

## MINUTES

BOARD OF EDUCATION COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15

REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Open hearing for Truth in Taxation.

1. Questions and Comments-None
2. Close hearing

## CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Community Unit No. 15, Beardstown, IL was called to order on December 17, 2025 by President Jimmy Hymes at 6:01 p.m. at The District Board Room 400 East 15th Street, Beardstown, IL. Pledge of allegiance. Brenda Algandar called the roll with the following members present: Jared Soer, Brenda Algandar, Dan McClenning, Jon Stock and Jimmy Hymes. Cassie Alloway and Amy Sommers were 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; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

Good of the District-A thank you was read from the family of Charlene Dour

Public Questions and Comments-David Ballance-He asked here is the proposed solar facility going to be located? Mr. O'Daniell stated that it is not on campus. What part is the district paying for? The district is not responsible for it. Revenue from the levy will be put in next year's budget. He thanked the board for their service and their decisions.

Committee Reports-The committee as a whole met with Omni to discuss projects and financials. List of items to be funded.

Administrator & Athletic Director Reports-None

### A. Consent Agenda Approval:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes-November 19, 2025
2. Bills and Payroll
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Investment, Loan, and Transfer
5. Recommendation to Accept Donations:
  - Gard School-\$4,000-Amazon
  - Art Club-\$580.00-JBS
  - Spanish Club-\$1,500.00 for Scholarships-Little Mexico
  - Baseball-\$500.00-Jennings
  - Baseball-\$1,500.00-First United Methodist Church
6. Overnight/Out of State Trip

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

## ACTION ITEMS

On a motion by Stock, second by Soer to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Algandar to approve the resolution in support of the Four Rivers Operating Board Restructuring. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Algandar to approve the \$50,000.00 Maintenance Grant Application-Applied to Upgrade Boiler Plant Project. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Algandar to approve the purchase of two(2) 2025 Chevrolet/Collins 14 passenger white activity buses-Total cost \$199,610 after trade in allowances. Soer asked about the five year rotation. These are activity buses and will replace our current white buses. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Algandar, second by Stock to purchase (1) one 2026 transit-350 passenger van, qualifying as a multi-purpose passenger vehicle for ISBE reimbursement for \$78,185.00. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Stock to approve High School graduation for Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by Soer to approve the 2025 Tax Levy. Tax rate is going from 4.47 to 4.30. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Soer, second by Stock to approve PRESS Policy 120. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Algandar to enter closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 6:21p.m.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Algandar to reenter regular session. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 6:54p.m.

## PERSONNEL

On a motion by Algandar, second by Soer to approve the following hires: Jake Lux-MS Wrestling Assistant; Bianca Castillo Tristan-Certified Spanish Interpreter; Ivan Cortez-HS Girls Soccer Assistant; Nancy Kolb-HS Girls Wrestling; Dylan Lopez-Sub Teacher; Haylee Royer-Sub Teacher; Yetlanetzi Vazquez-Sub Aide; Kylee Arenz-Certified Paraprofessional; Jennifer Cordero-Certified Paraprofessional and Stacey Chavez-Certified Paraprofessional. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by McClenning, second by Stock to approve the following list of extra-curricular volunteers who are ASEP or teacher certified: Scott Riddle-5/6 and 7/8 Boys Basketball and Colton Hoenes-MS Wrestling. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Stock, second by McClenning to approve the following maternity leave: Kayla Palmer-approximately January 24, 2026 for six weeks. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

On a motion by Algandar, second by Stock to approve the following retirements: Thomas Holmes-Maintenance 12-31-25. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes.

Recognition of the following resignations: Colton Hoenes-MS Wrestling Assistant Coach; Bianca Castillo Tristan-PreK Aide and Yanely Moreno Montoya-Parent Educator

DISCUSSION:

Set date for strategic planning meeting for Mr. O'Daniell will send out several days in January.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Algandar, second by Soer to adjourn. Roll Call Soer-yes; Algandar-yes; McClenning-yes; Stock-yes; and Hymes-yes. Time 7:00 p.m.

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Date

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President

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Secretary