

REGULAR MEETING
August 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.
BEARDSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
500 EAST 15TH STREET
BEARDSTOWN, IL 62618

OJ Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Board of Education members were present: Jimmy Hymes, Amy Sommers, Joe Engelbrecht, Katie Vitale, Abby Pherigo, Jon Stock and OJ Simpson. Also present were Michael Smith and Kelly Herter.

Approval of Agenda:

Agenda additions:

Motion by Vitale, second by Hymes to approve Agenda. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

For the Good of the District: Mr. Smith stated the first day went better than he had hoped. It isn't a perfect situation for anyone but it was a really good day.

Recognition of Visitors: None

Informational Items and Dates:

Orange Pride Night	Friday, August 20
Labor Day - No School	Monday, September 6
1st Mid-term	Wednesday, September 22
1st 9 Weeks	Friday, October 15
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday/Friday, October 14/15
School Improvement Day	Friday, October 29
Veterans Day - No School	Thursday, November 11

Administrator and Athletic Director Reports: Wendy McClenning spoke about the security system. We have gotten quotes for all three buildings; it would integrate the system and upgrade the fire alarms also for around \$24,000. It would be done over Christmas Break. Joe Engelbrecht asked about getting the readers cleaned. The cards sometimes need to be swiped twice. Chromebooks have been distributed to all students.

Bill Myers told the board the Handbook is completed. IHSA has said they must pass three classes to play that was added to the handbook.

Committee Reports: None

Superintendent's Report:

District Finances-Financial outlook. We will start the budget on Monday.

Dual Sports Contract-Presently Beardstown has a dual sport policy. Mr. Smith stated the School could have a short one page contract for students to sign.

Gard Elementary Remodel Update-Nothing more to update

High School Conference-Conference Sept 6th meeting.

Boiler Amendment-Amendment has to be done through the State because it was an emergency situation.

Maintenance Grant-He will look into the Grant for the district.

JobBank-Much better job at advertising for applicants.

Senior Class 2020-Unable to go on Senior Trip. Make a decision for the money. Couple of choices. Do something for the school district or split up amongst them. Most schools go the donation route.

Police Agreement-We will have an officer back in the school in January 2022.

Cass County & State weekly webinars-Covid updates.

Remote learning study-Getting feedback from Teachers.

Discussion Items:

IASB School Board Training Date (October)

Security Cameras-Waiting on third quote

Phone System-One of our camera companies has stated the phone system in the district needs updated.

Snow/Remote Learning Days-This will be another survey that will go out.

ISBE has a live meeting today.

Bonds for Gard Elementary Remodel/PreK Addition-The shorter timeframe is doable and would be best. 15 year option.

Parking Lots Seal and Repairs-Had a meeting with the company that had refinished the parking lots before. He is getting a quote.

Other-Mr. Smith has talked to Dick Graham three big things to get painted. Middle School gym and wall in front of the Football bleachers and the crowd's nest need repainted. Amy Sommers asked at what price do we get bids?

TIF extension the Governor is not going to sign the bill. As long as he doesn't VETO it will become law.

Abby Pherigo asked about a donation to the DeWitt family? Gard School has given a donation. Email went out last week to staff.

Consent Agenda Approval:

Prior Months' Regular and Committee Meeting Minutes

Payment of Bills and Payroll

Treasurer's Report

Investment, Loan, and Transfer

Approve Maternity Leave Bianca Castillo-Bilingual Pre-K Aide

Resignation-Sarah Seaman-Teacher's Aide

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to approve the consent agenda items 1, 2, 3 and 4. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

ACTION ITEMS:

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to table approval of camera installation at High School/Grounds. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Engelbrecht to approve final reading of the IASB Policy Update for June 2021(#107.) Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Sommers, second by Vitale to approve 2:00 p.m. Dismissal Days: Thursday, October 14, 2021; Wednesday, March 9, 2022; Tuesday, November 23, 2021; and Thursday, March 10, 2022. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Sommers to approve the MS/HS Handbook for 2021-2022. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes. On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to approve the purchase of 350 Chromebooks and licenses for K-2 which will be reimbursed by the Emergency Connect Fund (75% to 100%). Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to approve the purchase of two new Saf-T-Liner C buses and one MFSAB used bus with trades included: \$236,152. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Stock to approve EIS administrator and teacher salary and benefits report for FY21. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Sommers to approve the Beardstown Education Association Contract for 2021-2025. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Vitale to employ Mary Lovekamp-Dishwasher (3 hour position). Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Sommers, second by Pherigo to employ Cindy Swartz-Head of Transportation. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Vitale to employ Bill Capps-HS Assistant Principal. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Vitale to employ George Frazier as long term sub. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Pherigo to employ Jennifer Jarrett-Bus Driver. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Pherigo, second by Sommers to employ Melissa Sanchez-Dishwasher Gard Elementary (3hours). Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Vitale, second by Pherigo to employ Sarah Engelbrecht-7th Grade Girls Basketball. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-abstain; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

On a motion by Hymes, second by Pherigo to employ Kaitlyn Wade-MS Physical Education. Roll call vote: Hymes-yes; Sommers-yes; Engelbrecht-yes; Vitale-yes; Pherigo-yes; Stock-yes; and Simpson-yes.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Vitale, second by Hymes to adjourn at 6:51p.m.

Date

President

Secretary