

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 16, 2009

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, 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, A. Paul

Members Physically Absent: S. Strohmeier

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, C. Mohr, D. Allen, R. Tuchalski, Louise Moore, Paula Enke, Caleb Stoner, Vicky M. Lievers, John F. Bauer, Jason J. Bauer, Roselin Rhodes, Tom DeClure, Jerry Lesemann, Sue Mitchell, Melissa Ostendorf, Ken Jaworski, Donna Lawrence, Paige Smith, Carrie Heflin, Carey Runde, Jennifer McLain, Tracey Willhoit, Dave Ambrose, Rosemary Onken, John Onken, Rachael Onken, Brad Huette

PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE

President Rodney Gvillo asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2009; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 2, 2009; and the Minutes of the New Member Orientation Meeting of April 13, 2009 were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Special Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of the Regular Board Meeting of March 9, 2009; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 19, 2009; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of April 2, 2009; and the Minutes of the New Member Orientation Meeting of April 13, 2009 as presented. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mrs. Deanna Vivian applauded the Administration and District for their support in providing a classroom for several Gillespie students during the recent structural building problems.

BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman had spoken to Senator Deanna Demuzio regarding a news release that Illinois would receive \$2 Billion from the government for Education but \$1.8 Billion would go towards the State deficit. Senator Demuzio reiterated the fact that most of the funding would go towards the

deficit. Mrs. Spickerman has written the President of the United States in regards to the need for additional Education funding. Motion by Burnet, seconded by Vivian to approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Sue Mitchell to Address the Board Regarding Banner Committee Request: Mrs. Sue Mitchell and Mrs. Jennifer McClaine, members of the Bunker Hill Banner Committee, asked permission for students to participate in a banner judging contest starting with the 2009-2010 school year. Students in grades 1-3 would draw/compose a banner as a class project. Students in grades 4-8 would be asked to compete as individuals. Rules would be followed. One design would be chosen from the top five entries. The winning design would be signed with grade and displayed on light poles in the center of town during the month of January. When taken down, the school may display the chosen banner or give it to the winning candidate. From the top ten high school banners, two would be chosen for a possible scholarship if funding could be raised by August 15th, 2009. The two banners would also be displayed in the middle of town during January. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked them for attending tonight's meeting and for their request.

Miss Paige Smith requested to address the Board members regarding a recent issue. President Rodney Gvillo reported she would be asked to come into executive session later in the evening to address the concern.

Mr. Jerry Lesemann reported two school Board members, Suzanne Spickerman and Rodney Gvillo, would soon leave their seat on the Board. He thanked them for a good job with what they have done what was needed for this school and for getting our new school. He directed them to keep fighting as he also will keep fighting. He thanked them again. Several people in the audience clapped in unison.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Banner Committee Request: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve the Proposal of the City Banner Committee as presented. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Boys' and Girls' Basketball Camp Requests: Mr. Doug Daugherty handed to the Board the girls' and boys' basketball open gym dates and camps; baseball camp; football summer schedule; and the cheerleading practice schedule for review. Discussion followed. Volleyball and Dance schedules would be shared once the coaches are hired and information is gathered. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Camp Requests. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Football Camp Request: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to Approve the Football Camp Request for Summer, 2009 as presented. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve High School Band Trip Request: Mr. Caleb Stoner, a member of the high school band, asked for approval from the Board for the band to compete in the Kansas City Band Contest of May 8th through the 10th. He reviewed the itinerary and reported a preview of the Bunker Hill High School Band, Jazz Band, and Choir Concert musical performance would be held 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4th at the high school for anyone who would like to hear the music. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to Approve the High School Band Trip Request for May 8th – 10th as presented. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Ken E. Loy and Company as Auditing Firm for the 2009-2010 School Year: President Rodney Gvillo reported Mr. Ken Loy, the District's Auditor, has done a fine job for the District over the past several years. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve Ken Loy and Associates as Auditors for the 2008-2009 school year for an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Amend the 2008-2009 School Calendar: President Rodney Gvillo reported the last day of school would be May 26th being Report Card Day. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve the Final School Calendar for the 2008-2009 school year as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Performance Contracting: President Rodney Gvillo reported Performance Contracting would be tabled until after Executive Session.

Renew Membership in IHSA & IESA: President Rodney Gvillo reported the IHSA & IESA is ready for renewal. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Renew Bunker Hill CUSD #8 Membership in the IHSA and the IESA for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Renew Membership in NAEIR: Discussion from Mr. Skertich and Mr. Lievers showed the District benefits greatly from NAEIR with products such as tools, various office supplies, cleaning products and supplies, and prizes for the students. Motion by Burnet, seconded by Vivian to Renew Bunker Hill CUSD #8 Membership in NAEIR for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve the Employee Appreciation Dinner – Date/Place: Mrs. Diana Vivian felt the District had moved the time around in years past in hopes of accommodating better participation but

due to lack of attendance she feels it would be better served to suspend the event until further notice. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Payne to suspend the Employee Appreciation Dinner until further notice. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, no; Burnet, yes; Owen, no; Gvillo, yes. 5 Yes; 2 No. Motion carried.

Select Board Members to Hand Out Graduation Diplomas: Mr. Keith Strohmeier and Mr. Roger Owen would hand out graduation diplomas during the high school commencement ceremony.

Set Policy Committee Meeting: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to set the date for the Policy Committee for Wednesday, May 6, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers mentioned having attended the City Council Meeting whereby preliminary residential and business TIFing issues were being discussed and considered. TIFing would devastate the school system. Sometime in the near future the issue would be brought before the Board members for discussion. She had nothing further to discuss.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich extended an invitation to Mrs. Melissa Ostendorf and Mr. John F. Bauer as well as the other Board members to attend the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony of Tuesday, May 26, 2009. Anyone who would like to attend the ceremony should contact his office.

