

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 21, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on October 21, 2015 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 and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Lisa Warden stated students are having difficulties with taking an AG class because of schedules and lack of classes. She would like for the students to have an opportunity to take classes on-line. Mr. Fearneyhough would like to defer the question to the curriculum committee for review for the possibility to offer online classes.

Sam Frazier-Update on the National Convention new hotel rooms down town. Female chaperone is set up to go-Mrs. Zabala, Mrs. Wellenkamp or Mrs. Grant.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-Congrats to Adam Hamilton for being selected as Soccer Person of the year for Region 7. Anti Bullying assembly was held today. Cass Communications will air two commercials made possible by the students. Thank you from the Cass County Food Pantry to the students for the donation during Homecoming week. Congratulated Dylan Lopez, son of Elvia Montoya and Guillermo Lopez, for his Award in Excellence from the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists. Also congratulated Parker Carls, daughter of Nathan and Carrie Carls, on receiving the Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Ricky Vasquez has requested to graduate early. On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve early Graduation for Ricky Vasquez. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

Randi Cowell-Fall Celebration will take place at Gard tomorrow.

Celebrating good behavior

Josh Sorrells-None

Pam DeSollar-Shout out to our community for coming together to solve the Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels was getting cut to two meals a week
Trevor Cottle-Visit by Lt Governor to the district. First Hispanic Lt. Governor in the country. She spoke to several classes in the district.
Jim Childers-None

ACTION ITEMS

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

Steve Clark-Illinois Association of School Boards, gave a presentation to the board regarding the Targeting Achievement through Governance (TAG) Program.

Gard Elementary HVAC project completion update: Work has been completed.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock to approve the following Board Policy updates: 2:160, 2:160-E, 2:260, 2:260-AP1, 4:50, 4:170-AP6-E1, 5:50, 5:170, 5:170-AP4, 5:270, 5:290, 6:15-E, 6:140, 6:140-AP, 7:10, 7:40, 7:90, 7:190-AP5, 7:190-AP6, 7:220, 7:220-AP, 7:310, 7:325, 7:325-E, 8:10, 8:30-E1, 8:30-E2 and 8:80. 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 Annual Financial Report (AFR). 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 to approve releasing a bid to lease four buses. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

Mark O'Hara spoke to the board concerning allowing the 5th grade students to participate in MS wrestling. Every sport except wrestling is offered at the Beardstown Park District. Most area schools allow 5th graders to participate in MS wrestling program. It is a numbers game.
Randi Cowell-Her son is a wrestler. It is a need for this program.

Fearneyhough-Commitment contract what is your staying power to commit to the school program? He is committed to the kids.

Sorrells-Pros are it will build the program, we will win more meets, and no extra money to add the 5th graders. Cons no other sport has 5th graders playing and Title 9 issue with a 5th grade boys playing a sport and not having a sport for the 5th grade girls. His suggestion is to ask the Park District to start a program for 5th graders. Scott Riddle-All for opportunities for the kids but track is not offered at the park district he is afraid there would be some parents that would want the district to allow 5th graders to participate in track.

Fearneyhough-if the board did not allow the 5th graders would you get with the Park District about starting a wrestling program? Mr. Sorrells stated he would check with the Park District to see the options to allow the program.

Table the motion to allow 5th grade students to participate in MS Wrestling.

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman 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 8:09p.m.

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to resume regular session. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 8:44 p.m.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to approve/Adopt Resolution for the sale of the property known as Washington School. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman approve the following: Approve Peggy Kinsey's maternity leave request; Employ Allison Phelps - MS Girls Track; Employ Cody Winkelman - MS Boys Track; Employ Nikita Vaughn - MS Student Council; Approve Retirement for Rosemary Frazee - Tile 1 Aide (under BEA Contract retirement incentive); Employ Fatima Fernandez - MS/HS Special Education Aide. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

The board acknowledges the following Resignations: Allison Phelps-MS Student Council; Julio Flores-Migrant Program Recruiter; Denise Hamby-5/6 Grade ESL teacher.

DISCUSSION:

Ron Gilbert-Getting ready to launch a meeting with local business' November 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium for the New Vocational Training Program that will be offered at BHS next fall.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to adjourn. Time 8:53 pm

Date

President

Secretary