

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 12, 2008

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, May 12, 2008, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Physically Absent: S. Strohmeier

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, S. Wuellner, C. Mohr, D. Allen, Rebecca Tuchalski, Claraine Dobos, Gary Dobos, Brenda Ford, Tracey Willhoit, Pat Palazzolo, Tom Palazzolo, Tommy Palazzolo, Amy Curry, Kathy Mansholt, Matt Smith, Jeff Chapman, David Golike, Kay McElroy, Colton Burton, Sara Mize, Christian Burnet, Ron Burnet, Mary K. Green

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

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 April 14, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 14, 2008; the minutes of the Building Transportation Committee Meeting of April 28, 2008; the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 30, 2008; and the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of May 4, 2008 were reviewed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 14, 2008 with correction; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of April 14, 2008; the minutes of the Building/ Transportation Committee Meeting of April 28, 2008; the minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of April 30, 2008; and the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of May 5, 2008. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

President Rodney Gvillo reported David Golike was present and was commended for achieving the Alton Telegraph's "Small School Basketball Player of the Year". Everyone applauded.

President Rodney Gvillo reported Mr. Keith Strohmeier helped him BBQ for the high school students on April 25th and commended the high school teachers for performing in the "Talent Show" that followed. He also commended Mr. Tyler Overkfell and friend for playing music. The students danced and had a great time. A boy and a girl chosen from each class, played in a bombardment tournament against the teachers. Everyone had fun.

Miss Heather Gvillo thanked the Athletic Boosters for the sound system and lights on the stage.

Mr. Keith Strohmeier attended the play “Pretty in Pink” and the performance was great. He thanked Mrs. Kay McElroy and students for doing a great job. President Rodney Gvillo reported the boys’ Regional game would be held Tuesday at Mt. Olive and the girls’ Regional game would be played Thursday evening. He wished them well.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Mrs. Rogers reported it looks as if the District would not be receiving the 23rd or 24th state aid payments. Discussion followed. Mr. Greg Lievers reported the escalated transportation fuel costs for February was \$3,500.00, for March was \$4,800.00, and for April was \$5,800.00. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Commend Mrs. Brenda Ford for 21 Years of Service for the District: President Rodney Gvillo presented Mrs. Brenda Ford with a clock for her 21 years of service for the District.

Commend Mrs. Pat Palazzolo for 35 Years of Service for the District: President Rodney Gvillo presented Mrs. Pat Palazzolo with a clock for her 35 years of service to the District. Everyone applauded for both teachers, wished them well, and Mrs. Rogers reported they would be missed.

Commend Miss Heather Gvillo for 2 Years of Service as a District’s Student School Board Member: President Rodney Gvillo presented Miss Heather Gvillo with a desk plaque for her 2 years of service as a Student School Board Member for the District. Everyone applauded for her service and wished her well.

Mrs. Claraine Dobos to speak to the Board in Executive Session: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Owen to go into Executive Session at 7:11 P.M. to allow Mrs. Claraine Dobos to speak to the Board. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

President Rodney Gvillo asked if any one else wanted to speak. No one else had anything to say.

ACTION ITEMS

Adopt the 2008-2009 School Calendar: Mrs. Rogers reported Gillespie, Mt. Olive, and Staunton and Bunker Hill Districts have coordinated calendars and are in agreement except Staunton and Bunker Hill will be in session on December 22nd and 23rd while Mt. Olive and Gillespie will not. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogers reported Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held in the evening on October 21st and 23rd. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to Approve the 2008-2009 School Calendar as presented. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Open Gym Requests: Mr. Doug Daugherty handed the Board members a summer football schedule. Open gym requests for a summer basketball tournament, a summer volleyball schedule, and a football summer schedule were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to approve the Open Gym Requests for the summer of 2008 as presented. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Athletic Camp Requests: Basketball camp and football camp requests were discussed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the Athletic Camps for the summer of 2008 as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Disposal of the Meissner Playground Equipment: Discussion showed the need to dispose of the Meissner Playground Equipment as children are defacing it with profanity, burning messages within it, setting fire to it, and using the area for inappropriate after hour activities. Mr. Roger Owen would like a paper signed by the person removing the equipment that the District is free of future obligations. The pit would be filled in and leveled. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the Disposal of the Meissner Playground Equipment by the Wilkinsons with the necessary arrangements made by the Administration. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Summer Drivers' Education: President Rodney Gvillo reported the State has mandated longer student driving instruction time and in order to fulfill the new rule, the District is looking into summer driver's ed. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to approve the Institution of a Summer, 2008 Drivers' Education Program with the necessary arrangements being made by the Administration. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve an Early Graduation Request: President Rodney Gvillo reported one high school student has requested Early Graduation. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the Early Graduation Request of Katelyn Gulash for the 2008-2009 School Year. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve a Donation to the Elden Duelm Memorial: President Rodney Gvillo reported the Bunker Hill Kiwanis Club is spearheading a movement to seek donations for an engraved headstone for Mr. Elden Duelm. He was a Teacher, Guidance Counselor, Principal, and Superintendent for the District as well as a reporter for the Gazette. He always gave the District great coverage. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to approve a Donation of \$100.00 to the Elden Duelm Memorial Fund.

