

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2008

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 10, 2008, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present: Gvillo, Owen, Payne, Vivian, Spickerman, Strohmeier, S. Strohmeier, A. Paul

Members Physically Absent: Burnet

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, C. Mohr, Courtney Wood, Susan Pollard, Vicky Lievers, Theresa Owen, Dawn Sipes, Teresa Mullink, Courtney Wood, Alyssa Thyer, Brianna Sipes, Savannah Strohmeier, Chelsea Stammer, Heidi Stammer, Joan Wood, Theresa Scroggins, Tracey Willhoit, Cozette Carlisle, Christina Simmons, Megan Day, Kym Day, Brad Huette, Rebecca Tuchalski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 16, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of October 22, 2008; and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 30, 2008; and the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 30, 2008. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 16, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 16, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of October 22, 2008; and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of October 30, 2008; and the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of October 30, 2008. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mr. Roger Owen commended the “Parents for Kids” Spaghetti Luncheon held Sunday at the Municipal Hall as it was very good and well attended.

President Rodney Gvillo commended Tyler Oberkfell, the baseball coaches, parents, and students for helping get the high school baseball field ready.

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman arrived at 7:03 p.m.

He also commended Mr. Travis Smith for making it possible for Mr. Kenny Battle, a past University of Illinois and former NBA player to come to Bunker Hill on November 8th to speak to the high school student body regarding his life accomplishments and about fulfilling goals in life.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Payne to accept the bills. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogers reported the District has tightened down spending to try to reduce the deficit. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the financial report. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS None

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Guidelines and Application as Presented by District Librarian – Library Per Capita Grant: Mrs. Rogers reported the State Library Per Capita Grant amounted to a little more than \$1.00 per student. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Approve the Guidelines and Application for the Library Per Capita Grant for the 2008-2009 school year as presented. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Set Date/Time for Special Board Meeting for Tax Levy: Mrs. Rogers reported the District's Auditor, Mr. Ken Loy, suggested the District hold a Public Tax Levy Hearing this year to possibly reclaim some of the lost ground that has occurred with PTELL. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to set a Special Board Meeting for Purposes of a Hearing Regarding the Proposed 2009 Tax Levy on December 8th, 2008 at 6:45 pm in the Wolf Ridge Library. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Advancing Expense Money to Board Members Attending the IASB/IASA/IASBO Convention in Chicago: Mrs. Rogers reported the District would advance \$200.00 to the Board members attending the Chicago School Board Convention. An envelope is provided to keep track of spending for the audit trail. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to Approve Advancing \$200.00 Expense Money to Board Members Attending the IASB/IASA/IASBO 2008 Convention on November 20th - 23rd in Chicago, Illinois. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Request to Attend Cheerleading Competition: Mrs. Rogers reported Mrs. Theresa Owen, the high school cheerleading coach, asked that the cheerleaders be given a chance to perform competitively this year. Several parents and cheerleaders were present. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to allow the High School Cheerleaders to Attend Competitions as presented. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Release for Bids for Portable Building Project: Mrs. Rogers reported since the referendum did not pass, the Administration has been busy working on adequate academic space for next year as Meissner will come down. Discussion followed. The District's architect, FGM, would make sure the project is compliant with the State and the Regional Office of Education guidelines. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Authorize FGM to Proceed with Construction Documents and Processes for the Modular Classroom Project. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Keith Strohmeier asked to speak regarding the referendum. He expressed disappointment at its defeat and expressed additional disappointment at a staff members' public display of a sign calling for the referendum's defeat.

President Rodney Gvillo added that if an employee has an opposing opinion, he suggested keeping it to one's self as the District is the employer. It was also stated that if an employee was no longer happy here, seeking employment elsewhere might benefit everyone.

President Rodney Gvillo reported the Board has worked very hard here for the kids and community to keep things aligned and updated.

The referendum was defeated. (1026 Yes Votes; 1043 No Votes)

Discussion showed that there might have been voters within the District boundaries that did not have the referendum question on their voting page and therefore did not get to vote on the issue. The District is looking into this voting issue and will have more information at a later date.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers reported each Board member has his/her folder containing train tickets, various site seeing sites and maps of Chicago, hotel reservations, dining reservations, luggage tags, and convention badges relating to the School Board Convention. Mrs. Rogers handed the Board members an envelope with advance spending money. Receipts are to be kept in a receipt envelope and returned to Mrs. Deb Allen, the bookkeeper, for the audit trail. Mrs. Carole Mohr was thanked for her work in putting the travel arrangements and folders together.

