

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

REGULAR MEETING JULY 21, 2021

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on July 21, 2021 by President OJ Simpson at 7:00 p.m. in Beardstown Middle/High library 500 East 15th Street, Beardstown, IL. Pledge of allegiance. Katie Vitale, secretary called the roll with the following members present: Jimmy Hymes, Amy Sommers, Joe Engelbrecht, Katie Vitale, Abby Pherigo, Jon Stock, and OJ Simpson. Also in attendance were Michael Smith and Kelly Herter.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Changes to the Agenda:

10I-Classroom budget

11 G-Resignations of Alexandria Wilson and Lauren Smith

11I-Debra Schultz retirement

17N-Strike Employ HS Volleyball Assistant

On a motion by Stock, second by Hymes for approval of the agenda. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE DISTRICT: None

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS AND DATES:

CEO Meeting	Thursday, July 22
Negotiation Meeting	Thursday, July 22
IHSA Dead Period	August 1-8
Teachers' Institute	Monday and Tuesday, August 16-17
Students' First Day	Wednesday, August 18
Labor Day - No School	Monday, September 6

ADMINISTRATORS AND ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORTS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

Board Policy Review, Building & Grounds, Curriculum, Extra-Curricular, Personnel, Technology, Transportation, Safety, and Senate 100

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:

District Finances: Mr. Smith stated each month the fund balances for the four biggest funds for the last 5 years will be given to the board members for their review. There will be a Special Meeting on August 11, 2021 for (Bonds and Personnel). Mr. Smith gave an update on the Gard Elementary Remodel-The Architects have a meeting with the Gard staff August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

School Board Convention-He asked anyone that would like to go to let him know.

High School Conference-Coach Craig will be going to a meeting September 1<sup>st</sup> with the Prairie Land Conference South to see about joining.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

**CEO Program** (a possible entrepreneurship class for Juniors or Seniors). Virginia and AC Central. Taught outside the school about Entrepreneurship. Classes go in the community to see how businesses are run. It would start the 2022-2023 school year, with money raised from local businesses. We are the only county in Illinois that does not have a CEO program. The board has agreed to proceed with the program.

**IASB School Board Training**-Chance to ask questions about what the role of the board is. Mr. Smith will check on dates.

**School Calendar for 2021-2022 (and 2020-2021).** The calendar for 2021-2022 school year calendar was approved.

The 2020-2021 calendar is waiting for approval

**Sub Pay**-Table the sub pay and have another meeting.

**Security Cameras**-We do not have a program to run the security camera. TORT funds can pay for the system. He would like some direction on what the board would like to go. The board agreed to move forward

**Snow/Remote Learning Days**-Mr. Smith likes to keep snow days as snow days. When Mr. Smith asked admin their opinion, Lori Young would like to get input from staff.

**Superintendent Spending**-Mr. Smith stated he likes accountability. He would like to email the purchase order to board members if he would ever need to order something.

**Return to School Plan**-We have not gone as fast as other schools. Meet on Monday with the Cass County Health Department to discuss the plan. After that bring in staff to look over the plan after the meeting with the Health Department. We will need to follow CDC guidelines. Amy Sommers stated we need to follow the CDC guidelines. In the elementary she feels the teachers should mask up also. Mapped out ahead of time with the positivity rate and what that would mean. If it means to be able to stay in school 5 days a week if we have to mask up, we will have to mask up. Jon Stock asked how can we ask an elementary teacher to wear a mask and not ask the HS teacher to? Regardless we need to figure out ahead of time.

**Classroom Budget**-The board agreed to approve \$200.00 for teacher supplies

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

Prior Months' Regular and Committee Meeting Minutes; Payment of Bills and Payroll; Treasurer's Report; Investment, Loan, and Transfer; Recommendation to Accept Donations: Jeffrey Dodd \$5,000 to the weight room; Four Rivers 2021-2022 Contract for Early Childhood Program at Grand Avenue

Resignations-Breann Brown-MS and HS Volleyball; Alissa Wieman-6th Grade; Emily Smith-4th GradePeggy Ruiz-Paraprofessional; Stephanie Chavez Ayala-Kindergarten; Dustin Looker-MS Football; Ryan Reiss-Girls Golf, MS Girls Track; Ellie Winslow-Dishwasher; Tamara Zeeck-2nd Grade; Alexandria Wilson-Kindergarten; and Lauren Smith Assistant Principal at Grand.

Retirements: Allen Krohe-Grand Avenue Custodian (38 Years) and Debra Schultz-Parent Educator (23 Years).

On a motion by Hymes; second by Vitale to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to approve boiler work for \$41,300 from Second Generation at the High School. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Stock to table the motion for camera installation at the High School. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to approve first reading of the IASB policy update for June 2021 (#107). Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Stock to approve the Social Worker Intern Agreement with Aurora University. The intern will start at Gard first semester and HS second semester. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Sommers, second by Vitale to approve milk, bread, food/commodities, and non food items bids for 2021-2022. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to set a special meeting for Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6:00p.m. in the HS library (Bond Information, Personnel) Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Stock to enter closed session 105 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Time 7:52p.m.

On a motion by Sommers, second by Stock to re enter open session. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes. Time 8:44p.m.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to approve bid to demolish Birdsley Property at 600 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Beardstown IL. \$79,900.00. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to approve bid process for maintenance shed by Mr. Jamie Cosgriff, Graham & Hyde Architect, Inc. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to approve bid process for the renovation and addition at Gard Elementary by Mr. Jamie Cosgriff, Graham & Hyde Architects, Inc. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

#### PERSONNEL

On a motion by Hymes, second by Stock to employ Nathan Theis-Assistant Principal (MS/HS). Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Stock to employ Angeles Ramirez-Bilingual 4th Grade. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to employ Cathy Curl-Grand Avenue Daytime Custodian. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Stock to employ Kaitlyn Dodson-Head Softball Coach. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Vitale to employ Christi Harbin-ICU Lifeguard. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Vitale to employ Elliott Craig-Summer Weight Lifting Coach. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Sommers to employ Anisa Johnson-Pom Pom Coach. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Pherigo to employ Shannon Smith-Inst. Tech Curriculum Liaison/ Media Specialist. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Sommers, second by Vitale to employ Ana Hamilton-3rd Grade. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Engelbrecht to employ Randi Lawson-Cook. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Pherigo to employ Debbie Downs-Cook. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Sommers to employ Andrea Wells-Junior Class Sponsor. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Stock to employ Christi Harbin-Junior Class Sponsor. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes Simpson-yes.

Set a Policy Committee Meeting for Thursday July 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am Conference Room.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to adjourn. Time 8:54p.m.

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Date

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President

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Secretary