

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15  
REGULAR MEETING JUNE 21, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on June 21, 2017 by President Jack Fearneyhough at 7:06 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: Jimmy Hymes, Barbara Hobrock, Mike Seaman, OJ Simpson, Kim Watson, Aaron Stock and Jack Fearneyhough. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Crystal Bell.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Lisa Riddle questioned whether the Slushie machine which was damaged (owned by Park District) that was used in the Snack Shack at the Track was resolved. Gilbert stated that he conversed with the Park District. Fearneyhough described damage and discussion concerning the electrical service to the snack shack. Gilbert stated that electric may upgrade to 200 amp; circuits need to be numbered regardless if upgraded or not.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**Wendy McClenning** reported that the system boards are going bad on the 90 laptops purchased 4-5 years ago; warranties are no longer in effect. Using parts from other laptops to band aid others but running out of parts; quotes for parts are higher than purchasing new; in the process of working with Lumens. Need to start at High School with new computer because they are 1-to-1 with students (so teachers have same as the students). Then move to MS, then Gard. Parts from HS could be used at MS until they get new, and so forth. Fearneyhough stated that Tech Committee needs to get with Gilbert on a proposal sometime in July.

**Ann Chilton** reports that all custodial work is going well; special mention of restrooms used during football time look like new. Transportation committee reports that summer maintenance on vehicles has started. Childers was not in attendance (at home), but reported 'all is well'. McClenning stated that Tech storage/server rooms have been cleaned out; all usable equipment is in her office. Next up, to bring all of Gard's tech equipment over here; recycled all that was left over. Fearneyhough questioned if the mouse issue has been resolved; it was stated that we are still having some trouble.

**Lori Young** was introduced as new Pre-K Principal and she stated that clean-up/painting is in progress.

**Tammy Petersen** made a personal thank you to the board for allowing the WorkCamp to be headquartered here at the school. All other items are in her board report.

**Randi Cowell** discussed vacancies that are still needed; some candidates have teaching certificates but lack endorsements needed; those individuals are on the hire list; she stated that the ROE office is working with her on endorsement process. Tim Roberts, our PE candidate, took another position at Lanphier. Most likely will have another Regular Ed teacher to be recommended at July meeting; still need 1 Bilingual, 1 PE, and 1 Special Ed....all with zero applicants. Discussed Gard's specials rotation; Summer Transition started today.

**Trevor Cottle** stated that Summer Migrant Program is going well; program is retaining good numbers of students; 115 students is the highest count; very attractive program along with a great team. ISBE changed minimum access score.

**Josh Sorrells** mentioned the Edgar Cortez benefit this Saturday and commended those involved with organization.

**Scott Riddle:** Jack Fearneyhough presented Scott Riddle with an appreciation gift from the District. Riddle also highlighted the WorkCamp, plans for the week started over a year ago. 65+ kids were here in our school helping our community. Agree to allow them to return; 6 homes/families were blessed, along with 20-25 working adults. Riddle to Cottle: I do not have to deal with ESL where I'm going, but I will miss it. We have a good diversified populations and program.

Watson asked about Summer Meal Program? Cottle replied that we have it at Gard again this year; this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

HVAC Update from Jeff Pennington TSS and District Architect Darin Prost – System Update project has been completed: Darin Prost reported that Jeff Pennington could not make meeting sends regrets, but would like to return to next meeting. From Jeff, the system is complete and just needs to discuss scheduling with Childers. System as a 2-yr warranty; McClenning stated that definite difference in temps between A and D wing (it will be checked out and scheduling may correct). Fearneyhough called and thanked Pennington for being a good contractor that does what he says. Gilbert stated that the Administrators need to email Maintenance and Gilbert if there are temp problems. Fearneyhough questioned damage done by HVAC to auditorium chairs; Watson reported that 6 chairs were broken; discussion was held and several were unaware or not sure who was at fault. Gilbert will find out source of damage. Prost not aware of damage and will email Pennington to make him aware he is welcome to return to July meeting. Fearneyhough stated it is not necessary for Prost to return.