Mrs. Rogers reported at this time a recount is being sought of the Macoupin County referendum votes as a numerical issue only. The District will not ask for a recount from the Madison County votes. There are 8 precincts in the Bunker Hill School District and 4 petitions are necessary. Each recount petition must have a petitioner and 4 other registered voter signatures that voted in the election of November 4, 2008. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogers reported the District is going to file a proof of freedom of information act petition and seek an inquiry as to whether the referendum question was included on every voter's ballot within the precincts. She asked that if anyone hears of someone who had not

had the question listed on his/her ballot to please let the Superintendent's Office know the name to follow up on the procedure. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Rogers reported after Mr. Skertich's power point presentation of last month that addressed three options for Meissner, there were no questions regarding the closing of the Meissner campus. She reported that on the December agenda, the Board would recommend for action to close the Meissner school building effective at the 2009-2010 school year and to move the students to the Wolf Ridge Education Center. This move is in the best interest and academic achievement for the children.

The Administration has been working together to plan for portable classrooms to be in operation for the beginning of the next school year. The Administration will further recommend the next step in that two portable buildings would be purchased and set in place to address our classroom needs at the Wolf Ridge complex. Discussion followed. FGM, the District architectural firm would participate to insure the State and Regional Office of Education compliance issues are addressed. Discussion showed the need to have the Policy Committee review the Wednesday activities' policy". Scheduling practices, extra-curricular games, athletic conferences, and academic scheduling within one gym will need to be arranged and rearranged. Transportation schedules throughout the District and Wolf Ridge and High School schedules are also being looked at. Discussion followed. The District is hoping for a smooth transition and hopes to have the buildings close to being in place by late spring. The bottom line is students are our first issue and anything that doesn't directly affect the students in their achievement, we are setting aside for phase two. The decision to close the Meissner building will be placed on the December agenda for a vote. Discussion followed regarding future timelines. Discussion showed the portable classroom behind the Meissner building, that presently houses the building/transportation office, is too old and decrepit to support a classroom of children again. Portable classrooms could be purchased, leased, or rented on a rent-to-own basis. Discussion showed the need to contact FGM, the District's architectural firm, to check the timeline for placing the referendum question again before the community for the April Ballot. Various other referendums may also be placed on the April Ballot.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Sydney Strohmeier congratulated Andrew Cloninger for being chosen as the October Student of the Month. The Veteran's Day Program of November 7th went smoothly. She reported Coach Travis Smith's Illini teammate Mr. Kenny Battle spoke to the students in an assembly. She reported the freshman took the Explorer's test, the sophomores took a PLAN test and the sophomores will receive their class rings on Wednesday. The Scholastic Bowl team is off and running and the Student Council is raising money for the Secret Santa Project.

Miss Abigail Paul: Miss Abigail Paul reported both girls' and boys' basketball will be starting soon.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported once test results are returned, the teachers will be able to help students with weak areas. Scheduling is being addressed for next year.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich was not present as there was a Junior High Boys' Basketball game tonight.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner reported a high school freezer blew a breaker and approximately \$600.00 worth of food was lost. Discussion followed. She reported October was Hunger Awareness Month and students within the entire District gathered canned goods and non-perishable items for the Secret Santa Project.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers reported both boilers at Meissner are running and the high school gym bleachers will be fixed once the parts arrive. Mr. Lievers presently has a key to the new concession stand built by the Quarterback Club on the football field.

Committees

Policy – A Policy Committee Meeting will be set in January.

Curriculum – Nothing at this time.

Building/Transportation – Mr. Jon Payne reported a transportation agreement would be drafted and brought before the entire Board for a vote in December.

Athletic – Nothing at this time.

Special Education – Nothing at this time.

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported the Education Foundation is planning a Brass Door Pork Chop Dinner for the last Sunday in February.

Personnel

Personnel – May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Payne, seconded by Vivian to go into Executive Session at 7:54 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: 1.) Personnel - a. Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Brad Skertich arrived at 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 8:37 P.M. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

Mr. Brad Skertich reported Mrs. Jodie Zipprich has done a good job of getting students ready for transition from 8th grade to high school.

He reported the teachers have done an outstanding job of teaching our students and is reflected in the ISAT Test scores. The District is in the 88% percentile of meets and exceeds.. Discussion followed.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

President Rodney Gvillo read a thank you note from the Jake Zimmer family for the memorial given at the loss of their son.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Rodney Gvillo
President

Carole Mohr
Secretary