

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on August 16, 2017 by Vice-President Aaron Stock 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: Jimmy Hymes, Barbara Hobrock, Kim Watson, Aaron Stock, and OJ Simpson. Jack Fearneyhough and Mike Seaman were absent. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS-None

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

Randi Cowell-With four openings and no applicants they had to combine classes. She wants to make sure that when the applicants are there they would go back to prior years. The collaboration has been unbelievable with the MS/HS administration. She thanked her staff for being flexible. She also thanked the custodians for helping move the classrooms around so the students can be served. Application for Title I funding is still unavailable.

Bill Myers-Things are going well met with MS teachers today and HS teachers tomorrow.

Chevy Ingalls-Been here a month and still smiling!

Trevor Cottle-Reg Migrant Grant was submitted. Assisting staff with several resignations that have occurred. A word about dual language at Gard Elementary. Administration and teaching staff have done all they could to make dual language an enriching experience for all that wish to participate as EL's receive services: a situation where everyone, English Learners and Spanish Learners, learns language together. This year has been extremely challenging with the teaching shortage, a large number of English Learners needing services, and large numbers of 2nd and 3rd graders overall. Gard has decided to put a pause on the usual way in which we will provide dual language as learning opportunity to better manage the numbers and still provide a PART of the day in which students can explore Spanish as a second language. This is temporary. It pains staff and myself included to interrupt the FULL integration of languages by expert staff, but we will work to reinstate the best practice of dual language in 2nd and 3rd grade as potential teaching candidates become available. Thank you for your support as we pursue smaller elementary class sizes and full language integration.

Lori Young-Mr. Gilbert invited the board to stop by and look at Grand Ave.

Tammee Petersen-Nothing more than her written report. She invited the board to stop by and visit Gard.

Ron Gilbert-Happy to see the way the staff has started the year; we have a great administrative team in place for a successful school year. He gave a finance update; we are waiting on 4 GSA payments. Financially we are ok for roughly four or five months, other districts are not so lucky. Carry over budget that we are running on right now. E-Rate funding for technology has been approved for reimbursement. Budget is based on fictional numbers from the state. Hold on spending for the 2017-2018 school year until funding numbers are released from the state.

Ann Chilton-Today school started for the route to Jacksonville. She has had a meeting with the transportation employees for safety procedures.

Jim Childers-Proud of his maintenance people for their summer work.

Wendy McClenning-Lumens was on site today for training. She feels the staff likes lumens. The reps have met with several people for training. All the new teachers are in ATI for training. Changing Wi-Fi password. Her schedule will be Tuesday and Thursday mornings Gard and Wednesday mornings at Grand. School messenger does work with lumens. They have been wonderful with building our program to our needs.

ACTION ITEMS

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

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Simpson to approve setting the 2017-2018 Budget Hearing for September 20th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Watson to adopt the tentative 2017-2018 Budget and display prior to the September Budget hearing. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Hymes to adopt a resolution for submission of the annual recognition of schools. Annual process to submit a report to ISBE that everything it takes to run our school is turned in timely. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hymes to adopt a resolution designating MS/HS Administrators; Mr. Myers, Mr. Sorrells, and Mrs. Ingalls, Elementary Administrators; Trevor Cottle, Randi Cowell, and Pre-K Administrator; Mrs. Young as the Building Level Central Office disciplinary discretionary decision makers. To delegate authority from Board of Education to Administrators to make disciplinary decisions for In-school and out of school suspension in accordance with Senate Bill 100. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Hymes to approve district employee job descriptions. The insurance company and ROE recommend that the district have employee job descriptions for our employees to sign. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock 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; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes. Time 7:41 p.m.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hymes to re enter regular session. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes. Time 8:08 p.m.

PERSONNEL ADDENDUM:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Simpson to approve the following list of extra-curricular volunteers who are ASEP or Teacher certified (unless noted). Brent Krumboltz-MS Football. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Hymes to employ the following: Nathan Theis – Elementary Special Education Teacher; David Vinlove-MS Scholastic Coach Bowl ½; Caitlyn McIntyre-MS Scholastic Coach Bowl ½; Becky Stock-HS Dance; Patrick Steadman-Flags; Trevor Binkley-MS Boys Track; Emily Riddle-MS Girls Track; Dustin Zima-HS English. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: Kimberly Hill-Elementary Teacher; Jazmine Ramirez-1/2 Pre-K Language Facilitator; and Hugues Martin Mniaia Lubangi- Language Facilitator.

In a motion by Hobrock, second by Watson to not recognize the following resignations in accordance with section 24-14 of the Illinois school code: {105 ILCS5/21 B-75}: (Roll Call Vote): Robert Hymes-Bilingual/ESL; Allison Phelps-MS Physical Education; Michelle Cruz Hines-5th Grade Teacher; Cody Winkelman-HS Special Education; Stacy McQueen-Elementary. Maria Hymes stated that she has talked to the ROE and they state they do not enforce districts to pull certificates. He left because he needed a less stressful environment. Please accept their resignations and let them move on. Mr. Gilbert stated the regional superintendents have monthly meetings and agreed that they would not recruit from neighboring communities and the districts would pull the certificates according to school code in place. There are rules for tenured and non tenured teachers. We are just following protocol. He stated he has to look for the best for the kids. Filing paperwork that needs to be done. Roll Call Vote: Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Watson-yes; Stock-yes; Simpson-yes.

DISCUSSION

Title I School Wide Plan-Mr. Gilbert would like for Mr. Myers and Mrs. Cowell to spend this year working together on a plan that they both can live with. A lot of things going on, he suggests holding off one year. In May have a final proposal done at the latest.

Gilbert-TIF reimbursed the district for the whole amount of the resurfacing of the track.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hymes to adjourn. Time 8:25p.m.

Date

President

Secretary