

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2009

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 11, 2009, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Jon Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Physically Present: Bauer, Burnet, Ostendorf, Owen, Payne, Vivian, S. Strohmeier, A. Paul

Members Physically Absent: Strohmeier

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, C. Mohr, D. Allen, Paula Enke, Rebecca Tuchalski, Dawn Duvall, Tracey Willhoit, Joni Wood, Vicky Lievers, Louise Moore

### *PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE*

President Jon Payne asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2009, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 16, 2009, the minutes of the Visitation of Schools of April 17, 2009, the minutes of the second Special Board Meeting of April 30, 2009, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 4, 2009, and the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009 were reviewed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Bauer to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2009, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 16, 2009, the minutes of the Visitation of Schools of April 17, 2009, the minutes of the second Special Board Meeting of April 30, 2009, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 4, 2009, and the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of May 6, 2009 as presented. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

*BOARD SALUTE* None

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BILLS*

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Owen to accept the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT*

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Ostendorf to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Vivian, yes; Bauer, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

### *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

Mr. Jerry Lesemann to Address the Board: Mr. Lesemann was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Commend Mrs. Linda White for 15 Years of Service for the District; Commend Mrs. Barbara Augustine for 19 Years of Service for the District; Commend Mrs. Sue Doerr for 28-5 Years of Service for the District; and Commend Mrs. Jan Cloud for 29 Years of Service for the District: Mrs. Rogers reported gifts would be given to each District retiree as no one was able to attend tonight's meeting due to previous engagements.

Commend Miss Sydney Strohmeier for 2 years of service as a District's Student School Board Member: President Jon Payne presented Miss Sydney Strohmeier a gift from the Board for two years of service as Student School Board Member. He reported Sydney has done a good job and the Board appreciated her input and 1<sup>st</sup> hand knowledge from a student's aspect. Miss Strohmeier enjoyed serving on the Board, has learned a lot, and thanked everyone for the opportunity.

#### *ACTION ITEMS*

Adopt the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar: President Jon Payne reported the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar would be tabled at this time.

Authorize to Seek Bids on Fuel for the 2009-2010 School Year: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to Authorize the Administration to Seek Bids for Fuel for the 2009-2010 School Year. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Bauer, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Seek Bids on Bread and Milk for the 2009-2010 School Year: Our District goes in with Gillespie, Staunton, and Mt. Olive to obtain better pricing options. Mr. Kyle Hlafka takes care of bidding in our behalf. Discussion followed. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Ostendorf to Authorize to Accept Bids for Milk and various other staples as needed for the 2009-2010 School Year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Approval to Apply for Federal and State Grants and Programs: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to approve and Authorize the Administration to Apply for Federal and State Grants and programs as appropriate for the 2009-2010 School Year. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Early Graduation Requests: Miss Casey Holland, Mr. Schay Sloan, and Miss Sarah Snyder request to graduate early. Discussion followed. Motion by Ostendorf, seconded by Vivian to Approve the Early Graduation Requests of Casey Holland, Schay Sloan, and Sarah Snyder for the 2009-2010 School Year. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Assign Committee Membership: President Jon Payne announced the following committee placements:

Policy.....Deanna Vivian, Chairperson; Keith Strohmeier; Tim Burnet  
Curriculum.....Deanna Vivian, Chairperson; Roger Owen; Melissa Ostendorf  
Building/Transportation...Keith Strohmeier, Chairman; Roger Owen; John Bauer  
Negotiations.....Tim Burnet, Chairman; Roger Owen  
Athletic.....Roger Owen, Chairman; Keith Strohmeier; Melissa Ostendorf  
Special Education.....Deanna Vivian  
Education Foundation.....Keith Strohmeier  
Ex-Officio Member of All Committees..Jon Payne, President; Marg Rogers, Supt.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Mrs. Marg Rogers: A Special Board Meeting was set for 6:00 P.M. on May 21<sup>st</sup> in the Superintendent’s Office to Employ a Director of Maintenance/Transportation, Approve the 2009-2010 School Year Calendar, Approve the Handbook changes, and Approve Coach Assignments.