Approve School and District Handbook Changes for the 2008-2009 School Year: A list of changes was included in the Board packet.

Approve Changing the Grading Scale: Mrs. Deanna Vivian reported the Policy Committee had reviewed the present grading scale because numerous parents felt the scale would not challenge students to perform their best. Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman felt the present grading scale allowed students a better chance to feel good about themselves for getting a passing grade. Discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of the issue. Mr. Brad Skertich felt raising the grade would be more beneficial for all students. Motion by Owen, seconded by Burnet to approve changing the Grading Scale as presented. Roll call vote—Payne, no; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, no; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. 5 yes; 2 no. Motion carried.

Authorize to Seek Bids on Fuel for the 2008-2009 School Year: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to authorize the Administration to Seek Bids for Fuel for the 2008-2009 School Year. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Seek Bids for Bread and Milk for the 2008-2009 School Year: The District bids with Mt. Olive, Gillespie, and Staunton for the best bread and milk bid. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to authorize to Seek Bids for Bread and Milk for the 2008-2009 School Year. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Breakfast, Lunch, and Ala Carte Pricing: Mrs. Shelle Wuellner handed the Board information regarding the need to increase the cost of breakfast and lunch at all three schools due to rising operational costs. Breakfast would cost \$1.25 across the board. Lunch would cost \$1.75 at Wolf Ridge and \$2.00 at Meissner and the High School. Adults would cost \$2.50 at all three schools. Ala Carte items would also raise District wide and a new pricing list would be provided for each school. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to approve the Breakfast, Lunch, and Ala Carte Prices for the 2008-2009 School Year. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approval to Apply for Federal and State Grants and Programs: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to approve and authorize the Administration to Apply for Federal and State Grants and Programs as appropriate for the 2008-2009 School Year. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers commended Mr. Rob Ostendorf, Mrs. Claraine Dobos, and Miss Cynthia Albrecht for creating guidelines for the foreign exchange student program to develop a successful exchange experience. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Deanna Vivian felt student documentation must be required upon enrollment.

Mrs. Rogers reported a copy of the findings from the ROE Compliance Review was included in the Board packet. She reported commendations were noted and areas of concern are being addressed.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich reported the Kindergarten Preview Night would take place at Wolf Ridge on Thursday, May 15th from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.

He commended Nick Allen for placing 1st in the AA High Jump State Track Meet in Peoria. This is Nick’s 2nd year in a row of winning the State Championship Title.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Doug Daugherty reported Brooklyn Hlafka qualified for the State Track competition.

He reported the High School Music Program would be moved from May 13th to tonight.

He also reported the Band students were well behaved, enjoyed the opportunity to compete, and placed 3rd in competition.

He reported it has been difficult to play baseball and softball regional games due to the many rainouts.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo congratulated David Golike for being chosen “Student of the Month” for May. Everyone applauded for him.

President Rodney Gvillo also commended Miss Gvillo for being chosen as “Student of the Month” a few months ago. Everyone applauded for her.

She reported senior trip is Thursday, May 15th and graduation is Saturday, May 17th.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier did not attend due to performing in tonight’s band concert.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner reported a smoothie machine would be purchased for Wolf Ridge next year. Salads would be available next year for the Wolf Ridge teachers. State regulation changes will be adopted next year such as lowered sodium levels and whole grain bread offerings.

Mrs. Deanna Vivian stated the cafeteria report numbers looked good.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers reported Meissner has been plagued with leaky roofs again. He reported some steam lines have been replaced and more will be replaced over the summer.

Committees

Policy -- Nothing at this time.

