

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 14, 2008

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 14, 2008, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present: Burnet, Gvillo, Owen, Payne, Spickerman, Strohmeier, Vivian, H. Gvillo, S. Strohmeier

Members Physically Absent: None

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, D. Allen, C. Mohr, Rebecca Tuchalski, Kevin Heid, Kay McElroy; Roger McElroy; Sue Morris; Claraine Dobos; Gary Dobos; Marissa Wood; Joan Wood, Elizabeth Sherfy; Tracey Willhoit; Cynthia Albrecht; Colton Burton; Rebecca Tuchalski; Kent Tarro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

President Rodney Gvillo asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting of March 10, 2008; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting of March 17, 2008; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting of March 27, 2008; and the minutes of the Community Forum Meeting of March 27, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of April 10, 2008; and the minutes of the Board Member School Site Visitation of April 11, 2008 were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 10, 2008 with correction; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of March 10, 2008; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 17, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of March 17, 2008; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 27, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of March 27, 2008; the minutes of the Community Forum Meeting of March 27, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of April 10, 2008; and the minutes of the Board Member School Site Visitation of April 11, 2008. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

The Board saluted all those who gave money or donations for the After Prom. Parents for Kids were saluted for the Movie Night held at Wolf Ridge for grades K-2. President Rodney Gvillo saluted Danielle Smith, David Golike, and Blake Meehan for making the Macoupin County all star Basketball team. He saluted the students, boys' baseball coaches, Paul Markel, Maurice Jarden, Blake Meehan, and everyone involved in helping get the boys' baseball field in shape to play ball. They worked Saturday and Sunday trying to dry out the field. The

Shipman Elevator was saluted for the District's use of their tarps to cover the field from further rain.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the bills. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded Spickerman by to approve the financial report. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Tim Burnet left the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mrs. Kay McElroy to Speak to the Board: Mrs. Kay McElroy began speaking to the Board members addressing a situation. President Rodney Gvillo reported further discussion would need to be spoken in Executive Session rather than Open Session. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to go into Executive Session at 7:12 P.M. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Payne to return to Regular Session at 7:35 P.M. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Kevin Heid, of First Midstate: Mr. Kevin Heid handed the Board members material relating to various bond payment payback schedules and a referendum kit. Discussion followed. He reported First Midstate would handle all the bonding paperwork once the tax referendum passes. Payment to his firm would take place only after the referendum passes successfully. In order to place a question before the voters for the November, 2008 election, the filing time for that question is 65 calendar days ahead of the election date which is the Wednesday after Labor Day. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Heid for attending the meeting.

Mr. Kent Tarro to Speak to the Board Regarding Soccer Coop: Mr. Kent Tarro gave a brief overview of the successful soccer coop between Gillespie and Mt. Olive that is fully funded by the participants' parents. Mr. Tarro and various coaches would be working with the students. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Tarro for attending the meeting.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sherfy showed the Board members a game that a student brought home from school. Discussion followed. Mr. Skertich reported this was the first time he had heard of the issue and reported nothing of this nature would be handed out again.

ACTION ITEMS

Authorize Soccer as an Extra Curricular Activity: Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to deny the request to authorize the institution of a cooperative soccer program with Gillespie and Mt. Olive for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion denied.

Second Reading and Adoption of Policies: The policies listed below are ready for adoption.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Section/Title</u>
2:260	School Board – Uniform Grievance Procedure
4:10	Operational Services – Fiscal and Business Management
4:110	Operational Services – Transportation
5:10	General Personnel – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:100	General Personnel – Staff Development Program
5:180	General Personnel – Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
5:250	Professional Personnel – Leaves of Absence
5:290	Educational Support Personnel – Employment Termination and Suspensions
5:330	Educational Support Personnel – Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:20	Instruction – School Year Calendar and Day
6:60	Instruction – Curriculum Content
6:320	Instruction – High School Credit for Proficiency
7:20	Students – Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:70	Students – Attendance and Truancy
7:180	Students – Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:220	Students – Bus Conduct
7:340	Students – Student Records
8:20	Community Relations – Community Use of School Facilities

Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to Approve the 2nd Reading of the Policies for Adoption into the Board Policy Handbook, effective immediately. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Band Trip Request: Miss Sydney Strohmeier reported 30 Band students would like to compete against other bands in Kansas City on May 9th-11th. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the High School Band Trip as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve the Final 2007-2008 School Calendar: Mrs. Rogers reported there will be a Teachers' Institute on May 23rd with the last day of school being May 27th whereby students attend to receive grade cards followed by a 9:00 A.M. dismissal. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve the Final School Calendar for the 2007-2008

school year as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve the Employee Appreciation Dinner/Date/Place: Mrs. Rogers reported attendance was low last year. Mrs. Deanna Vivian wondered if a luncheon could be held on the last Teachers' Institute day whereby everyone could be in attendance. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve Friday, May 23rd as the date for the Employee Appreciation Dinner with arrangements to be made by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Membership in the IHSA & the IESA: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to Approve Membership in the IHSA and the IESA for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Auditor Ken Loy and Associates for the 2007-2008 School Year: Mrs. Rogers reported Ken Loy and Associates have done a great job for the district. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to Approve Ken Loy and Associates for the 2007-2008 school year for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Select Board Members to Hand Out Graduation Diplomas: Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman and President Rodney Gvillo would hand out graduation diplomas at Commencement.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: A Policy Committee Meeting was set for Wednesday, April 30th at 4:30 P.M. to review handbooks.

