

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 100 was held Thursday, February 18, 2021 in the office of the Board of Education. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Greg Brown, President. Other board members present were Peggy Perdun, Vice President; Stan Kary, Secretary; Dave Bryden, Andrew Carey, Kyle Graham, and Jacob Warford. Also in attendance were Brad Tuttle, Superintendent; Alan Churchman, District Administrator; Kate Sievers, Director of Curriculum; Jason Brunaugh, Principal; Matt Derrick, Director of Technology; Debbie Trochuck, District Secretary, Lucas Gardner, Jersey County Journal; and Cindy Parish.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Carey to move to closed session for the purpose of discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s); legal counsel, collective negotiating matters or deliberations; board vacancies; evidence or testimony presented in a hearing where authorized by law; purchase or lease of real property; sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts; security procedures; student disciplinary cases or any matter involving an individual student; litigation; self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics; minutes of meetings lawfully closed; internal control weaknesses, potential fraud risk areas; establishment of reserves, settlement or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)

On roll call, Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes. Motion carried.

The board moved to closed session at 6:32 p.m.

The board returned from closed session at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Bryden, seconded by Carey to resume open session. On roll call, Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes. Motion carried.

The meeting resumed with the Pledge of Allegiance and reciting of the Mission Statement.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS/WELCOME VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Parish spoke regarding legislation being considered in regard to Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leading Standards.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Kary, seconded by Graham to approve the following consent agenda as presented:

I. Minutes & Finance

A. Approve Board Minutes

1. Open Session(s)
 - a. Regular Meeting – January 21, 2021
 - b. Special Meeting – None
2. Closed Sessions(s)
 - a. Regular Meeting – January 21, 2021 (held)
 - b. Special Meeting – None

B. Bookkeeper's Financial Position/Treasurer's Reports – January 2021

C. Budget Report – January 2021

D. Approve Expenditures – February 2021

II. Personnel Items

A. Approve Resignation(s)

1. Monica Bell, Healthcare Assistant and Athletic Trainer, effective February 26, 2021

B. Approve Extra-Curricular Assignment(s), effective for the 2020-21 school year

1. Scott Tonsor, Boys Track Coach, JCMS
2. Brian Madson, Assistant Boys Track Coach, JCHS
3. Ryan Lott, Assistant Girls Track Coach, JCHS
4. Joe Kallal, Program Paid Assistant Baseball Coach, JCHS

C. Approve Leave of Absence

1. Torrie Gilmore, Birth-to-Three Parent Educator, Maternity Leave

D. Approve Non-Certified Personnel - None

E. Approve Temporary Disability Leave - None

F. Employ Certificated Personnel - None

G. Employ Educational Support Personnel - None

III. Other – None

On roll call, Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes.
Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution for the Abatement of Taxes

After discussion a motion was made by Perdun, seconded by Bryden to adopt the following resolution abating a portion of taxes heretofore levied to pay principal and interest on \$3,721,533 General Obligation Funding Bonds, Series 2004 HLS of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, by a resolution adopted on the 14th day of September, 2004, did provide for the issue of \$3,721,533 General Obligation Funding Bonds, Series 2004 HLS, of the District and for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay principal and interest on said Bonds: and

WHEREAS, the District has certain funds lawfully available and it is necessary and in the best interests of the District that a part of the taxes heretofore levied to pay principal and interest on the Bonds be abated:

Section 1. Abatement of Taxes: A part of the taxes heretofore levied in the Bond Resolution shall be abated by that amount representing certain lawfully available funds, the year for which taxes were levied in Section 12 of the Bond Resolution, the amount of the tax levied in said Section 12 for said year to pay principal and interest on the Bonds, the amount of the tax to be abated for said year as a result of the use of such lawfully available funds, and the remainder of the tax to be levied which is to be extended for said year to pay principal and interest of the Bonds being as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount Levied</u>	<u>Amount of Tax to be Abated</u>	<u>Remainder of Tax Levied Which is to be Extended</u>
2020	\$ 1,880,000	\$ 251,800	\$ 1,628,200
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

Section 2. Filing: Forthwith upon the adoption of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Board shall file a certified copy hereof with the County Clerks of the Counties of Jersey and Greene Counties, Illinois, and it shall be the duty of said Clerks to annually in and for the year 2021, ascertain the rate necessary to produce the remainder of the tax heretofore levied and as shown herein above in Section 1 hereof and to extend the same for collection on the tax books against all of the taxable property situated within the District and situated with said Counties in connection with other taxes levied in said year for general District purposes, and in said year such annual tax shall be computed, extended and collected in the same manner as now or hereafter provided by law for the computation, extension, and collection of taxes for general purposes of the District, and when collected such taxes shall be placed to the credit of a special fund, which is hereby irrevocably pledged to and shall be used only for the purpose of paying principal and interest on said bonds.

