

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 9, 2009

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 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: Gvillo, Owen, Payne, Spickerman, Strohmeier, Vivian, A. Paul

Members Physically Absent: Burnet, S. Strohmeier

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, D. Allen, C. Mohr, Rebecca Tuchalski, Teresa Mullink, Roselin Rhodes, Vicky Lievers, Megan Day, Kym Day, Dave Ambrose, Courtney Wood, Dawn Devall, Monica Howerton, Kenneth Howerton, Tracey Willhoit

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 January 12, 2009, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of January 12, 2009, the minutes of the Public Tuition Student Waiver Hearing of January 22, 2009, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 22, 2009, the minutes of the Board Retreat of January 28, 2009, and the Minutes of the Policy Committee of February 2, 2009 were reviewed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2009, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of January 12, 2009, the minutes of the Public Tuition Student Waiver Hearing of January 22, 2009, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of January 22, 2009, the minutes of the Board Retreat of January 28, 2009, and the Minutes of the Policy Committee of February 2, 2009 with correction. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mrs. Deanna Vivian saluted Mr. Dave Pitts and Mr. Matthew Smith, athletic directors, for their work in trying to preserve the “no late practices or games on Wednesday nights” for next year. She reported letters went out to clergy in the area confirming the status.

President Rodney Gvillo saluted Teresa Brown, bus driver for the January 28th boys’ basketball game held at Virden as the weather was extremely icy and road conditions were terrible. She did a great job of driving the athletes home safely.

The Board saluted Coach Theresa Owen and Assistant Coach Teresa Mullink and the High School Cheerleaders for their first ever participation in State competition in Peoria. The girls placed 9th out of 14 schools with no deductions taken off of their score. Everyone had a great time and a video of their cheers would be shown to the Board at a later time. Ms. Teresa Mullink thanked the Board for allowing the cheerleaders the use of the school vans and for allowing them to compete in cheer competition.

President Rodney Gvillo commended the girls' basketball team for winning 20 games this season and expressed good luck with Regional.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian 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. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman 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

Approve Seniority Lists: The Teacher and ESP Seniority Lists are updated and ready for approval. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to approve the Teacher Seniority List and Support Staff Seniority List for 2009 as presented. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Release the Bids for Portable Classrooms: Mrs. Rogers reported FGM Architects are in the final stages of getting the bidding process ready for portable classrooms. Discussion followed. Bid specifications would be given to the Board members as soon as they become available. A pre-bid meeting will be held February 12th for prospective contractors to ask questions with a bid opening for 10:00 a.m. on February 24th in the Superintendent's office. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Administration to Release for Bids for the Portable Classrooms for the Wolf Ridge Attendance Center. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize the Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY10 Budget: Mrs. Rogers reported having already begun working on the FY10 Budget. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Authorize the Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY 10 Budget. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers had nothing further to add.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich was not present as he was overseeing a junior high volleyball game.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported the high school would be going with a traditional seven hour per day schedule for next year that includes a study hall. The scheduling process is being worked out.

The students are getting ready to take the PSAE Tests.

President Rodney Gvillo reported the student that was hurt during a home basketball game a few weeks recovered from a concussion and whiplash and is doing fine.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier was unable to attend the board meeting due to being ill.

Miss Abigail Paul: Miss Paul reported on the status of the boys' and girls' basketball standings as well as cheerleading competition.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner addressed issues of repetitive breakfast and/or lunch charging at all three schools. Parents have been notified by phone calls, by letters mailed home, or by daily reminders sent home thru students. Discussion continued.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers thanked Tom Throne and his crew for helping with snow removal. He felt the Board Retreat went very well and reported preparations are already taking place to close Meissner.

Committees

Policy – Mrs. Deanna Vivian reported the committee is reviewing several policies to be brought before the Board for a first reading.

Curriculum – Nothing

Building/Transportation – Mr. Jon Payne, Mr. Brad Skertich, and Mr. Greg Lievers gave a Meissner building tour to several members of the community. After the tour the members seemed in agreement that the District was moving in the right direction to close Meissner. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Jon Payne, the Building Committee Chairman, for taking the time out of his busy schedule to attend the tour. He did a great job of answering the public's questions.

Athletic – Nothing

Special Education – Nothing

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported the Education Foundation will have a Brass Door Pork Chop Dinner at the Wolf Ridge Education Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 22nd. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Landreth Lumber Company, the bank, and all three schools. Any money raised goes back to the schools in the form of scholarships or grants for K-12 Educators.

Personnel – May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to go into

Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body:

1.) Personnel a. Hire an Assistant Softball Coach; b. Hire a Junior High Track Coach for the 2009 Track Season; c. Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Junior High Math Teacher for the 2009-2010 School Year; d. Authorize to Post for a Unit Office Clerk Position; e. Re-Employ Spring Sports' Coaches; f. Principals' Contract; g. Superintendent's Evaluation;

h. Discuss Staffing Needs; and 2.) Review Closed Session Minutes of Meetings. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to return to Regular Session at 8:50 P.M. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Hire as Assistant Softball Coach for the 2008-2009 School Year: No action.

Hire as Junior High Track Coach for the 2009 Track Season: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to appoint Michelle Mueller as Junior High School Track Coach for the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Post and Advertise for a Junior High Math Teacher for the 2009-2010 School Year: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Administration to Post and Advertise for a Junior High School Math Teacher for the 2009-2010 School Year and seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize to Post for a Unit Office Clerk Position: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to authorize the Administration to Post for a Unit Office Clerk Position and seek a suitable candidate. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Re-Employ Spring Sports' Coaches: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Re-Employ the Spring Sports' Coaches Roster for the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Principals' Contracts: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to extend the contracts of Brad Skertich and Doug Daugherty to the conclusion of the 2011-2012 School Year. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Evaluation: No action.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

Review Closed Session Minutes of Meetings: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to close the minutes of meetings as attached and to open the minutes of the meeting as attached. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Minutes opened are: 10-17-02; 11-14-02; 01-13-03; 03-10-03; 05-12-03; 08-13-03; 11-14-03; 03-08-04; 04-15-04; 05-27-04; 09-20-04; 09-30-04; 10-01-04; 11-29-04; 01-10-05; 03-14-05; 04-11-05; 04-21-05; 07-11-05; 09-12-05; 10-13-05; 10-24-05; 10-26-05; 12-12-05; 01-09-06; 02-13-06; 02-27-06; 03-13-06; 06-12-06; 08-14-06; 11-13-06; 02-12-07; 05-14-07; 07-09-07; 08-02-07; 08-13-07; 08-20-07; 09-10-07; 10-11-07; 10-16-07; 11-01-07; 12-10-07; 01-14-08; 02-14-08; 03-10-08; 03-17-08; 03-25-08; 05-19-08; 06-09-08; 07-14-08; 08-11-08; 09-08-08; and 10-16-08;

Minutes remaining closed are: 09-26-02; 02-10-03; 12-08-03; 01-12-04; 02-09-04; 09-20-04; 09-20-04; 02-14-05; 05-09-05; 06-13-05; 07-06-05; 03-27-06; 10-12-06; 03-12-07; 10-12-07; 04-14-08; 05-12-08; 05-12-08; 10-30-08; 11-10-08; 12-08-08; 12-18-08; and 01-12-09.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

Mrs. Rogers reported the Gillespie School District would like a formal letter sent to them regarding last month's vote/request to enter a soccer coop with the Gillespie and Mt. Olive School Districts. Discussion followed. Mrs. Rogers will draft a letter to formalize the process.

ADJOURN

Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Secretary