

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 20, 2021

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on January 20, 2021 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: Jimmy Hymes, Barbara Hobrock, Joe Engelbrecht, Kim Watson, OJ Simpson and Mike Seaman. Wells Petersen was absent. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:** Sue Hembrough asked about full time subs and the process of pay. She is questioning why if a person is hired as a full time sub that for 9 days they are paid for ½ the pay. She feels the pay needs to be the same for the entire time they are a full time sub. It is different than a regular sub. She stated this year has been difficult and our school is unique in a lot of ways. She would like for the board to look at the policy regarding the pay for long term subs.

Gilbert stated it was a policy that was made in the 90's and that the 9 days is a probation type period. It is a time for the sub to adjust to the job.

Sarah Brockschmidt-She asked about an honor roll acknowledgement. She hasn't seen a student of the month. She would also like to acknowledge a couple of teachers Mr. Arana and Ms. Eggert in the Middle School.

**ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:**

**Bill Myers-**He stated over 1000 cases of food were distributed over break from DOT Foods. A lot of conversations about assessments to see where the kids are at. Hobrock asked to have a list of those that graduated early be sent to the board members.

**David Scott-**None

**Matt Klett-**None

**Lori Young-**None

**Denise Wittler-**None

**Lauren Smith-**None

**Jessica DeWitt-**None

**Tammy Petersen-**15 teachers and one administrator are taking part in the ESL classes through Western Illinois University toward their ESL certification.

**Robbi Howard-**A lot has changed with athletic because of our area going to phase 4. We are hoping to get some dates released. IHSA final athletic calendar will be released next week. He has met with all the coaches to go over expectations and schedules. He talked about eligibility with students. There will be no post season. Our goal is to have as many kids as we can get. Wendy stated using an ipad will allow the district to show live videos of the games for social media so parents can watch games. She addressed getting waivers for students to sign to allow the students to be taped.

**Jim Childers-**None

**Wendy McClennig-**Tech meeting tomorrow. Lumens update for security was updated through Lumens. They had a security breach on their end and they had to update their security on the program.

**Ron Gilbert-**Meet on the 26<sup>th</sup> to look at return to full learning for the district. There will be issues to look at. Tonight on the agenda there is an action item for making school snow days as E-Learning days. Second part of the CARES money our district is to get 1.26 million. Friday the Cass County Health Department will be here to administer the first round of vaccines for the staff. Welcome Mr. Dodson SRO and new HS nurse Ashlee Coyle.

B&G met on January 11<sup>th</sup> to go over Health Life Safety recommendations. Options for relocating the maintenance building and the bleacher project were discussed. Recommendation for Mr. Gilbert to get in touch with Doug Birdsley to talk about property.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Mike Seaman stated he has spoken to Mike Barnett concerning JBS going to move forward with reduction of property taxes. He asked about paying for 1/3 of the appraisal. TIF district was discussed with Mr. Barnett. At this point it may not get done.

Solar update process for looking for buyers for electricity. Until that gets done the project is on hold.

**ACTION ITEMS.**

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

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to approve 20-21 school year snow days as E-Learning days. Simpson plan has been discussed with staff? Yes it has been discussed. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Watson to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> read of Board Policy updates 106: 3:40 Superintendent; 3:40-E Exhibit -Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process; 4:80 Accounting and Audits; 4:90

Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; 6:30 Graduation Requirements; 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students; 6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency; 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students; 7:140 Search and Seizure; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited; 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hobrock to adopt the Annual Resolution stating that all board members are mandated reporters under the abused and neglected child reporting act. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Watson to enter closed session to discuss litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Time 7:37p.m.

On a motion by Simpson, second Hobrock to re enter open session. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Seaman-yes.  
Time 7:50p.m.

#### PERSONNEL

On a motion by Watson, second by Simpson to employ Mindy Krumboltz-HS computer teacher and Sam Spears as full time floating custodian. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Simpson-yes; Seaman-yes.

Reminder for technology meeting tomorrow

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Watson to adjourn. Time 7:52p.m.

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Date

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President

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Secretary