

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2009

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 16, 2009, in the Cafeteria of the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School due to not having a quorum on Monday, November 9, 2009. Vice-President Deanna Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Members Physically Present: Bauer, Burnet, Martin, Ostendorf, Owen, Strohmeier, A. Paul, R. Wilson

Members Physically Absent: Payne

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, D. Dey, D. Allen, C. Mohr, Dawn Duvall, David Monetti, Joan Wood, Sue Mitchell, Claraine Dobos, Marissa Law, Josie Jarden, Casey Holland, Michaela Hlafka, Courtney Beachum, Brooklyn Hlafka, Dolly Lovejoy, and Amy Golike

### *PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE*

Vice-President Deanna Martin asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

Vice-President Deanna Martin reported the High School Volleyball Team would be present later as several girls are practicing basketball.

Miss Abby Paul saluted the High School Volleyball Team for their Sectional Championship.

Mrs. Ostendorf still had questions and concerns regarding finance that would be addressed later.

### *MINUTES*

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2009, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 15, 2009, and the notes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2009 were reviewed. Motion by Ostendorf, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 15, 2009 with correction, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 15, 2009, and the notes from the Regular Board Meeting of November 9, 2009. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

### *BILLS*

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

### *FINANCIAL REPORT*

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Mrs. Melissa Ostendorf hesitated approving the financial report at this time. Motion by Burnet, seconded by Owen to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Ostendorf, no; Bauer, no; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes. 4 Yes, 2 No. Motion carried. Mrs. Rogers reported the auditor is present to answer any questions one might have.

### *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

A letter had been distributed to the Board from Alma Frohock that was read at the November 9<sup>th</sup> scheduled Regular School Board Meeting for which there was no quorum. She was not able to attend tonight's meeting but her letter thanked the Administration, the School Board, the Teachers, and all who work for the District in helping make our schools safe as well as give our students a good education shown by the results of the Illinois Standard Achievement Test scores. She addressed miscommunication issues, differences of opinions, school spirit, safety issues, and community support.

Mr. Kenneth Loy, School Auditor, to Report on the 2008-2009 Audit: Mr. Ken Loy handed the Board members an audit summary of the 2008-2009 annual financial report. He gave an explanation of the audit overview, the financial statements, and the financial highlights as well as comparison figures from previous years. He reported there were no discrepancies found.

Mr. Tim Burnet left the meeting around 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Ken Loy reported the Federal Government requires in-depth auditing of the stimulus money and there are also changes in the Illinois State Board of Education auditing requirements. Documentation within the audit reflects those requirements. He reported the District had curtailed spending and would have been in great shape had the State given the District \$240,000.00 due them from state aid payments. Instead, the State gave stimulus money and kept the \$240,000.00 owed the District to cover some of the State's deficit. He reported the District has moved to the State's "Watch" status with a 2.30 financial profile but due to a new State calculation, the factor is 2.65 and places the District in the "Warning" category.

Mr. John Bauer asked the auditor what the District needs to watch out for the most. Mr. Loy responded not to lose any further fund balances. He felt the District should put pressure on the local Senators and Legislators to converse over the bind the schools have been put into from lost state aid payments and to continue to apply pressure on them to pay their funding obligation to the schools.

After the audit discussion was finished, Mrs. Ostendorf felt her concerns were addressed.

Mr. Ken Loy was thanked for his time and left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

### *ACTION ITEMS*

Approve Commendation for the Bunker Hill High School Volleyball Team: Vice-President Deanna Martin read a Proclamation from the School Board to The High School Volleyball Team and Coaches for winning IHSA Regional Championship, IHSA Sectional Championship, and the “Elite 8” State Championship. Mrs. Marissa Law, Head Coach, introduced the following Varsity Team Members - Brooklyn Hlafka, Captain; Josie Jarden; Amy Golike; Michaela Hlafka; Courtney Beachum; Casey Holland; Ashley Komnick; Dolly Lovejoy; Caleigh Morrison; Maya Lewis; and Mrs. Sue Mitchell, the Assistant Coach. The Junior Varsity Team consisted of Alison Wadsworth; Megan Weidner; Indira Raub; Brittany Polo; Shannon Clardy; Makayla Kessinger; Ashlyn Hlafka; Lindsey Popovsky; and Ashlea Doersam. The Board commended all of the players for their accomplishments and sponsored a meal for them at Cavataio’s Restaurant in Staunton.

