

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Marsha Lehmkuhl shared an article that was to be in the local paper but didn't get in. Sixth grade students had read the book Hatchet, to go along with the book a field trip was taken to the local airport and a tour of the airport was given by Jack Fearneyhough and David Wankel. The students were very well behaved. She praised the students, Mr. Fearneyhough and Mr. Wankel.

Jo Lehmkuhl-She had some questions concerning the 1:1 computer program. She would like some more information. She would like to know when it is going to be implemented? She wanted to know about the costs of the program? What is the costs of maintaining?

David Ballance-Two questions..Why aren't school board meetings video taped? VFW cemetery monuments. Lack of a cleat on the flag pole at the football field. If the school can't maintain the pole the VFW would take care.

Fearneyhough-The board hasn't talked about video taping and it could be talked about.

COMMITTEE MEETING-

Transportation Meeting-May 18, 2016. Discussed the buses and need for possibly looking at another white activity bus. No formal recommendation to the board. Mrs. Cowell-K-3 shuttle bus. She asked the question to add 4th grade that way everyone at Gard would be able to ride. New program working with students after school times are an issue. A Transportation meeting will be set to get the details and proceed forward.

Building and Grounds-May 18, 2016. Recommendation to the board was to bring in a maintenance person temporarily. East parking lot resurfacing.

Curriculum and Technology-June 2, 2016. Discussed quite a few issues. Technology issues were discussed. The speed of our current network. Replacing the current switches and increase speed ten times over. Goal of chrome books is to transform us to the next level. The chrome books were be on a rental agreement. User agreement would be used with the students. One of the things that was brought to the committee was the copies the district uses. The number of copies has been increasing each year. Google classroom was discussed. Taking software that is old and replacing. Cloud computing arena. Managed switches. The committee is recommending to the whole board is the implementing of 1:1 computer program.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-Several districts have been in the news about the finances of their districts. Administrator conference talked about SB100. Model handbook. Girls and Boys basketball summer leagues are going on now. Thanked Mr. Clinton for his work with the district. Registration is August 3rd and 4th.

Lights in the HS gym on the playing surface have been replaced with LED lights.

Randi Cowell-Handbook changes are still going on. SB100 will create some changes in the handbook

Trevor Cottle-He and Tammee Petersen along with other teachers have just returned from the state wide Migrant Workshop. Very high quality work sessions. Outstanding conference. Grants will not get approved until the State gets the budget approved.

Pam DeSollar-Summer program going very well. 200 home visits a month. Savage doorways is coming this week to work on the handicap door at Grand Avenue.

Josh Sorrells-Coop for Virginia for Cross County and Wrestling. Virginia will not vote on the coop agreement until July.

Wendy McClenning-Started with ATI implementation. State of Illinois reporting is completed. Finished schedules today and that information has been sent to Tyler Technologies. She is working on building the school website.

Jim Childers-Building and Maintenance is going good. He feels they are a little ahead of schedule. Reggie Clinton-When he walked in 6 years ago something was always tugging in different directions. We have done a lot of good things with the district. The staff rolled their sleeves up and got things done. Thank you from the staff and the board. Don't lose sight of what you have done.

Ron Gilbert-Maintenance and Grounds projects. Repairing the east parking lot. Midwest Asphalt sealing will do the re-sealing the east end parking lot for \$12,250.00. He plans on permanent LED lighting for out in front of the HS. He spoke of the SB100 Discipline Guidelines. There will be about 30 documents updated to implement this policy correctly for policy and approximately two pages in the student handbook. Mr. Fearneyhough asked to see what the costs would be to address the mold and algae on the buildings. Because of the coating on the building we have to be careful on how we treat it. Have Chris Bacon to pull the trees saplings in the mulch.

ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Seaman, second by Wubker to approve consent agenda 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

First Mid-State presentation by David Pistorius regarding possible savings on the 2005 Bond Issue. Bond interest rates are very low.

Signing of BEA Contract.

Tabled. On a motion by , second by to approve the Elementary CUSD #15 Parent/Student Handbook for 2016-2017. (Tabled from May)

Tabled. On a motion by , second by to approve the Middle/High CUSD #15 Parent/Student Handbook for 2016-2017. (Tabled from May)

FFA Information. Mr. Sheppard wanted the BOE to know Claudia Zabala will be the female chaperone on the FFA state convention.

Tabled. Filling a previous Middle/High School Administrative position. (Tabled from May).