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.
Adopted 18th day of February, 2021.

Greg Brown, President, Board of Education

Stan Kary, Secretary, Board of Education

On roll call, Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes. Motion carried.

- B. Resolution for Withdrawal from Region III Special Education Cooperative
Mr. Tuttle informed the board that Keri Lakin has the qualifications to serve as a Special Education Director and has filed paperwork with the Illinois State Board of Education requesting approval as a State Approved Special Education Director for Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100.

After discussion a motion was made by Carey, seconded by Graham to adopt the following resolution authorizing execution of a petition for withdrawal from the Region III Special Education Cooperative:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 (“District” “Jersey” or “Board of Education”), Jersey County, Illinois, is a member of and party to the Articles of Joint Agreement of the Region III Special Education Cooperative (“Region III” or “Cooperative”). A copy of the current Articles of Joint Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Region III is a special education joint agreement organized and operating in accordance with Section 10-22.31 of the *Illinois School Code*, 105 ILCS 5/10-22.31; and

WHEREAS, Region III is currently comprised of the following six (6) members: the Bethalto Community Unit School District No. 8, the East Alton Elementary School District No. 13, the East-Alton-Wood River Community High School District No. 14, the Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, the Southwestern Community Unit School District No. 9, and the Wood-River-Hartford Elementary School District No. 15; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the District and the students receiving educational services in the District to provide special education services to the District’s special education population locally rather than participating in the Region III Special Education Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and determines that the District’s costs and services can best be provided by the local school district rather than in the sharing of the costs and services through Region III Special Education Cooperative, allowing for continued outstanding educational programming and services for the students of the District; and

WHEREAS, local control and decision making over the special education programming and services for the students of the District will allow students to remain as close as possible to their homes, shortening their time spent in transport to Region III and will result in little, if any, change to the services those students currently receive; and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Joint Agreement of Region III provide that each member District “agrees to pay its respective prorated share of the administrative costs based upon the average daily attendance from the previous year” (See Exhibit A, Section 2.5); and

WHEREAS, the Articles of Joint Agreement of Region III provide that members districts of the students served in Region III programs will receive a “standard charge” for the student’s program (See Exhibit A, Section 1.6); and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact Report (attached hereto as Exhibit B), specifically FY21, indicates that Jersey’s total student enrollment is 2589 students, which represents 30.5% of the student enrollment of the member districts and that the administrative cost for Jersey students to receive Region III programming is \$82,499.82, making up 30.5% of the total administrative fees charged by Region III to the member districts; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Impact Report indicates that FY22 numbers are expected to be the same as FY21, but that Region III intends to begin making adjustments to prepare for the withdrawal of Jersey. In FY22, Region III intends to decrease from 12 certified staff to 9 certified staff, a cut of 25%. Region III also intends to decrease non-certified staff by two (2) positions, from the eight 8 paraprofessionals, 4.8 certified occupational therapy assistants, and 2 physical therapy assistants. Region III also intends to reallocate the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst fee and to cut supply costs by 50%; and

WHEREAS, administrative costs to each member district would increase 44% if Region III made no changes to its budget at the withdrawal of Jersey and its 30.5% of the student population; and

WHEREAS, the administrative costs that would necessarily increase as Jersey withdraws from Region III can be offset by making further adjustments to the staffing and other costs of Region III as follows: decreasing administrative positions, decreasing certified staff by one (1), decreasing non-certified staff by one (1), decreasing certified occupational therapy assistant positions by one and one half-time position (1.5), decreasing physical therapy assistant position by one half of a position (.5), the retirement of a speech and language pathologist who will be replaced with a new hire making \$37,000, reallocation of the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst fee, and a cut to the supply budget by 50%; and

WHEREAS, with those suggested changes, the administrative fee for member districts of Region III would only be increased 13.6% from FY22.

