

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

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on March 15, 2017 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, OJ Simpson and Jack Fearneyhough. Aaron Stock was absent. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: Rich Eckert on behalf of the Beardstown Savings spoke on the new school debit card. The Beardstown Savings Bank would like for the money to be used in academic areas. a finance literature class or a career fair was discussed. Curriculum committee will meet to discuss the cards. Joe Gorman and the wrestling team presented the board with the fourth place state trophy the team won.

Committee Reports: No action needed on splitting of the stipend.

Jack Fearneyhough thanked Lou Wubker and Toby Brake for their service to the School District. They held true their own convictions.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Scott Riddle-He spoke about testing schedule that the district does. Parent Teacher conferences will be held tomorrow and Friday. Art Show and dinner will be held Thursday. The Mobile Food Pantry will be held on March 25, 2017.

Randi Cowell-HVAC is going well and should be completed soon. International Day preparation is ongoing and it will be reading themed. Family reading night on April 3, 2017.

Trevor Cottle-Nothing more than his report. Auditorium 6-8 allowing a group from Champaign Know Your Rights will hold a informational seminar for the district's parents.

Josh Sorrells-Blood Drive was a success, he thanked Brandy Hymes and the NHS. Donkey Basketball was held yesterday. He thanked Mara Atkins and Brandi Hymes for helping a student and their parent in a time of need.

Tammee Petersen-None

Pam DeSollar- Accreditation went very well. Last Saturday had the first of the Parenting Classes.

Wendy McClenning-The new web site has been launched.

Ron Gilbert-He gave the following updates: property freeze, pension reform, mandate relief, ESSA, school funding, finances, HVAC, facilities inspection check list that will be done quarterly, and CDS technology work.

Jack Fearneyhough stated he was pleased with Second Generation and Jeff Pennington.

ACTION ITEMS

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

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to approve hazard routes already approved by IDOT. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve annual membership in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve the 2016-2017 certified and non-certified seniority lists. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to approve annual membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) for the 2017-2018 school year, pending reinstatement of the middle School extra curricular clubs, activities, coaches, assistant coaches and sponsors. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve keeping the closed session minutes closed for meetings held July 2016 through December 2016, as the need for confidentiality still exists to all or part of those minutes. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to eliminate all middle school extra-curricular clubs, activities, coaches, assistant coaches and sponsors. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker 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: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 7:55p.m

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to re enter regular session. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes. Time 9:12p.m

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Watson, second by Seaman to employ the following: Jenna Taber-6th Grade Teacher pending certification by August 1, 2017. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to employ Deborah Diabo-PK French Language Facilitator. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Wubker to adopt a resolution for a reduction in force of the following extra-curricular positions: MS Cross Country – Jacki Kelly; MS Football – Brent Krumboltz; MS Football – Dave Pate MS Cheer – Cindy Swartz; MS Girls Basketball – Kaitlyn Schultz; MS Girls Basketball – Brett Burton MS Boys Basketball – Kyle Dodson; MS Boys Basketball – Jon Kramer; MS Wrestling – Mark O’Hara MS Volleyball – Sue Hembrough; MS Volleyball – Whitney Davis; MS Track – Cody Winkleman MS Track – Allison Phelps; MS Scholastic Bowl - MS Scholastic Bowl: Sue DeWitt / David Vinlove / Caitlyn McIntyre. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Seaman to adopt a resolution for a reduction in force of the following non-certified positions: Technology Department - Cindia Smith. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to adopt a resolution for a reduction in force of the following non-certified position: Clerk – Val Martinez. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Wubker to adopt a resolution for a reduction in force of the following non-certified position: Pre – k Aide – Brooke Beller. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: Liliana Montoya-Garcia 3rd Grade–Dual Language; Jennifer Blanton k-5 Social Worker; Cassie Wankel Dance Coach.

On a motion by Seaman, second by Watson to approve unpaid leave request from Ana Valdivia March 13, 2017-August 2017. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve the following retirements: Janet Logsdon. Roll Call Vote: Brake-yes; Wubker-yes; Seaman-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes and Fearneyhough-yes.

DISCUSSION

TAG Training meeting 4-5-17-HS conference Room @6:30 p.m. Special Board meeting on April 5, 2017 at 6:00.

Mike Seaman-Possibly allowing junior members on the Board. Create a student advisor board that could meet with administrators once a quarter to bring to the board concerns. Current Student Council elected by their peers and maybe have the admin and teachers pick the students.

OJ Simpson-asked about the Boys and Girls Club. No one in the district has been contacted.

Jack Fearneyhough-Would like for Administrators to highlight a member of their staff that has been exceptional in the last thirty days. Josh Sorrells-Chad Harrison has taken upon himself to take on the 7/8 grade study lab.

Jack also congratulated former Beardstown resident Greg Meyer on his new book Arizona Places.

Ron Gilbert-He updated the board on the Board Policy going digital.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Seaman, second by Simpson to adjourn. Time 9:47 p.m.

Date

President

Secretary