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to set the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.54 cents per mile for the 2016-2017 school year (Federal Government Rate). Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson no change in the athletic fees. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to adopt the Prevailing Wage resolution complying with all Illinois Department of Labor regulations applicable to Beardstown CUSD #15 for the 2016-2017 school year. A copy will be posted in the Board of Education Office. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Watson to approve Priority/Focus School District Improvement Plan. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Stock to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar with School Improvement Days (SIP). Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Brake, second by Seaman to approve the 1:1 computer program for students grades 9-12 and approve \$134,465.00 from working cash to purchase 500 Chromebook laptops for the 16-17 school year. Roll

Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

Mr. Gilbert-Explained the program. Implementing a 1:1 computer program for the district. Technology on a daily basis. Limited amount of chrome books that the district has now. No access for all kids right now. Google classroom. No additional costs for the Google apps platform. Limited basis already being used for the last 2/3 years. It is a fairly basic system. Students that don't have Internet access at home? It will be a trial and error to figure things out. Everyone will need to get adjusted to a new platform. Sue Hembrough each student will get a chrome book. How would you address if the chrome book is down? If they break it they will have to pay to get it fixed. How will you address if the internet isn't working and the assignment is Internet dependent. Mr. Gilbert says the new switches will help eliminate the internet problems. Jo Lehmkuhl what happens when the Internet is down whether it is our issue or not. Mr. Gilbert-We will do everything in our power to have Internet. If your lesson plan is up to date and ready to go, You may need to use alternate ways to get the assignment done. Educator training? If you can log in to a computer and email you will be able to do the platform.

Mr. Gilbert-if you need one on one help he will come to your room for one on one help. It is a very slow process. There will be a few bumps and a couple of hiccups. The reason we are doing this is so we can top quality technology access. Teachers will be given a chrome book also.

Gilbert-The students will be responsible for their own chrome book. 8th hour teachers will be where a chromebook cart will be for students to place their books.

Sorrells-IF it doesn't matter what the device you have can you leave it in each classroom. Gilbert-if they are responsible for their own device. They will take better care of their own chrome books. Damage to school property is not included in the free and reduced fees. Riddle-do parents have the right to refuse? Do they have to rent them? Mr. Gilbert feels it needs to be a mandatory program. Riddle-On site repair room?

Different schools that have done it have had a site repair room? Maybe manned by students. Gilbert-9 times out 10 they are easily repaired.

Fearneyhough-Excited about the technology that the district is headed to. Fearneyhough-are there other costs? Carrying cases? Metal tags. \$4,300-\$4,500 in extra costs. How quickly will the chrome books be outdated? Gilbert-That is a question that can't be answered. Ron Chernobrov-projectors are old and don't have the HDMI port. LED wireless.

Riddle-Personnel currently have most of our tech people teaching. Personnel and teaching.

Gilbert-On going discussions with the board.

Jo Lehmkuhl-New carts? Gilbert-That is part of the current bid.

Fearneyhough-Facebook? Gilbert-Filter it to have an administrator who will have access.

On a motion by Stock, second by Wubker to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, student discipline and collective bargaining. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes. Time 8:55 p.m.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to enter regular session. Time 10:13p.m.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock to set pay rates for non-BEA personnel.: Crystal Bell, Amanda Wellenkamp, Kelly Herter, Jim Childers, Ann Chilton, Wendy McClenning, and Cindy Smith 2%

Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Fearneyhough, second by Watson. ADMINISTRATORS 3%. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to employ the following: Ashley Kuhlman Eckert - MS/HS PE/Health; Amy Hemphill - Elementary Teacher; Chris Bacon – Custodian. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Brake to approve the following list of extra-curricular volunteers who are ASEP or Teacher certified (unless noted): Mark O'Hara-MS/HS football. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to approve the following leave of absences: Isamar Chavez - Spring Semester 2017; Sara Wright - Maternity Leave August 16 to September 26, 2016. Roll Call Vote: Brake yes; Wubker yes; Seaman yes; Watson yes; Stock yes; Simpson yes; and Fearneyhough yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: Jan Bailey - MS/HS Special Ed Teacher; Kelsey Mierzwa - Social Worker; Carrie Campbell - Revised date; Blake Gand - MS/HS Math Teacher; Amy Galey - MS Special Education Teacher; Rosemary Swan - 5th Grade Teacher; Brenda Guerrero - Aide at Grand Ave. School; Kaissa Angeline Sakouvogui - French Language Aide.

DISCUSSION:

HS Spanish curriculum/textbooks covered by 1:1.

Clinton-Go Fund Me. Riddle-He would not allow Go Fund Me Fund pages.

Personnel Committee, Transportation Committee, and Curriculum Committee

ADJOURN:

Thank you's were read from Rosemary Frazee, Steve Stinson family, Jane Fearneyhough family, and Patricia White

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to adjourn. Time 10:29pm

Date

President

Secretary