

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on January 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, Kim Watson, Aaron Stock, OJ Simpson and Jack Fearneyhough. Mike Seaman and Lou Wubker were absent. Also in attendance were Reggie Clinton and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-PARCC testing for the HS/MS has been shortened in time. Curriculum day on February 11th for 8-11th graders for planning their schedules.

Josh Sorrells-Month of tournaments at the MS/HS level throughout February.

Randi Cowell-Testing is going strong at Gard. Tiger Closet chili cook-off. PTO meeting tonight.

Father/daughter dance, Mother/Son dance fundraiser

Trevor Cottle-Access is up and running. Big learning curve. Thanked the staff for being patient with the process. Testing for two weeks for the group test. Paper testing for the kindergarten class.

Pam DeSollar-No report

Wendy McClenning-Mail filter will be installed. Access testing is going well with the Crome Books.

Mr. Fearneyhough asked about the computers donated from Meredosia. Cindy Smith has been installing them in the Gard classrooms.

Jim Childers-Maint department has no major issues. Working fine. Transportation is going smoothly.

Reggie Clinton-Looking at getting new runners for the foyer area at the gym doors to help with traffic dirt. Payroll computer has had a hard drive failure. We did have a backup laptop.

ACTION ITEMS

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

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to amend and adopt the Abatement Resolution for the 2005A Series General Obligation Refunding School Bond. Roll call vote: Brake yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

All Board of Education members are Mandated Reporters under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act.

Set Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6 p.m. as the initial Open Meeting date to begin meeting with Steve Clark of IASB for the Targeting Achievement through Governance training.

Gard Elementary Dean of Students for 2016-2017. Realigning the administrative duties. If Mr. Cottle gets moved to the Director of Language Acquisitions. Questions on IEPS and Evaluations. Salary range was discussed. Gard Elementary Dean of Students with a preference of bilingual \$42,000-\$45,000 with teaching experience minimum of 5 years. Scott Riddle asked about adding the Dean of Students at the Elementary level but not at the High School level? Questioning the student ratio at the HS level and the ratio at the Elementary level. Mr. Fearneyhough stated the board is looking at the elementary level dean of students at this time. Mr. Riddle asked about making it a district administrator instead of an elementary Dean. Mr. Clinton doesn't like the idea of sharing a district administrator between different buildings and age levels.

Asked about the interview process. Superintendent, Elementary Principal and a teacher with the initial committee. After narrowing add a couple more teachers.

On a motion by Watson, second by Stock to direct the superintendent to post the Job of Gard Elementary Dean of Students with a preference of bilingual \$42,000-\$45,000 with teaching experience minimum of 5 years. Roll call vote: Brake yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

Administrator Coaching-Prior administrators have not be able to coach. Asked about for the 2016-2017 school year to not allow administrators to coach or allow all administrators to coach. Simpson-doesn't want to pull that from under Josh Sorrells. Fearneyhough-Able to coach as well as being a Dean of Students and administrator, then is there a need for a Dean of students at the HS level. Think we should let the other administrators take on coaching. Watson-When asked by Mrs. Cowell about her coaching it was the decision of the Board at the time to not let the administrator coach. Stock-Responsible person there to grow the kids under their leadership. If you have to time to knock off at 3 p.m., then maybe you aren't as busy as first thought. Brake-When Josh was brought on a coach because no one else wanted the position. He asked about the contract stipulations? He would hate to lose a good coach that is a teacher because an administrator is doing the job. Mr. Riddle has never applied for a coaching position. Mr. Gilbert-At his current district they do not have an administrator doing coaching. Mr. Sorrells-He states other districts have administrators coaching. It depends on the person. Watson-She doesn't like the idea of having a new administrator come in and have to learn our district and have them coach. Simpson-Are we trying to say from this day forward? Fearneyhough-Establishing guidelines for administrators. Brake-If the coaching interferes with their jobs wether it is an administrator or teacher. Need to be fair if you let one administrator coach let them all coach or don't let anybody coach.

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, student discipline and collective bargaining. Time 8:07p.m.

On a motion by Stock , second by Simpson to re enter regular session. Time 8:48p.m.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

Superintendent Evaluation: Proficient

On a motion by Brake, second by Watson to employ the following: Mitch McElroy-Assistant High School Track. Roll call vote: Brake yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to approve the following list of extra-curricular volunteers who are ASEP or Teacher certified (unless noted): Jerry Rohn - HS/MS Track; Missy Cox - HS/MS Track; Jordan Cox - HS/MS Track; Romuald Kalikat - HS/MS Track (pending ASEP certification); Emily Stitt - HS Girls Soccer. Roll call vote: Brake yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

DISCUSSION:

Allen Schaeffer and Doris Edwards Memorial. Doris does have a playground named after her. A suggestion for Allen would be a bench or a memorial tree. The Doris Edwards Playground sign was discussed. Fearneyhough suggested the board purchase a bench in Allen Schaeffers memory

On a motion by Fearneyhough, second by Stock purchase a bench in Allen Schaeffers memory to be placed in the Doris Edwards playground. Roll call vote: Brake yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

Jack Feaneyhough also suggested taking donations for a memorial tree for both Allen Schaeffer and Doris Edwards.

Watson-Set a Finance committee meeting on January 27, 2016.
Tomorrow night 8th grade night for boys basketball and cheerleaders
Alumni had first meeting and composite pictures were discussed.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to adjourn. Time 9:03 pm

Date

President

Secretary