

MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15  
REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 20, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on November 20, 2019 by President Mike Seaman 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: Barbara Hobrock, Joe Engelbrecht, Kim Watson, Wells Petersen, OJ Simpson and Mike Seaman. Jimmy Hymes and Wells Petersen were absent. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS-**Mike Seaman congratulated Robbi Howard and the football team on a very successful season.

Frank Shaw-Spoke about the Trip Abroad. He has had four different meetings 14 juniors 15 seniors 7 parents are interested. A lot more than he anticipated. Having a meeting with Mr. Shields and Mr. Gonzalez. Getting bids for airline tickets. Moving forward getting details worked out with the bank. Insurance items also. Mr. Gilbert states our policy covers anything in the US. Projection the additional policy will cost between \$2,300-\$5,000. Hopefully within two weeks the district will get a quote from the insurance company.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**Bill Myers**-Movement by the staff and community for a food closet for our district.

**Lori Young**-None

**Matt Klett**-Shout out Mrs. Skinner and the program for the Frozen program.

**Tammee Petersen**-None

**Lauren Smith**-None

**Denise Wittler**-None

**Jim Childers**-New boilers are put in place at Gard today. Next week they should be running. Gutter at the HS building is finishing up.

**Ann Chilton**-She made up a Snow Route for the district.

**Ron Gilbert**-Wrestling for overnight trip to Seneca HS for a wrestling meet. Everyone agreed to allow the overnight trip to Seneca. He met with the district architect and Gard administrators. Bleacher replacement is still being evaluated. TIFI ends December 2020. Meeting with Dave Pistorious bond capacity if we tapped the bank right now \$19 million. It might be something that is done in stages. School maintenance grants need to be looked at also. Hobrock seven districts had no local matching funds they have to be re entitled. .

**Robbi Howard**-Fall sports have wrapped up. Winter sports are starting practices and games. No freshman team for either Boys and Girls Basketball. Fall banquets had their banquets. Moving forward the individual sports will have their own banquets. Senior nights have been moved to the second to the last home games. He would like to look at our weather days and athletic sports.

Wendy McClenning-CDS was here to get into place replacing the district server. She would like for them to come Lady Tiger Classic. Thanked the First United Methodist Church for their donation for the soundboard and miscellaneous equipment.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

IASB Delegate Assembly Meeting Resolutions: Barbara Hobrock gave a report on the IASB delegate.

School Summative Rating Discussion: Mr. Gilbert gave a report on the state Rating system. The district wide is commendable. School Improvement Grant. Atlantic Research Group to help with plan to help work in targeted areas. Come up with an aligned approach. Supports are in place and funding is in place. Barbara Hobrock-Where did you get your information. She was told that one area is under performing would not make your school underperforming. Mr. Gilbert states he called the Grant administrator direct. Myers we have a sub group that is under performing. Mr. Gilbert-We never officially got a letter that states why or how the rating was given. 50% of teachers to get data back. No indicator on who took the survey. Proud of our graduation rate 77% graduation rate this past year. Chronic absentee rate went from 4%-21%. Myers past administration didn't follow up on absentee rate. We have not had time in the past. Giving kids consequences for absenteeism this year. Hobrock-Progress report 80% approval rate in house survey.

District Threat Assessment Team: Matthew Klett will be the administrator in charge of this team. Totally a law for school code. The team will include the following members: Matt Klett; Brian Tomlinson; Ashley Eckert; Tommi Schlueter; Lindsey Utter and Chief Coad

**ACTION ITEMS.**

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve consent agenda 1, 2, 3, and 4. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Engelbrecht to approve and certify the Tax Levy for 2019 (collected in 2020)-No Truth in Taxation Hearing is required. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Engelbrecht to adopt a resolution to approve the abatements for the 2005 and 2010 QZAB bonds and the Tax Exempt Obligation Bonds. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Simpson to approve the first read of the Board Policy update 102. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hobrock to adopt 2019 snow emergency routes. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Watson to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes. Time 8:09 p.m.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Watson to re enter regular session. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes. Time 9:03 p.m.

#### PERSONNEL

On a motion by Simpson, second by Watson to approve for hire Christy Harbin-Para-Professional MS/HS; Tara Martinez-Para-Professional-Gard Elementary; Logan Carter-MS Wrestling Head Coach (pending ASEP certification/BC) Christian Zuniga-Assistant MS/HS Wrestling Coach (pending ASEP certification/BC). Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Engelbrecht to approve the following volunteers who are ASEP or teacher certified: Jeff and Lisa Warden-FFA Volunteers. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

The board recognizes the following resignations: James Ward- November 19, 2019; Melanie Bracero Diaz-Para-Professional-Gard Elementary; Maria Fernanda Perez-Para-Professional-Gard Elementary.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hobrock to approve the retirement of Glen Verheyen – January 1, 2020 – Bus Driver. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Hobrock to approve the maternity leave of Ashley Eckert-February 3, 2020-March 23, 2020. Roll call Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

DISCUSSION: None

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to adjourn. Time 9:06 p.m.

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Date

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President

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Secretary