He reported 8th graders would attend a field trip to Six Flags and the Pre-K through 7th graders would enjoy Fun Day with both events being planned for Thursday, May 21st.

He reported the following students participated in the Macoupin County Spelling Bee: Teresa Cannedy, Myla Selph, Heidi Ostendorf, Taylor Knoche, Ashley Wadsworth, Cory Gibbs, Tiffany Wilkins; Jada Watkins, Jason Hargis, and Alison Wadsworth. The students did well. Jason Hargis placed Runner-Up and Myla Selph placed 4th.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported all juniors would take the PSAE Exams on April 22nd and 23rd at the Community Center.

The baseball team played in Grizzly Park against the Miner League Team held in Palmyra and won. The students had a good time, were thrilled with the opportunity, and also raised money from the event.

He reported the Senior Class would go on a day trip to Chicago on April 17th.

The Student Council is sponsoring a Donkey Basketball Game Fundraiser on April 28th at the high school with proceeds to go towards Homecoming, the Secret Santa Project, and various other projects throughout the year. A pork chop dinner will be held from 5:00 pm to 6:30 p.m. at the high school followed by the 7:00 p.m. game.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Sydney Strohmeier was not able to attend tonight's meeting.

Miss Abby Paul: Miss Abby Paul left earlier in the evening.

Mrs. Shelly Wuellner: Mrs. Shelle Wuellner was not present.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Greg Lievers presented a Bronze Award to the Board for the District's efforts with the Illinois Green Cleaning Act. A Green Audit took place in February and various areas were considered such as the use of hand dryers, the use of green chemicals for cleaning products, school bus issues, low sulphur fuel usage, and others. Discussion followed.

He included in the packet proposals for review to upgrade the security system throughout the schools. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEES

Policy: Mrs. Deanna Vivian had nothing to report at this time.

Curriculum: Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman had conversed with Dr. Bob Chiti, who works with Voc Ed funding through the Regional Office of Education. She reported there is approximately \$25,000.00 in funding for vocational education. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogers felt the District is already receiving such funding. Discussion followed. Mrs. Spickerman reported there was a health care/child development course program available at Staunton whereby students who finish the criteria could receive CNA certification. Mr. Daugherty reported students were informed last year of the program but no one showed interest in the class as our present high school block scheduling would not accommodate the offering. Possibly students could take advantage of the opportunity this year as the traditional scheduling would be offered.

Building/Transportation: Mr. Jon Payne reported Greg Lievers would be very busy this summer with one less maintenance worker. Mr. Payne discussed an article in the March issue of the Illinois School Board News Bulletin regarding IDOT's Safe Routes to School grant program. The grant would be coordinated with the city to provide safe walkways to our schools. Discussion followed and showed that Mr. Lievers would need to look into the issue. Mr. Payne and Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman reported having met with a couple of gentlemen from the Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation regarding preliminary discussion of possibly building senior living apartments or converting the present structure into senior assistant living quarters according to income status. If the program proves successful, there is the possibility for future assistant living and nursing home quarters. She reported the District would need to decide what to do with the campus area as possibilities arise.

Athletic Committee: Mr. Roger Owen had nothing to report at this time.

Special Education Committee: Mrs. Deanna Vivian reported with the closing of Benld's Elementary building, it has placed a hardship on the special needs students throughout the coop. She reported both Staunton and Mt. Olive Districts have housed two special education classes and Bunker Hill has housed one class. More information would be provided as it becomes available.

Education Foundation: Mr. Keith Strohmeier had nothing to report at this time.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 1.) Personnel – a. Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Certified District Librarian; b. Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Dance Team Sponsor; c. Employ an Assistant Football Coach; d. Accept Resignations; e. Request for Maternity Leave; and f. Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to return to Regular Session at 9:03 p.m. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Certificated District Librarian: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to authorize to post and advertise the position of Certified District Librarian for the 2009-2010 school year and to seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Dance Team Sponsor: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Administration to post and advertise the position of Dance Team Sponsor for the 2009-2010 school year and to seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ an Assistant Football Coach: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Employ Nathan Gray as Assistant Football Coach for the 2009-2010 school year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Resignations: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to Accept the Resignation of Wade Devries as Junior High School Basketball Coach, effective at the conclusion of the 2008-2009 school year and to authorize the Administration to seek a suitable candidate. 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 Resignation of Monica McGill as High School Head Volleyball Coach, effective at the end of the 2008-2009 school year and to authorize the Administration to seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Accept the Resignation of Sharon Fichera as Wolf Ridge Custodian, effective April 24, 2009. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Request for Maternity Leave: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Approve the Request for Maternity Leave for Stephanie Legendre for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

Performance Contracting: Mr. Tom McClure was present to answer any questions regarding Performance Contracting and reported a decision would need to be made pretty quickly. Mrs. Rogers gave the Board the cost for repair and maintenance for the high school. Discussion followed. Mr. McClure reported the District would not pay anything until the winning bids were awarded. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Burnet to table Performance Contracting at this time. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, no; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. 6 Yes; 1 No. Motion carried.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

Mrs. Deanna Vivian asked everyone present whether they would, as a registered voter of Illinois, sign a Gillespie Unit District #7 petition asking that Governor Pat Quinn release funds to help build a school for the 700 displaced students of the Benld Elementary building.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jon Payne
President

Carole Mohr
Secretary

