

MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 17, 2024

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on January 17, 2024 by President Jimmy Hymes at 6:00 p.m. in Beardstown Middle/High library 500 East 15th Street, Beardstown, IL. Pledge of allegiance. Brenda Algandar called the roll with the following members present: Jared Soer, Amy Sommers, Brenda Algandar, Dan McClenning, Jon Stock and Jimmy Hymes. Joe Engelbrecht was absent. Also in attendance: Brent O'Daniell and Kelly Herter.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Stock to approve the presented agenda. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

Good of the District-Thank you from Glenn Miller's family.

Public Comments-None

Administrator & Athletic Director Reports-Lori Young-shout out to the staff for all their hard work for the dedication of the 59 gym.

A. Consent Agenda Approval:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes-December 13, 2023
Special Meeting Minutes-December 20, 2023
2. Bills and Payroll
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Investment, Loan, and Transfer
5. Recommendation to Accept Donations:
 - JBS-\$2,000
 - Blessings in a Back Pack-\$1,000.00
 - Tiger Closet-\$800.00
 - Elite-\$200.00
6. Overnight/Out of State Trip:
 - ILMEA All State Conference 1/24/24-1/27/24 Peoria
 - MS Wrestling-3/7/24-3/9/24 DeKalb IESA State Finals

On a motion by Soer, second by Stock to approve consent agenda. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by McClenning, second by Soer to approve keeping closed session minutes closed for meetings held January 2023-July 2023, as the need for confidentiality still exists. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion Sommers, second by Stock to approve destruction of verbatim closed session recordings per list provided. According to state law after 18 months recordings can be destroyed. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Stock to approve bus lease proposal. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Algandar, second by McClenning to approve 2024-2026 District Strategic Plan. Mr. O'Daniell will have quarterly reports. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

Discussion-

Proposed positions and job descriptions-Mr. O'Daniell presented to the board a need for some new positions for opportunities for the district to get better. Technology Director was the first position.

Curriculum Director-IAR-Illinois assessment of Readiness. There is a need for growth. Where we are going with our instruction? Education Admin certificate.

Food Service Director-Not looking any change of the number of people in food service. This position is a unified position to help make it more efficient between the two kitchens. Over see both kitchens from a managerial stand point. HS diploma.

Payroll Coordinator-Address some needs from the audit. No backups for the Central Office.

By reinvesting funds this will provide additional revenue per year. Evidence Based Funding will see growth. Money is there without touching our reserves.

Curriculum mapping-Currently coordination with the HS to have those conversations? Ideally we would like to have one curriculum. But because of structuring it doesn't always work.

Discuss the future of Grand Ave. School Building-Annual costs to operate Grand Ave. is \$87,853.94. Daycare site and the Menta Program. Menta would be able to come in immediately.

Discuss the Per Capita Administrative costs-Near the bottom of the State. We are much lower than the state level.

On a motion by Algandar, second by McClenning to enter closed session dealing with Personnel and collective bargaining. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 6:48 p.m.

On a motion by Stock second by Sommers to enter regular session. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 7:34 p.m.

PERSONNEL

On a motion by Soer, second by Algandar to hire the following: Randi Lawson-Head Cook at Gard; Isamar Chavez Rodriguez-Bilingual Reading Specialist; the following certified staff for After School Tutoring: Jackie Bell, Peggy Ruiz, Stephanie Brown, Ashley Beck, Isamar Chavez, and Nadia Gadea; and Tara Martinez-After school tutoring teacher assistant. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Soer, second by Sommers to approve Lexi Kramer-JH Volleyball-pending certification. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

The board acknowledges the following resignations: Marsha Grant-Assistant JH track coach; Francisco Hernandez-Assistant girl's soccer coach; Kyndle Sneed-Sub Aide; Brittany Thomason-Sub Aide; Larae Jarrett-Aide; and Leslie Montes-Sub Aide

On a motion by Algandar, second by Sommers to approve a leave of absence for Brooke Ford-Full time certified substitute until end of 23-24 SY. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Soer, second by McClenning to adjourn. Roll call: Soer-yes; Sommers-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 7:38 p.m.