Mrs. Rogers reported the latest information she has received regarding “Stimulus Money” for schools is that the Federal Government would appropriate “Stimulus Money” to schools but in turn the State Government would not provide the 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> State Aid payments in FY 2009 and also the District would not receive the first 5 State Aid payments of FY 10. Any money received from “Stimulus Money” would also have highly restrictive limitations with significant audit trail requirements. In other words, the District would not gain a thing. There could be money promised in Title I and the area of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act but many restrictions are attached. Since our District is a State-Aid-Dependent School, it is a monumental struggle to keep afloat.

Mrs. Rogers reported the City Council is looking into TIFing (Tax Increment Financing) whereby new businesses are encouraged to purchase and/or develop an area of town which in turn the new business would be offered tax relief for a period of 23 years—with an option to extend the time even longer. The School District would again lose tax revenue.

Mrs. Rogers reported the State Legislature passed a new law whereby all school districts are required to have an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) machine with trained certified personnel available at every activity taking place on school property. Ms. Deanna Vivian reported multiple AEDS would have to be accessible during each school activity notably 300 ft. apart. This would also include all practices official or unofficial and would pose a HUGE nightmare for the District. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogers reported the District’s lawyer has been contacted for input. Discussion showed every coach within the District is already trained by Rachel Bouillon, the nurse, as to the use of the AED machine. Concerns were viewed regarding the public use of the tennis courts. More information will follow.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich was not present.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported the school play and the donkey basketball game were great successes. He reported the softball backstop is still under construction. The Prom and After-Prom festivities were very successful. Aaron Highfill was crowned King and Makenzie Scott was crowned Queen.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier reported graduation would be coming up soon. She reported the band students placed 2<sup>nd</sup> for their performance held in Kansas City. Everyone had a great time.

She invited the Board members to attend the Baccalaureate Service held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, at the First Congregational Church of Bunker Hill.

Miss Abby Paul: Miss Paul reported high school schedules were handed out today. She had nothing more to say.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner reported everything looks pretty good this year. She is in the process of contacting parents of children who have negative balances in their mealtime account. She reported the high school dishwasher would need a part ordered and installed over the summer to be ready for operation next year.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers has been busy writing information down for the new maintenance/transportation director. His last day of work would be Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> but Mrs. Rogers has worked out an agreement with his new boss to allow Greg to return for two days in June for training and for a smooth transition.

#### *COMMITTEES*

Policy – A Policy Committee meeting is set for 4:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Curriculum – Nothing at this time.

Building/Transportation – President Jon Payne reported Greg will be missed and he has worked hard at gathering information for the new director. High school students will help with the moving of classroom items to Wolf Ridge this summer. Mrs. Rogers reported Doug, Brad, and Greg have worked hard to make the move a smooth transition.

Athletic – Nothing at this time.

Special Education – Mrs. Deanna Vivian reported it looks like the Gillespie BD Classroom would be held at the high school next year.

Education Foundation – Nothing at this time.

Athletic – Nothing at this time.

At this time “Personnel” items would be discussed.

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to go into Executive Session at 7:34 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: a. Employ a Certified District Librarian; b. Hire a Dance Team Sponsor; c. Hire a Junior High Basketball Coach; — Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Vivian, yes; Bauer, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Abby Paul and Miss Sydney Strohmeier left the meeting at 7:35 P.M.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Vivian to return to Regular Session at 8:23 P.M. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Vivian, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a Certificated District Librarian: No action.

Hire a Dance Team Sponsor: No action.

Hire a Junior High Basketball Coach: No action.

Accept Resignation: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to accept the Resignation of Clare Adams as High School Business Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year and to authorize the Administration to seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Vivian, yes; Bauer, yes; Payne, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

President Jon Payne read a thank you note from Donna Ferguson for the rose bush given from the Board during her recent surgery.

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 P. M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jon Payne  
President

Carole Mohr  
Secretary