

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
REGULAR MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on September 16, 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, 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:

Christy Brake-Flag coach would like to order camouflage bandanas for a performance. She would like an addendum to the policy for activities and organizations to be able to go away from the policy because that is part of the uniform for a performance/game. Costumes and uniforms are an exception to the policy. Mr. Riddle was asked about his thoughts on the bandana issue, he stated when he first got to Beardstown School District experts come in and advised that a dress code needed be enforced. He has had to deal with dances and Prom when an individual insisted to be able to wear bandanas they were asked to leave. Variety Show was not in attendance by Mr. Riddle and the Variety Director did say she made a mistake.

Mark O'Hara-He would like approval to help a program to succeed. He would like to include 5th graders in the MS wrestling program. He stated that other sports have the local Park Program to have their programs until they are in the MS. The Beardstown Park Program does not have a wrestling program for 5th graders. He states there is no cost to the district and the singlets are already bought. He would like them the opportunity to excel in the sport.

Randi Cowell introduced new staff members at Gard School. Scott Riddle introduced new staff members at the Middle School and High School.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-He stated the scores from recent PARCC testing at the state level. Mr. Fearneyhough asked about 6 weeks of education lost because of testing. Hopefully this year it is just 3 weeks.

Increased number 876 at the Ms/HS level. He gave the calendar of events coming up for the HS because of Homecoming. He also presented a

request for early graduation: On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve early graduation request for Alexis Coil. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

Randi Cowell-She passed out her board report.

Josh Sorrells-None

Pam DeSollar-Baxter twins came home today. Carnival is tomorrow.

Jim Childers-Walk through with ROE and the Fire Marshall went well.

Fearneyhough asked about bells and intercoms not working in HS. Capital City will be here to look at the problem.

Ann Chilton-White bus is repaired.

Wendy McClenning-Copy machine at Grand has been installed. She would like to look into getting a new switch for Grand.

ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock 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.

Current FFA members passed out the agenda to the Board. Last year's trip was positive experience. Smaller group could experience more. Five members are attending and Mr. Frazier. When asked about a Female chaperone, there is not a female chaperone going. Only two rooms available. Permission forms will be signed.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Stock to approve the FFA's request to attend National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY, Oct 27-31, leaving Tuesday after school and returning Saturday evening. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes

Update on Gard Elementary HVAC project. Tomorrow at 1:30 the engineer, architect, Superintendent, Maintenance Director, and Principal will have a walkthrough of Gard School to look at progress.

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to approve the Budget for the 2015-2016 school year. 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 adopt the resolution approving the Regional Office of Education #1 as the custodian and flow through agent of the County School Facility Tax money. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes

On a motion by Seaman, second by Brake to place on First Reading 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; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes

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; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes Time 7:43 p.m.

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to resume regular session. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 8:27 p.m.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to employ the following: Kim Hill-Elementary Teacher; Peggy Ruiz-Grand Ave. Day Care; Angie Meyer-MS/HS Library Aide; Kyle Dodson-JV Boys Basketball; A.J. Gand-8th Grade Boys Basketball; Wendy McClenning-HS Student Council; Brett Burton-HS Key Club; Amy Galey-HS Girls Basketball Assistant; AJ Gand-HS Freshmen Boys Basketball; Cindy Swartz -MS Cheerleading; Employ Blake Gand-7th Grade Boys Basketball; Mark O'Hara -MS Wrestling; Sue Dewitt-MS Scholastic Bowl; Chad Harrison-MS Volleyball; Sue Hembrough-MS Volleyball; Emily Stitts-Freshmen Sponsor. Roll call vote: Brake-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes

The board acknowledges the following Resignations: Tara Hobrock-Daycare Grand Ave. School; Angie Brown-4th Grade Teacher; Angeles Ramirez -Title I Aide; Waleska Alicea Hernandez -Title I Aide; Tera Mann -

Special Education Aide; Allison Phelps - MS Student Council; Mara Atkins
- HS Physical Science Club

DISCUSSION:

Activity Funds Spending-Need to have oversight on accounts on how the money is spent. Some concern on even though district money is not being spent there is still accountability with expenditures.

Senate Bill 318-Property tax freeze bill. Concern the levy we set in December will set your property tax ability for the next three years. Bond fund area that is being abated. Froze at that amount. You will then limit what the board can tax. No one can give a clear answer. No idea on the impact of going forward.

Thank you's were read from Beardstown Opera House for the use of the auditorium; family of Lynn Smith; family of Terry Lakin.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to adjourn. Time 8:47 pm

Date

President

Secretary