

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
REGULAR MEETING APRIL 20, 2016

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on April 20, 2016 by President Jack Fearneyhough at 7:00 p.m. in Beardstown Middle/High library 500 East 15th Street, Beardstown, IL. Pledge of allegiance. Kim Watson called the roll with the following members present: Toby Brake, Mike Seaman, Kim Watson, Aaron Stock, OJ Simpson and Jack Fearneyhough. Lou Wubker was absent. Also in attendance were Reggie Clinton and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Sue Hembrough asked to address some issues. First she understands that the board doesn't do committees but she feels committees keep the board informed. The district is in the process of hiring a football coach, there was a committee when they come back to the board with their candidate and the board doesn't hire him. She feels it is an insult to the committee. She feels it should have been handled differently. She also feels the extension to the new superintendent's contract was not justified. She doesn't feel there needs to be paid two superintendents. She feels it is unfair to have the community fund the middle school extracurricular activities when the district can pay for two superintendents. She worries about if the community cannot fund the MS sports. Everyone knows the money is tight.

Chris Allen-We are on a hotdog budget and feeding prime rib to a person who doesn't deserve it. She feels the statement has been made by the board and the board should be embarrassed

Sara Lacey-BEA-Read a statement on behalf of their union on their disappointment on hiring two superintendents.

Tiger Nation invited the board to their annual fundraiser to be held at the Round house this Saturday April 23, 2016.

Jack Fearneyhough-He states the board is responsible for the blame. We are also to blame when we hire someone who is incompetent. Activity accounts that have excess funds. The School Report Card. He spoke of the districts report card and the lowness of the scores. He felt the current superintendent has spent large amounts on textbooks and technology for low test scores. He spoke of possibly not receiving the last two payments from the State. He feels the school should spend more time and money on the academics. 75% of the districts monies are coming from the State. ACT scores are average 17 for the district. Point the finger at the Board and saying that change is not needed. Implement new programs to help change the scores of the district. He is here to implement change for the improvement of scores.

COMMITTEE MEETING-None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-Proposed extended day for study lounge. He passed out a handout from the scheduling committee. He explained several things on the handout. Beardstown Savings would like to provide a Tiger Debit Card, giving the district a small fee for each "swipe". ACT prep online program. A year of free subscription from the company. 1000 pounds of apples and potatoes and 400 pounds of cucumbers. Fearneyhough-How do we change the student's attitude towards the PARCC testing. Riddle-Try to let the students know the test is important. He feels we need to tell the students how important education is. Social Media is always bashing common core and PARCC. It is going to have to be multiple things. Watson asked about students mentoring other students. Is this something that could be done. Key club and NHS has done something like that in the past. Free time is the issue. It is very hard to consistently have free time to get to the elementary students and or MS students.

Josh Sorrells-Track resurfacing is being done. Patching is underway. \$20,000.00 because of tournaments and Regionals/Sectionals. Girls Soccer record is 4-7-1. Thanks the transportation department for their help with covering the out of town games.

Randi Cowell-PARCC testing is over and things went very smoothly. Title I Program monitoring visit. School Improvement team at Gard met. Students are making progress. Curriculum was discussed. Trevor Cottle-None

Pam DeSollar-Nothing more than her board report. She encouraged everyone to read the book Global Heartland

Jim Childers-Mike Bacon will be out for approximately 6 weeks after an ATV wreck

Ann Chilton-Nothing more than her report.

Wendy McClenning-New Chrome books Cart and new chrome books. In the process of replacing chrome books parts.

Reggie Clinton-Changes in the handbook will be given to the Board next month. We have had several audits in the district this year. He has spoke to several staff members about the audits and what needs to be addressed.

ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve consent agenda 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Watson to approve amending the 2015-2016 school calendar to switch the end of the year Teacher Institute and School Improvement Days. The last day with students would be on the School Improvement Day on Wednesday, May 25 (students dismissed at noon) and the Last Teacher Institute Day would be on Thursday, May 26. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve the superintendent to begin preparing a Tentative Budget for the 2017 Fiscal Year. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock to adopt the schedule for regular Board of Education meetings for the 2016-2017 school year. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

Proposal for a web based Student Information System. Wendy McClenning presented three different vendors: Tyler Technologies; Lumen; and Alama. Wendy will get with several teachers and administrators and get back with the board in May.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to place on first reading the following Board Policy updates: 6:130, 6:300, 6:300-E2, 7:150, 7:150-AP, 7:190, 7:190-AP2, 7:190-AP3, 7:190-AP4, 7:190-AP7, 7:190-AP8, 7:190-E1, 7:190-E3, 7:190-E4, 7:200, 7:200-E1, 7:200-E2, & 210, 7:210-E1, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:240-AP2, 7:305 and 7:305-AP. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to employ the following: Licet Gonzalez-Ricardo - Spanish Language Facilitator at Gard; Kelly Rogger - Elementary Teacher with commitment to obtain ESL Endorsement; Hannah Lovekamp - Elementary Teacher with ESL Endorsement; Cassie Wankel - Pre-K with commitment to obtain ELL endorsement; Tammee Petersen - Gard Elementary Dean of Students; LeAnna Wilson - Speech Language Pathologist (pending certification). Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock to approve Debbie Lynn retirement effective May 13 with the \$1,000.00 retirement incentive. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: Kyle Dodson - HS Boys Basketball Asst. JV; Lisa Clinton - 3rd Grade Teacher; Eric Anderson - MS Football; Heather Spears - 1-to-1 Special Education Aide, effective April 29; Sarah Hoyt - MS/HS ESL Bilingual Teacher.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Clinton passed out textbook rental and fees 2015-2016 school year. When asked about textbooks not being able to be brought home. Mr. Clinton stated he has never denied textbook requests.

Congratulations to Mr. Clinton on being selected the distinguished Superintendent Award.

Lisa Riddle-Crystal Apple Award Winner Patricia White.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Wubker, second by Seaman to adjourn. Time 8:20pm

Date

President

Secretary