**ACTION ITEMS**

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

On a motion by Watson, second by Hobrock to approve setting the mileage Rate at .535 cents per mile for the 17-18 SY. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Simpson to adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution complying with all Illinois Department of Labor regulations applicable to Beardstown CUSD #15 for the 2017-2018 SY. A copy will be posted in the Board of Education Office. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to adopt New Electronic Web Based Board Policy Manual. Mr. Gilbert discussed the new manual with Simpson questioning the process. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Stock to set Athletic Events Fees for all year and Individual Sports Passes. Josh Sorrells stated that the program has no changes and that the Gold Cards will continue for 65 and over. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve Water Line Easement agreement with the City of Beardstown. Fearneyhough expressed concerns over the landscaping. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Fearneyhough, second by Watson to suspend the addition of a second assistant MS/HS Principal. Fearneyhough stated we would realize a \$60,000 savings; Simpson questioned the contract with Myers, was he hired with the assumption of having more help. Gilbert talked with Myers—needs a full-time, and will re-address the situation in one year. Stock suggests re-evaluating in less than a year. Simpson questioned if search could be continued and on-going and Gilbert stated that while we might have applicants, if not hired they will move on. Watson: Admins want more support; Teachers want more Admins around students. Hymes questioned ratio of kids to admins in other schools. Gilbert says to start with two full-time and review in December. Seaman suggested a SpEd Coordinator to lighten principal load and asked Sorrells opinion. Sorrells stated that two Admins would be like fire-fighters and not enough time for instruction and stated that ½ Admin wouldn't fix problem. Cowell stated that SpEd takes large amount of Admins time; Riddle says time is shrinking for Admins to help teachers. Gilbert states that pool of candidates is small and Fearneyhough added that desirables wouldn't fall in salary range. Gilbert says applicants won't come for \$45,000. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-no; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Fearneyhough, second by Watson to move the current ½ time Athletic Director ½ time MS/HS Principal position back to the ½ time assistant Administrators position back to a full-time middle/high school assistant principal was tabled.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Hymes that the district fund \$13,000 for 17-18 for MS Sports and Extra-Curricular. All Middle School Extra Curricular areas - Discussion and Funding options for the 17-18 SY: From Extra Curricular committee mtg, Rich Eckert and Sorrells presented the need for \$13,000 for one year to get funding organized. Sorrells stated that Eckert says in order to have a successful program we need one year to get funding off of the ground. Tiger Nation will be restructured, a Board for a Foundation takes some time. Seaman – Y; Watson – N; Stock – N; Simpson – Y; Hymes – Y; Hobrock – Y; Fearneyhough – N; motion carried.

On a motion by Stock, second by Fearneyhough to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary at cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 8:53 p.m.

On a motion by Stock, second by Hobrock to re enter regular session. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 9:58p.m.

#### PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to approve a resolution on a Teacher Notice to Remedy. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Hymes to give a 2% increase to non-BEA personnel with the exclusion of Bill Myers and Jim Childers. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On motion by Stock, second by Hymes to employ the following: Lisa Grant – HS self-contained Special Education; Stephani Steffen – Elementary Special Education (Pending Certification); Zack Essex – Drivers Education – Health; Kristin Durham – Summer Transition Teacher; Sharina Tavaréz – Summer Transition Aide; Bruce Weirauch – Agriculture Teacher / FFA – Sponsor; Lori Young – Pre k Principal; Emily Smith – Elementary Teacher (Pending Certification). The board stated that the teachers with any “pending certification/endorsement have 18 months in which to complete endorsement. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Fearneyhough, second by Watson to increase hourly rate to \$13.50 for Keith Reller. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: Gordon McKavanagh - - Special Education / Social Studies; Cindy Swartz – MS Cheer Sponsor; Tim McNulty – Yearbook Advisor; Nakita Vaughn – MS Student Council.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to approve the maternity leave request from Nakita Vaughn. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Hymes to approve unpaid one year leave request from Araceli Reyne Solis-1 on 1 aide- Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Stock-yes; and Fearneyhough-yes.

#### DISCUSSION

MS Football Program and the Beardstown Park District – Athletic Director Josh Sorrells stated that MS Football will only be for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> students for 17-18. If there are not enough players to two teams, we will have one team. All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will play at the Park District, they will not be brought up to play with the MS team.

Fearneyhough mentioned the committee structures were distributed in an email. Basically all Board members are on all committees; committee chairman remains intact. All members agreed.

Stock stated that we still had no action item on the MS/HS principal...could there be a committee meeting followed by a special board meeting? Stock stated that Personnel Committee will meet June 29, 2017 at 6PM, followed by Special Board Meeting at 7PM (to take action on recommendation from Personnel Committee).

Fearneyhough – need to pinpoint TAG training meeting....set for July 18, 2017 at 6PM.

Watson shared a thank you card from Pam DeSollar.

#### ADJOURN:

On a motion by Stock, second by Seaman to adjourn. Time 10:14p.m.

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President

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