

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

REGULAR MEETING MARCH 17, 2021

7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on March 17, 2021 by President Mike Seaman at 7:00 p.m. in Beardstown Middle/High library 500 East 15th Street, Beardstown, IL. Pledge of allegiance. Barbara Hobrock, acting secretary called the roll with the following members present: Jimmy Hymes, Barbara Hobrock, Joe Engelbrecht, OJ Simpson, Wells Petersen, and Mike Seaman. Kim Watson was absent. Also in attendance were Ron Gilbert and Kelly Herter.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS: None

Mike Seaman introduced in-coming Superintendent-Mike Smith along with his wife Shannon. They are welcomed to the district.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

**Bill Myers**-Started Jack of All Trade Club for both boys and girls. There will be another food distribution April 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Matt Klett**-He addressed the graduation report card issue. He and Ashley Eckert are looking into getting it corrected

**Lori Young**-First week for after school tutoring is off to a good start.

**Denise Wittler**-PBIS challenges now that kids are back to school for four days a week.

**Jessica DeWitt**-Nothing more to add

**Tammee Petersen**-Concerns new comers students, we are getting 17/18 year old students who cannot read. It has been a challenge. Two positions have been posted to accommodate the new comer's students. Staffing has been an issue but with the two new people that should help tremendously.

**Ann Chilton**-Nothing more to add

**Jim Childers**-Nothing more to add

**Wendy McClenning**-Microsoft update is crashing some machines. CDS is getting a patch to hopefully take care of the problem. First grade hallway at Gard was having some Wi-Fi issues, the issue has been corrected.

**Ron Gilbert**-He went over the trade in value of the buses. New items from the state for requirements. Covid changes we are not doing student and staff temperature checks. Visitors will still be required to have their temperature checked. He read a thank you from the Dolly Lewis family

**Transportation**-Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Proceed with the purchase of the minivan and proceed with bus estimates for new buses. Annie has a partial bid for one bus.

**Building and Grounds**-March 2<sup>nd</sup> recommend Graham and Hyde for bidding for cleanup of the new property and to get parking lot bids for the west parking lot. Architects do have a plan for maintenance shed.

**Curriculum**-Discuss ICU program gather more information and discuss the DO program. More information on staffing of the DO program. AgScience program was discussed

Policy-March 9<sup>th</sup> long term substitutes. It wasn't a policy. Mr. Gilbert was asked to inform payroll

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

ICU-Student Program-Gave a handout on the costs of the ICU program. He stated he would like to get an advisory committee started. He is hopeful grants will pay for most. Barbara Hobrock asked about the Healthy Community Grant-

Gilbert-He didn't apply because it is off site. Lori Young stated she could amend the Title II grant to cover the books.

Long Term Subs-Approve long term subs guarantee a job next year. Mr. Myers states we currently have 2 long term subs.

Career and Technology Curriculum Update-Set up a time for Curriculum Meeting.

New Superintendent Early Start-Trading a couple weeks in 21/22 school year for a couple weeks in May.

ACTION ITEMS.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Simpson to approve consent agenda 1, Correct the school year extension for Bill Myers 6/17/20 meeting minutes from 2020-2021 to 2021-2022, 2, 3, and 4. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Engelbrecht, second by Simpson to approve the ICU Student Program.

Hymes-A lot of what if's. No idea what we are going to pay for. Seaman-He feels that is what happens with any startup. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Petersen, second by Simpson to approve the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Caravan for \$24,500.00. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Simpson, second by Hobrock to approve retaining current long term substitute teachers for the 2021-2022 SY. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Engelbrecht to approve Graham and Hyde to seek bids for parking lot prep for a new parking lot west of the Gard Elementary parking lot. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to approve Graham and Hyde to perform NESHAP inspection of existing buildings and seek bids for tree removal at the district property located at 600 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Petersen to table the approval of the career technology and education curriculum programs update for \$106,754.13. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to enter closed session to discuss litigation, land acquisition, negotiations, student disciplinary cases, and to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, or dismissal of an employee or officer. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes. Time 7:41p.m.

On a motion by Hymes, second Hobrock to re enter open session. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes. Time 7:53 p.m.

#### PERSONNEL

On a motion by Hymes, second by Simpson to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Head Elementary Principal Lori Young. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Head MS/HS Principal Bill Myers. Roll call vote Hymes-no; Hobrock-no; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-no; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes. A tie vote fails.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Assistant HS Principal Matt Klett. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Assistant Pre-K Principal Lauren Smith. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for District Language Acquisition Administrator Tammee Petersen. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-abstain; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Assistant MS Principal Dave Scott Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-no; Engelbrecht-no; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to approve a 1-year Contract Extension for 2022-2023 SY for Assistant Elementary Principal Denise Wittler. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-abstain; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve Part-Time Speech Language Pathologist Ann Hill - hourly rate of \$55/hr for the 21-22 SY. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Engelbrecht to approve the hiring Hannah Cummins for 1-on-1 aide at Gard Elementary. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen approve the following after school tutoring program paraprofessionals: Jan Ford; Tara Martínez; and Cora Navedo. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve the following Gard after school tutoring program teacher hires: Kindergarten-Stephanie Ayla; Kindergarten-Lisa Arnold; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade-Toni Shinall; 2nd Grade-Jennifer Haschemeyer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-Nathan Thies; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade-Gennah Cook; Substitute Teacher-Amanda Casper; Substitute Teacher-Tami Zeeck. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve the following individuals for hire in the English Learner after school program: Gard Teachers: Amy Hemphill; Pilar Zuluaga; Isamar Chavez-Rodriguez and Yadira Gil Ruiz. Gard Instructional Aides: Ashley Rodriguez; Eufemia Zarate; Fatima Fernandez and Jennifer Martinez. MS/HS Teachers: Bozie Kiekie; Allison Skinner and Ricardo Arroyo. MS/HS Instructional Aides: Luz Grillasca, Janet Ramirez and Alma Williams. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Engelbrecht to approve the maternity leave of Amanda Casper tentatively for April 23, 2021-June 11, 2021 returning for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Petersen to approve the maternity leave of Ana Valdiva tentatively for March 28, 2021-May 27, 2021. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

On a motion by Hobrock, second by Simpson to approve the leave of absence for Toni Shinall for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes.

The board recognizes the resignation of Karla Sanchez-Interpreter/Aide Grand Avenue.

**DISCUSSION:**

Special Meeting-March 31, 2021at 7:00 p.m.

Curriculum Meeting-

Building and Ground Meeting-

**ADJOURN:**

On a motion by Hymes, second by Hobrock to adjourn. Roll call vote Hymes-yes; Hobrock-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Simpson-yes; Petersen-yes; Seaman-yes. Time 8:15p.m.

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President

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Secretary