Mrs. Rogers mentioned if any Board member would like to attend the IASA Kaskaskia Division's Semi-Annual Dinner and Meeting of May 7th, he/she should let the unit office know.

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman liked the PSAE study guide placed in the packet.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich commended Ashley Wadsworth for placing 2nd in the Macoupin County Spelling Bee.

He mentioned 64 students have been screened for the fall Pre-K class. The District has asked the State for more funding to serve 60 students rather than only helping 40 students in the past. Discussion followed.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported 20 seniors would go on senior trip to St. Louis. He reported high school faculty would help junior classmates study and review for PSAE/ACT tests.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo gave a brief overview of her report.

The Silver Medallion winners that make up the top 8% in class ranking are Blake Meehan, Ruthie Kahl, Jacob Welch, and herself. Everyone applauded for the Silver Medallion winners. She reported on “Prom” and “After Prom” festivities.

Graduation is Saturday, May 17th at 7:00 P.M.

National Honor Society inducted new members are Andrea Scholobohm, Caty Passig, Matthew Landreth, Sydney Strohmeier, Andrew Cloninger, John Martin, Megan Straub, Justin Abel, and Samuel Shattuck.

A Talent Show is scheduled for Friday, April 18th and the Drama Class would be performing “Pretty in Pink” on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier liked having a “Study Group” for PSAE/ACT testing. She reported several students in the National Honor Society helped with Kindergarten screening.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner reported the District would be looking into increasing food pricing as the cost of food keeps rising.

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman felt the District needed to increase food prices, as the present prices are too low for the amount of food given. She loved the salads.

Mrs. Wueller reported choosing students to help out and serve food during lunch has worked out wonderfully at Wolf Ridge.

She reported with the new lunch program, parents have the capability of going on line and checking what their children are purchasing.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers gave a brief overview of his report.

Mr. Skertich thanked the bus drivers and Mr. Lievers for the smooth transition of moving students around on other routes when a bus failed to work.

Mr. Lievers reported fuel costs have risen from \$400.00 a month when he first started working for the District to presently \$4,100.00 a month. Discussion followed.

Committees

Policy – A Policy Committee Meeting had been set previously in the meeting.

Curriculum – Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman reported the District is going to implement a three-year program called RTI. Mr. Skertich explained the concept for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students starting next year.

Building/Transportation – President Rodney Gvillo reported different Board members would meet with civic organizations, address public community meetings, and show the need to pass a successful referendum for the building project at Wolf Ridge. An informational flyer would be handed out to the public showing the future building plans, costs to bring the Meissner building up to ADA compliance and yet still have an old building, estimated tax increase for homeowners and farm ground, and what the District plans to do with the Meissner structure and campus.

Negotiations – Nothing

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen reported the Athletic Boosters have donated \$1,100.00 towards new high school batting cages to be used by high school and junior high students. The Industrial Arts class will build the cages.

Special Education – Nothing

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported the Education Foundation would give out 2 scholarships again this year for graduating seniors. Applications will be made available in the high school office.

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to go into Executive Session at 8:47 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body:

- a. Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Pre-K Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year;
- b. Accept Letter of Resignation; c. Employ a High School Business Marketing/Computer Education Teacher; d.) Hire a High School Dance Team Sponsor; e. Hire a High School JV Girls' Basketball Coach; f. Hire a 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach; g. Hire a Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor; and h. Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier and Miss Heather Gvillo left the meeting.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 10:20 P.M. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Pre-K Teacher for the 2008-2009 School Year: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Authorize the Administration to Post and Advertise the position of Pre-K Teacher for the 2008-2009 School Year and to seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Letter of Resignation: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to accept the Letter of Resignation from Nanci Mott as a Meissner Lunchroom Playground Monitor effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and authorize to post and advertise to seek a suitable replacement. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a High School Business Marketing/Computer Education Teacher: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to employ Jessica Green as High School Business Marketing/Computer Education Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Hire a High School Dance Team Sponsor: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to employ Marissa Wood as High School Dance Team Sponsor for the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Hire a High School JV Girls' Basketball Coach: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to employ Keith Steward as a High School JV Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Hire a 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to employ Keith Steward as a 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Hire a Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to employ Laura Huette as a Junior High Cheerleading Sponsor to the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

President Rodney Gvillo read a thank you note from Grey & Vicki Lievers for the beautiful flowers given during Vicki's hospital stay and for the compassion shown during the loss of their friends.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Secretary