WHEREAS, Section 10-22.31 of The School Code provides that a Petition for Withdrawal may be executed by the Board of Education seeking to withdraw from a special education joint agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds and determines that it is in its and its students’ best interest for the School District to withdraw from the Region III Special Education Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, by withdrawing its participation in Region III, Jersey acknowledges that it “irrevocably waive[s] any interest in the assets of the Joint Agreement, including but not limited to real property, buildings, equipment and materials, and funds.” (See Exhibit A, Section 3.6); and

WHEREAS, with the affirmative passage of this Resolution, the Board of Education seeks to withdraw from the Region III Special Education Cooperative effective July 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the School District lies entirely within Jersey County, Illinois; the Regional Board of School Trustees of Madison County, Illinois and the Regional Board of School Trustees of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, and Macoupin Counties, Illinois are the regional boards exercising supervision and control over the District and Region III Special Education Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interests of the schools of the area, the school districts in question and the educational welfare of the pupils involved that the withdrawal petitioned for herein be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Jersey Unit School District No. 100, as follows:

1. Incorporation of Recitals. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.

2. Execution of Petition. The President and Secretary of the Board of Education are hereby authorized and directed to sign a certain Petition for Withdrawal, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as “Exhibit C.”

3. Filing of Petition. Upon the execution of the Petition by the President and Secretary, the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to file the original Petition with the Regional Board of School Trustees of Madison County, Illinois, and the Regional Board of School Trustees of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, and Macoupin Counties, Illinois, and to take all necessary and appropriate steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution and of the Petition.

4. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 18th day of February, 2021, by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Brown, Bryden, Carey, Graham, Kary, Warford, Perdun (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JERSEY
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 100,

By: _____
President

ATTEST:

Secretary

CERTIFICATION

I, Stan Kary, Secretary of the Board of Education of Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Education on February 18, 2021 by the following roll-call vote:

AYES: Brown, Bryden, Carey, Graham, Kary, Warford, Perdun (7)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Dated this 18th day of February 18, 2021

Secretary, Board of Education

On roll call, Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes.
Motion carried.

C. Administrator Contract Extensions and Compensation

A motion was made by Graham, seconded by Kary to approve administrator contract extensions through the 2021-22 school year and compensation as discussed in closed session.

On roll call, Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes.
Motion carried.

D. 2021-22 School Calendar

After discussion a motion was made by Kary, seconded by Carey to approve the 2021-22 school calendar as presented

On roll call, Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes.
Motion carried.

E. 2021-22 JCHS Graduation Date

After discussion a motion was made by Perdun, seconded by Warford to approve the 2021-22 Jersey Community High School graduation date of May 15, 2022.

On roll call, Brown, yes; Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes.
Motion carried.

F. Retirement Sick Day Request

After discussion a motion was made by Graham, seconded by Warford to approve the retirement sick day request of Lori Thurston for 130 days.

On roll call, Bryden, yes; Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Tuttle discussed options for middle school football.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Enrollment and Suspension and Expulsion Reports

The December and January enrollment reports and the January suspension/expulsion reports were provided for informational purposes.

Principals' Reports

None

Directors' Reports

District Administrator

Mr. Churchman presented an update on various facility projects, and upcoming recommendations for a bus lease and tractor bids.

Curriculum Director

Dr. Sievers presented in regard to her role in the district, curriculum, professional development, staff collaboration, what she has discovered and using this information to make suggestions for the coming year.

Mr. Brown exited the meeting and 8:14 p.m. and re-entered the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Special Education Coordinator and Early Childhood Director

None

Director of Finance and Human Resources

None

Director of Technology

None

Superintendent Report

Mr. Tuttle discussed the following:

- Proposed Grafton TIF
- Working with 1st Mid-America to use part of their property for middle school football
- Potential natural gas price increases
- Second round of CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act funding, now called ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund)

Mrs. Perdun asked if Mrs. Parish, who spoke earlier in the meeting, had children that attended in the Jersey 100 District. Mr. Brown responded that she did not.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brown made the following announcements:

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| A. March 12 | End of Third Quarter |
| B. March 18 | Regular Board of Education Meeting – 6:30 p.m. |

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Warford, seconded by Graham to adjourn. On roll call, Carey, yes; Graham, yes; Kary, yes; Perdun, yes; Warford, yes; Brown, yes; Bryden, yes. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of February 18, 2021 adjourned at 8:49 p.m.