to ways to dispose of the used 1992 transportation van. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to dispose of the transportation van by advertising and selling the transportation van to the highest bidder as soon as can be arranged by the Director of Transportation in AS IN CONDITION. Roll call vote—Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Set Date for New Board Orientation: The election for new board members is Tuesday, April 17th. Motion by Gvillo, seconded by Strohmeier to set 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 26th as a Special Board Meeting date for the purpose of New Board Member Orientation. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: The Building Committee will have the architectural firm selection narrowed down by next week with the hopes of hiring an architect at the next meeting. Mrs. Rogers handed the Board members a copy of “ZAP” zeros aren’t permitted guidelines from the Brussels School District. Discussion followed. Parents and teachers would be asked to attend the next Curriculum Committee Meeting to discuss the pros and cons of a possible Zero Grade Policy.

Mr. Kevin Blankenship arrived around 8:10 P.M.

Mrs. Rogers included the Alliance Report and Cafeteria Report for viewing and reported Paper Retriever Dumpsters have been placed at all three schools for paper recycling. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogers reported Valedictorian/Salutatorian requirements are being looked at. The Curriculum and Policy Committees will discuss the issue. She reported applicants are coming in for the high school principal position.

Mr. Gary Welch: Mr. Welch reported Mrs. Cheryl Best will participate with the “Learning with Lincoln Institute” through the Library of Congress. He commended Jon Baumberger and Rachel Bouillon for raising \$3,234.00 for “Jump Rope for Heart” He commended Stephanie Legendre, Tammy Oertel, and Rachel Bouillon for the student awareness festivities leading up to ISAT Testing. Discussion followed.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich reported Pre-K screening is coming up March 29th and 30th. Discussion followed.

Mr. Skertich and Mrs. Jo Wolf are working on additional funding from the State for the Birth to 3 Program to address At-Risk families. Discussion followed.

He congratulated the 8th Grade Volleyball Team for winning Regionals. Although the team didn’t win Sectional, they still had a really great year.

He reported activities leading up to ISAT Testing are well underway. He thanked Mrs. Lori Schmidt, the student counsel, and all of the teachers’ efforts up to this point.

Mr. Kevin Blankenship: Mr. Blankenship reported plans are in progress to prepare for the Prairie State Testing and student registration is also underway.

Mr. Blankenship and Mrs. Michelle Mueller are still working on the K-12 Planet Software. He reported baseball and softball are underway and the winter Sports’ Banquet took place tonight.

Miss Jessica Booten: Miss Booten’s report was handed out earlier and she had nothing more to add at this time.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo reported the Drama Class would perform “Saturday Night Live/Breakfast Club” on April 27th and 28th. She reported the Juniors would be taking the ACT test on April 24th.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers reported on bus warranty repairs, the GPS System for the transportation department, and boiler problems at all three schools. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Michelle Mueller: Mrs. Mueller’s technology report was included in the packet

Committees

Policy – Nothing at this time.

Curriculum – The next Curriculum Committee Meeting is set for Monday, March 19, 2007 in the Wolf Ridge Library. Teachers would be invited to attend.

Building/Transportation – A Special Board Meeting was set for 6:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 22, 2007 in the Superintendent’s office to discuss architectural firms.

Special Education – Nothing at this time.

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported the Brass Door pork chop dinner fundraiser was a big success. A thank you was expressed to all the teachers that helped.

Athletic – Mr. Gvillo reported an Activities Booster Club information meeting is set for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, March 26th in the Bunker Hill High School Library for all parents with students involved in grades 6-12 curricular activities. Discussion followed. Mr. Gvillo thanked Mr. Skertich and Mrs. Rhonda Whitworth for their assistance.

Personnel – May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Wolff, seconded by Cook to go into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 1.) Employ a High School Head Football Coach; 2.) Employ a High School Assistant Football Coach; 3.) Rif, Release, Reemploy and Non-renewal of Certified Personnel; 4.) Accept Letter of Resignation; and 5.) Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Cook, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 10:15 P.M. Roll call vote—Cook, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Wolff, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a High School Head Football Coach: No action.

Employ a High School Assistant Football Coach: No action.

RIF, Release, Reemploy and Non-renewal of Certified Personnel: Motion by Wolff, seconded by Gvillo to dismiss the following staff members at the end of the 2006-2007 school year: Kim Brewer, Kathy Mansholt, Valerie Starver, Robyn Brown, and Jo Wolf. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Cook to honorably release Jim Smith as High School Industrial Arts Instructor and to authorize the administration to post this position and seek a qualified candidate. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolff, seconded by Payne to honorably release Radena Bloch as High School Student Services Coordinator and to authorize the Administration to post this position and seek a qualified candidate. Roll call vote—Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Gvillo, seconded by Cook to reemploy the following non-tenured teachers for the 2007-2008 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent: Mike Adams, Dave Belusko, Jason Bauer, Jon Baumberger, Rachel Bouillon, Monica McGill, Shelly Moore, Tammy Oertel, Keith Steward, Tana Strohmeier, Clare Sullivan, Katie Sutton, and Melissa Walter. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes; Strohmeier, abstain; Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Monetti, yes. 6 Yes, 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Accept Letter of Resignation: Motion by Wolff seconded by Gvillo to accept the Letter of Resignation at the end of the 2006-2007 school year from Sam Bachman. Roll call vote-- Spickerman, yes; Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Wolff, seconded by Gvillo to dismiss the following faculty member at the end of the 2006-2007 school year: Kay McElroy. Roll call vote—Gvillo, yes; Spickerman, no; Payne, no; Strohmeier, no; Cook, no; Wolff, yes; Monetti, no. 5 No, 2 Yes. Motion failed.

President Pam Monetti announced a split administrative position is needed for our two buildings for next year. Motion by Wolff, seconded by Gvillo to post for a split position ½ at Wolf Ridge and ½ at Meissner. Roll call vote—Wolff, yes; Cook, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Monetti, yes. Motion carried.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

President Pam Monetti read a thank you note from Kay Brooks for the plant given for the death of her father.

ADJOURN

Motion by Cook, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 P. M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Secretary