

REGULAR MEETING  
January 19, 2022  
6:00 p.m.  
BEARDSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #15  
500 EAST 15TH STREET  
BEARDSTOWN, IL 62618

OJ Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Amy Sommers, Joe Engelbrecht, Abby Pherigo, Jon Stock, and OJ Simpson. Jimmy Hymes and Katie Vitale were absent. Also present were Michael Smith and Kelly Herter.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Stock, second by Engelbrecht approval of Agenda. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

For the Good of the District: Thank you from Ruby Bell's family. Gard library remodel is going well; the remodel is made possible from a donation from the Tracy Foundation.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Tammee Petersen gave a presentation on EL at Gard Elementary. She explained how is started and the training the staff is doing to take the program in the future.

Informational Items and Dates:

No School - MLK Day	Monday, January 17
3rd Quarter Mid-term	Friday, February 4
No School - Presidents' Day	Monday, February 21
IHSA BBB Regional	Wednesday/Friday, February 23 and 25
IHSA GBB Super-Sectional	Monday, February 28

Administrator and Athletic Director Reports: Included in School Board Members packets. Bill Myers shared ICU data. He also passed out No Contact Contract.

Committee Reports: None

Superintendent's Report:

District Finances-Work will begin on the maintenance shed. Graham painting has finished up with painting the doors on the HS/MS building.

High School/Middle School Camera Project-The camera project if almost complete. We will have to add to the system because of some blind spots.

Close Contacts/Quarantines/Test-to-Stay Program-5 day quarantine time frame is now in effect. Numbers are headed in the right direction. We were running low on tests but have more being delivered tomorrow.

ROE Compliance 2020-2021-Made progress. Hopefully it will be completed within the next month or two.

Update on Solar Farm-We have not been approached with anything other than numbers.

Maintenance Grant for 2022 (\$50,000 matching)-State matching grant. Remodeling the outside of the MS/HS building.

National School Lunch Program Equipment Assistance Grant-Julie Towery and Kathy Long with the help of Shannon Smith have written a grant for \$59,000 for new kitchen equipment.

Summer Cleaning-March 1<sup>st</sup> start ordering supplies for summer cleaning. Check list for door during the cleaning process for summer.

Worldwide Tech Connections-The District is looking at this program to help with our communication and translations for staff and families.

Other-Mr. Smith has ordered over 40 new staff chairs. Abby Pherigo thanked him for caring for the employees.

Discussion Items:

The board is considering what do with the district trailer.

Athletic Trainer: Coach Craig is still looking for an athletic trainer but hasn't had any luck.

Advertising for open positions: Mr. Smith states we need to look at different ways to advertise open positions.

Consent Agenda Approval:

- a) Prior Months' Regular and Committee Meeting Minutes

- b) Payment of Bills and Payroll
- c) Treasurer's Report
- d) Investment, Loan, and Transfer
- e) Recommendation to accept donations: \$12,000 from MCS for food boxes for students. Save a lot works well with the district to get the boxes filled
- f) Resignations None

On a motion by Sommers, second by Stock to approve the consent agenda items a,b,c,d,e,f. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

The board recognizes the following retirement-Sue DeWitt-5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher

On a motion by Sommers, second by Stock to approve the following maternity leave-Eufemia Zarate-Gard Elementary Aide(approx. March 23, 2022). Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Sommers to approve the following leave of absence-Eufemia Zarate-Gard Elementary Aide(approx. March 23, 2022), and Peggy Ruiz-Gard Building substitute. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

On a motion by Stock, second by Pherigo to approve first reading of the IASB Board Policies Issue #108. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Engelbrecht to approve first reading of the Risk Management Plan for 2022-2023. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Sommers to approve adding alternate bid #1 back into the project of the interior of the maintenance shed with a \$13,903.00 reduction. It will come in the form of a change order. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-no; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Pherigo to enter closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes. Time 7:31pm

On a motion by Stock, second by Sommers to enter regular session. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes. Time 9:04 pm

On a motion by Stock, second by Pherigo to employ Fernanda Lopez-Bilingual Secretary. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Engelbrecht to employ Bob Schultz-Volunteer High School Softball Coach. Roll call vote: Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes and Simpson-yes.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Stock, second by Pherigo to adjourn at 9:05p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ President

\_\_\_\_\_ Secretary