Curriculum -- Nothing

Building/Transportation – President Rodney Gvillo, Mr. Roger Owen, and Mrs. Marg Rogers attended a Kiwanis Club Meeting to inform the members about the need to pass a successful tax referendum of around \$ 4,100,000.00 to be used to add a wing and gymnasium to the Wolf Ridge Complex thereby housing 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students at a cost of around \$ 3,300,000.00. The Meissner complex would be torn down at that time. Then an additional \$ 700,000.00 would air condition the high school, repair electrical issues, update the science lab, and thereby be able to lockdown the building so that no one can enter it unknowingly and hurt a student or teacher.

The life expectancy of Meissner is two to three years before the District would have to sink over \$ 4,000,000.00 into an old building to be brought up to code and then you would still have an old building.

The Board has and will attend various community organizations and have informational meetings throughout the District to explain our need to pass a successful referendum on the November 2008 Ballot.

The Lyons Club, Royal Lakes City Council, Bunker Hill City Council. AARP, American Legion Post 578, and other community meetings would be visited by Administration and Board members to give correct information to the public regarding the District's needs. President Rodney Gvillo asked for everyone's support on this project.

Negotiations – Mr. Tim Burnet reported “Negotiations” between the BHEA and the District would begin on May 23rd.

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen reported the Athletic Boosters are looking for volunteers to man concession stands during four St. Louis Cardinal home games. Discussion followed. Anyone interested should contact Theresa or Roger Owen.

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 Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to go into Executive Session at 8:36 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: 1.) Personnel – a. Employ a Full-Time Pre-K Teacher; b. Employ a High School Math Teacher; c. Employ a High School Science Teacher; d. Employ a Meissner Lunchroom/Playground Monitor; e. Employ a ½ Time Pre-K Teacher; f. Employ a ½ Time Teachers' Aide; g. Accept Letter of Resignations; h. Accept Request for Leave of Absence; i. Approve Coaches; j. Approve Volunteer Coaches; k. Consider Reemployment of Administrative Staff; l. Consider Salaries of Administrators; m. Discuss Staffing Needs; and 2.) Negotiations. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Heather Gvillo left around 8:37 P.M.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 10:30 P.M. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a Full-Time Pre-K Teacher: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Employ Stephanie Heiens as a Full-Time Pre-K Teacher for the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, abstain; Gvillo, yes. 6 Yes; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Employ a High School Math Teacher: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to Employ Ron Ryan as temporary substitute for the High School Math Teacher Position beginning August 18th and concluding in December 23, 2008 with duties to be assigned by the Administration. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a High School Science Teacher: No action.

Employ a Meissner Lunchroom/Playground Monitor: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Employ Kim Brewer as the Meissner Lunchroom/Playground Monitor for the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a ½ Time Pre-K Teacher: No action.

Employ a ½ Time Teachers' Aide: No action.

Accept Letter of Resignations: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to accept the Letter of Resignation from Keith Steward as Junior High 6th and 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach and Junior High Assistant Baseball Coach and Authorize the Administration to advertise and post and seek a suitable replacement. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to accept the Letter of Resignation from Jeremiah Goltz as High School JV Basketball Coach and authorize the Administration to advertise, post, and seek a suitable replacement. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Request for Leave of Absence: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Accept the Request for a Leave of Absence for Rita Craig as presented pending the birth of her child and authorize the Administration to seek a suitable substitute. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Coaches: Motion by Payne, seconded by Owen to approve Fall Sports as presented and motion to approve Winter Sports as amended. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, abstain; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. 6 Yes; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Approve Volunteer Coaches: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to Approve the Volunteer Coaching Assignments as needed. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Burnet to dismiss Jason Bauer as Varsity Head Basketball Coach. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, no; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. 6 Yes; 1 No. Motion carried.

Consider Reemployment of Administrative Staff: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Re-employ Carole Mohr, Debbie Allen, Greg Lievers, and Shelle Wuellner for the 2008-2009 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Consider Salaries of Administrators: No action.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

Negotiations: No action.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

Mr. Tim Burnet thanked the Board for the plant sent for their new arrival, J. W. Burnet

President Rodney Gvillo read a thank you note from the secretaries and librarians of the District for the dinner at Staunton and for the great lunch provided for them.

He also read a thank you note from Heather Gvillo for the great learning experience as a Student School Board Member for the past two years.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 P. M. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

President

Secretary

