

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 9, 2007

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. on Monday, July 9, 2007, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present: Burnet, Gvillo, Owen, Payne, Spickerman, Strohmeier, Vivian

Members Physically Absent: H. Gvillo

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, G. Lievers, C. Mohr, Kinny Myles, Rebecca Tuchalski, Carolyn Stadelman, Chad Stumph, Christy Thornhill

PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE

President Rodney Gvillo asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2007 and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 25, 2007 were reviewed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 11, 2007 and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 25, 2007. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Commend Carolyn Stadelman with Retirement Gift: President Rodney Gvillo presented Carolyn Stadelman with a gift certificate from the Board as a parting retirement gift.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Owen to accept the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Burnet to accept the financial report. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS None

ACTION ITEMS

Authorize Superintendent to Sign all School Forms: Each new school year the Board authorizes the Superintendent to sign all school forms. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Superintendent to sign all school forms for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Establish Bank Depositories: Each year the Board establishes bank depositories. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to authorize the establishment of bank depositories at the Citizens National Bank of Bunker Hill, the United Community Bank of Bunker Hill, and the Illinois Liquid Asset Fund for the 2007-2008 school year. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Free/Reduced Lunch Guidelines: The State's Free/Reduced Income Eligibility Guidelines must also be approved each year. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve the 2007-2008 Free and Reduced Income Eligibility Guidelines as presented. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Set Graduation Date for the 2007-2008 School Year: Last year's graduation date conflicted with track meets. Girls' and boys' track schedules for the 2007-2008 school year were included in the packet. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Owen to set the 2007-2008 school year High School Graduation date for Saturday, May 17th, 2008. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Tentative Board Retreat Date of August 9, 2007: Discussion followed regarding possible retreat dates. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve the Board Retreat meeting date of August 2nd, 2007 to be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Wolf Ridge Library. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Cougar Request: Mr. Kinny Myles was present to answer questions regarding the Cougar Request to use the high school facilities for their home season games. Discussion followed regarding insurance, liability, and reimbursement for cleanup and lighting costs. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to deny the Request for Use of Facilities by the Cougars Organization for the 2007 season. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2007-7 – Authorize the Transfer of Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund: A copy of the Resolution 2007-7 was handed out to the Board members. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to authorize the Transfer of \$10, 762.16 in Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers reported the Administrative Offices would be closed July 19th and 20th for cleaning.

She also reported the Board has room reservations at the Hyatt Regency of Chicago for the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference. Discussion followed regarding train reservations and group activities.

She reported the Board Retreat would be scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 2nd in the Wolf Ridge Library. Mrs. Rogers reported if anyone had items for discussion, please let her know so they can be added to the retreat agenda.

Mrs. Rogers reported a letter was included in your packet from Kay James requesting consideration for an Art Teacher. Discussion followed. Mr. Brad Skertich reported the teachers are incorporating art into the curriculum a couple of times a week and the possibility of hiring a full time Art Teacher at this time is not feasible. Mr. Skertich reported he has looked into available art grants but the district does not fit their criteria.

Mrs. Rogers reported each Board member should have received a copy of the School Board Member Recognition Program application at their home address. If not, a copy was provided for them in the packet. She asked the Board to fill out the application and return it to the district office for mailing or each member may individually mail theirs to the IASB office in Springfield.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich gave a brief report concerning preliminary ISAT scores. The district has scored well overall. Discussion followed. Further information will be presented at a later time.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty was not present.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo was not present.

Mr. Greg Livers: Mr. Livers reported due to repeated problems with broken mirrors on Bus # 7 and repeated confrontations with Ponder Equipment, Rosco Mirrors, and the Thomas Bus Line, a representative from the company will visit the district on August 15th to address the ongoing problem.

Personnel—May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to go into Executive Session at 8:19 P.M. to a. consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: 1.) Re-employ Reading Specialist Teacher; 2.) Re-employ Pre-K Aide; 3.) Food Service Program Restructuring; 4.) Request to Hire a Special Education Aide; 5.) Discussion of Superintendent's Goals; 6.) Request to Employ Teacher's Aide, if Needed; 7.) Letter of Anticipated Retirement; and 8.) Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll Call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to return to Regular Session at 9:07 P.M. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Re-employ Reading Specialist Teacher: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to re-employ Robyn Brown as Reading Specialist Teacher for the 2007-2008 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Re-employ Pre-K Aide: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to re-employ Kathy Mansholt as Pre-K Aide for the 2007-2008 school year with duties to be assigned by the Administration. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Food Service Program Restructuring: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Burnet to authorize the Administration to post and advertise the position of Food Service Director for the 2007-2008 school year and seek a qualified candidate for that post. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Request to Hire a Special Education Aide: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to authorize the Administration to post and advertise the position of a Special Education Transportation Aide for the 2007-2008 school year and to seek a qualified candidate for that post. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of Superintendent's Goals: No action.

Request to Employ a Teacher's Aide If Needed: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Administration to post and advertise for a Teacher's Aide for the 2007-2008 school year, if a need is identified. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Letter of Anticipated Retirement: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the Letter of Intent to Retire from Diana Perdun effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

Committees

Policy – Nothing

Curriculum – Nothing

Building/Transportation – Nothing

Negotiations – Nothing

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen reported volunteers and golfers are needed for a golf outing planned for Saturday, July 14th at the Timberlake Golf Course.

Special Education – Mrs. Deanna Vivian reported the district has 19 students qualifying for services.

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported the Education Foundation’s float placed 2nd in the 4th of July Parade.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

Mrs. Deanna Vivian thanked the district for allowing Roger Owen and herself to attend the new Board member workshop in Springfield. Both members felt the workshop gave them valuable information and a better understanding of issues such as finance. She thanked Mrs. Rogers for attending with them and for all her help and guidance. She felt Mrs. Rogers had vast experience to share as she has held the position of Superintendent as well as a School Board Member. She reported the conference was run very well.

In order to better subsidize our district, Mrs. Deanna Vivian felt parents would feel more comfortable about filling out free or reduced breakfast/lunch forms at registration if envelopes were made available to put the confidential forms in. A cover letter attached to the forms could explain to parents filling out the forms that even though their children might not use the program, at least filling out the forms and qualifying for the program would be advantageous to the school. The issue will be duly noted.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Roll call vote—Paynes, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

President

Secretary