Approve Resolution 2010-5 – The 2008-2009 School Audit: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Bauer to Approve Resolution 2010-5 – The 2008-2009 School Audit as presented. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes ;Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Set Date/Time for Special Board Meeting for Tax Levy Hearing: A Tax Levy Hearing needs to be set. Discussion followed. Motion by Bauer, seconded by Ostendorf to set a Tax Levy Hearing for 6:45 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2009 in the cafeteria of the Wolf Ridge Elementary and Junior High School. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Advancing Expense Money to Board members Attending the IASB/IASA/IASBO School Board Convention in Chicago: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Bauer to Approve Advancing Expense Money to Board Members Attending the Triple I School Board Convention in Chicago. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Guidelines and Application – Library Per Capita Grant: Mrs. Rogers reported the Library Per Capita Grant would generate around \$500.00 for the Library. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Ostendorf to Approve the Guidelines and Application for the Library Per Capita Grant for the 2009-2010 School Year as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Bauer, yes; Owen, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Farmer Environmental Services, LLC. Bid for Operational Cost Review: Mr. Keith Strohmeier, Mr. Roger Owen, Mr. John Bauer, and Mr. Doug Dey attended a Building Meeting where a representative from Farmer Environmental Services, LLC showed numerous ways to implement cost savings throughout the District. Mr. Dey and the committee members liked the services, figured the District would save more than the cost of the service, and recommended approving the proposal for energy consulting services. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Bauer to Approve Farmer Environmental Services LLC Bid for an Operational Cost Review. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

### *INFORMATION ITEMS*

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers gave a brief overview of materials inside the folder for those attending the School Board Convention in Chicago. She reported everyone’s name badges were included and must be worn in order to enter the meetings. An envelope with money was given to the attendees. Mrs. Deb Allen will need a receipt for everything for the audit trail and asked that those receipts be placed in the envelope provided, and returned to her along with any unused cash.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich mentioned he was looking for someone to help cook hot dogs, chicken, and burgers on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at Wolf Ridge. The meal is a reward/incentive for doing his/her homework and for working hard throughout the month. He reported Parent/Teacher Conferences were well attended and went very well. The flu season seems to be under control.

Mr. Skertich is open for suggestions to speed up traffic control.

He reported Macoupin County ISAT Testing result comparisons showed Bunker Hill and Carlinville ranked 88%, Southwestern ranked 87%, and then followed by Staunton, Mt. Olive, and Gillespie. He reported “hats off” to our teachers and students as they have done an outstanding job again this year.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported Christian Burnet was notified of being chosen for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Class A-All Area Golf Team.

The Macoupin County Health Department will hold a free H1N1 Vaccine Clinic at the High School on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-8:30 p.m.

Sophomores will be taking the PLAN test on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in the community center.

Juniors will be offered the opportunity to take the ACT test in December as a practice test and the softball backstop is completed and ready for the season.

Miss Abby Paul: Miss Paul reported the high school had a recent assembly where Mr. Greg Smith, relative of Jim Smith, presented the Family Careers and Community Leaders of America and Miss Nan Belanger with an American Flag that was flown over Iraq. The FCCLA mailed boxes of supplies to the soldiers serving on active duty in IRAQ.

Miss Rachel Wilson: Miss Wilson was not present.

Mr. Doug Dey: Mr. Dey’s transportation report was handed out to each Board Member.

### *COMMITTEES*

Policy – A Policy Committee Meeting will be set at a later date.

Curriculum – Nothing

Building/Transportation – Nothing

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen encouraged everyone to come see the Jr. Hi. Boys’ Basketball Team play as they are great and come see the excellent school spirit. He also said the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls’ Basketball Team, and both High School Boys’ and Girls’ Basketball Teams are also doing well.

Special Education – Nothing

Education Foundation – Nothing

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Bauer, seconded by Ostendorf to go into Executive Session at 8:15 P.M. to a. consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: 1.) Personnel – a. Approve Volunteer Girls’ Basketball Coaches and b. Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Abby Paul left the meeting.

Motion by Bauer, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 8:45 P.M. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Owen, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Volunteer Girls’ Basketball Coaches: Motion by Ostendorf, seconded by Owen to Approve Jim Ivester, Rick Petrolino, and Nathan Ivester as Volunteer Girls’ Basketball Coaches for the 2009-2010 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

#### *GENERAL DIALOGUE*

President Jon Payne read a thank you note from Mary K. Green for the planter sent during her recent recovery from surgery.

#### *ADJOURN*

Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Bauer to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 P. M. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Ostendorf, yes; Bauer, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Martin, yes. Motion carried.

Deanna Martin

Vice-President

Carole Mohr

Secretary