



REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING BULLETIN
DU QUOIN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #300
CENTRAL OFFICE - 845 EAST JACKSON ST.
DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS 62832
MEETING HELD IN K-8 MEDIA CENTER
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021
6:30 P.M.

Zach McPherson – President
 Trent Waller - Vice President
 Brian Rodely - Secretary
 Crystal Harsy - Member
 Patrick Riley - Member
 Kevin West - Member
 Mark Woodside – Member

Administrators present: Matthew Hickam – Superintendent, Cory Robbins via Google Meet – Business Manager, Diana Rea – Director of Instructional Services/Elementary Principal, Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal Tim McChristian – High School Principal and Denise Woodsides – High School Assistant Principal

Others present: Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Present: Harsy, McPherson, Riley, Rodely, Waller, West, and Woodside via Google Meet.		
III.	Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Building principals – The Reasons We Are Proud were shared with the Board. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam began with a short statement acknowledging the passing of former District employee John Campbell. He noted the multiple roles that Mr. Campbell had within the district, his teamwork, and high character. <p>Mr. Hickam then shared with the Board some information regarding COVID-19. The recent updates from the CDC for school guidance were reviewed. It was noted that there continue to be differences between CDC guidance and IDPH guidance. Based on the two metrics suggested by the CDC to determine community spread, Perry County would still be considered in the high risk category. Mr. Hickam noted that numbers do continue to improve in district and county. Data resembles what was experienced in early October. While the recent start of athletics has been interrupted by the winter weather, so far things have gone well with no significant impacts from COVID. Regarding vaccinations, Mr. Hickam mentioned that second doses are now being administered by the health department but the winter weather did lead to cancellations of appointments that will have to be rescheduled.</p>		
IV.	Public Hearing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DEA Representative - none Public - none 		
V.	Executive Session: The Board entered into executive session at 6:54 PM to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees and collective bargaining matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The Board returned to open session at 7:35 PM.		

VI.	Consent Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the minutes of the January 21, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes). The Board approved an agreement with the University of West Florida to accept internship students for supervised learning experiences. The Board approved an updated job description for the position of social worker. 		
VII.	Financial Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the payment of bills for January 2021. The Board approved the January 2021 financial report. 		
VIII.	New or Unfinished Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved temporary changes to the Du Quoin High School Athletic/Extra-Curricular Academic Eligibility Policy due to the impacts of COVID-19. The temporary changes require that students pass at least 5 of 7 classes in a semester to be eligible for all competitions, but allows students in the current semester who passed 4 of 7 classes in the fall semester to have eligibility for half of competitions. (This is only in effect during the current semester because of the compacted season calendar.) The Board considered tentative dates for 8th grade promotion ceremony. After discussion, it was determined that the tentative date would be Friday, May 28th. The date will be officially determined at the March meeting. Mr. Hickam provided an overview of the elementary principal search process. It was noted that the process would have multiple steps including a written questionnaire and at least two rounds of interviews. A team of faculty members from DES is collaborating on the search and will screen and score applicants throughout the process. The position will be officially posted on Friday, Feb. 19. The Board authorized the administration to begin budget preparation, advertise for bids of cafeteria/custodial items, and to post required budget hearing notice for September 2021. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Du Quoin Education Association regarding unused leave from the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act. 		
IX.	Resignation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board accepted a letter of resignation from Casey Rose as a physical education teacher at Du Quoin Middle School to be effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. 		
X.	Employment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board transferred Dacia Harsy to the position of elementary intervention teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board transferred Amanda Milam to the position of Du Quoin Elementary School Dean of Students for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board employed Gabrielle Eisenhauer as secretary for Du Quoin Elementary School. The Board employed Kailee McCollum as a special education teacher at Du Quoin Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board employed Allison Sims as a social worker at Du Quoin Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board employed Natalie Hubler as a social worker at Du Quoin Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board employed Doris Kern as the in-school suspension supervisor at Du Quoin High School for the 2021-2022 school year. The Board employed Tim Davis as a high school assistant baseball coach for the current school year. 		
XI.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:16 PM.		