

SPECIAL MEETING
March 31, 2021
7:00p.m.
BEARDSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
500 EAST 15TH STREET
BEARDSTOWN, IL 62618

Mike Seaman called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Jimmy Hymes, Barbara Hobrock, Joe Engelbrecht, Kim Watson, Wells Petersen, OJ Simpson and Mike Seaman. Also present were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

Public Comment: Jack Fearneyhough-TIF consideration he discussed county housing that was never what it was intended for. He is standing in support of TIF. He is opposed to wasteful spending of TIF moneys. He asked about the west end parking lot trees, he and others spent three years watering trees. The maintenance dept will not maintain the trees. He complimented Bill Myers and Kyle Dodson on the Jack of All Trades Club. He would like to support Bill Myers on his extension.

Discussion Items:

Remote Learning Options- Return of remote students unless they have a Dr. Excuse and the return of all students to five days a week:

Matt Klett he would respect the option to bring them back if the board decided to bring them back. He feels like what we are doing now is working. He feels it is a late date. He knows some parents are abusing the remote learning aspect. Summer School expanded grade 5-12.

Date and time for start of negotiations with BEA: New Superintendent is going over the contract. Union has had some pre meetings. Sixty days from the date of the letter sent out March 22nd Set. A date will be set after the special meeting to set the new board

MS/HS Fundraising: Bill Myers stated clubs have not been able to fundraise. He would like to have one big fundraiser. Right now clubs and organizations are seeing a total \$16,000 deficit. The big fundraiser would be a cookie dough fundraiser. Straw poll of the board was in agreement to go ahead with one fundraiser

TIF District 1: Mike Seaman and Barbara Hobrock had a meeting with TIF dist. Intent was not low income housing. JJ DeSollar stated there is alot of misinformation going around. JBS was in attendance to talk about housing. Infrastructure improvements to Beardstown. This is a community partnership. It was decided to get an Interagency Agreement.

Mike Seaman stated the attorney has not been instructed to proceed because he was waiting on the outcome of this meeting.

Amended 20-21 School Calendar: No discussion

Early Start for the New District Superintendent: Discussion with Mike Smith day to day trade in the Month of May and take time off during the year. Barbara Hobrock asked about capping it at 10. There will be an item on the next agenda for approval.

CTE Curriculum Update: Tonya Tomlinson-Got the information together.

Works Study Program for the 2021-2022 School Year: Mrs. Tomlinson and Bill Capps would like the program to be brought back next year. They would like to see 15 students and 5 for the CNA program. Link it to a 90% attendance the prior semester. Stay with the 90% attendance during the duration of the program. Do we have an idea of staffing?

Simpson feels we will have a lot of students and a lot of businesses wanting to have the students. How will you choose who does the program? Mr. Capps says they will have an interview process to choose who gets to do the program. Barbara Hobrock-asked about the cost of teachers taking the class to teach. Tonya Tomlinson is already certified.

ACTION ITEMS:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Watson to adopt a Resolution to continue TIF District 1 with an Intergovernmental Agreement. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-no.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Engelbrecht to adopt a Resolution to accept the Amended 20-21 School Calendar. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-no.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Watson to adopt a Resolution approving an early start for the new District Superintendent with a maximum of 10 days. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Watson, second by Petersen to adopt a Resolution approving the CTE Curriculum Update in the amount of \$106,754.13. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Watson to adopt a Resolution to approve a Works Study Program for the 2021-2022 School Year. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes.

On a motion Hymes, second by Hobrock to enter closed session for Administrator contracts. Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes. Time 7:50p.m.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to enter regular session. Roll Call Vote: Roll Call Vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-yes; and Seaman-yes. Time 8:22 p.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION:

On a motion by Watson, second by Engelbrecht to approve a one year contract extension for Head MS/HS Principal Bill Myers for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll Call Vote Hymes-no; Hobrock-no; Engelbrecht-yes; Watson-yes; Petersen-yes; Simpson-no; and Seaman-yes. The motion passes 4-3.

DISCUSSION:

Simpson-Illinois Association of School Boards will look over our AFR and let us know what funds could be used to pay for the new elementary building.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Watson, second by Hobrock to adjourn at 8:28p.m.

Date

President

Secretary

