



**BULLETIN**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA**  
**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, MAY 20, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Brian Rodely – President  
 Trent Waller - Vice President  
 Amy Rose - Secretary  
 Crystal Harsy - Member  
 Zach McPherson - Member  
 Steven Still - Member  
 Kevin West – Member

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

Others present – Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Matthew Benson – Board Attorney, Pam Pursell – DEA Co-President, Nikki Saunders – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.		
II.	<b>Roll Call</b> Present: Rodely, Waller, Rose, Harsy, McPherson, Still, and West.		
III.	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Building principals – The principals and Mr. Hickam shared the Reasons We Are Proud for the month.</li> <li>B. Superintendent – Update regarding COVID-19 impacts:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Hickam mentioned the recent announcement from the CDC regarding the wearing of masks. He noted that presently the mask requirement remains in place for schools, but the CDC has stated they are in the process of revising guidance for schools. It was pointed out that the Governor has expressed that the state will follow the CDC's guidance regarding masks.</li> <li>• The recent announcement by the FDA that the Pfizer vaccine for COVID-19 has been approved for 12-15 year olds was mentioned. Mr. Hickam noted that a survey has recently been shared with DMS/DHS parents regarding their interest in having their students vaccinated. This survey is being conducted to share with local vaccine providers. To date, 101 parents have responded to the survey with 30 expressing an interest in the vaccine.</li> <li>• Mr. Hickam shared that the Illinois State Board of Education has just adopted a resolution expressing that schools should return to in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. It was noted that the District is planning on a return to a regular calendar and regular daily schedule.</li> <li>• With the move to the Bridge Phase in the state, Mr. Hickam expressed that the administration is confident that all who wish to be present at the upcoming graduation/promotion ceremonies can be accommodated under the 60% capacity rule. No tickets will be required.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

IV.	<b>Public Hearing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. DEA Representative – No comments</li> <li>B. Public – No comments</li> </ul>		
V.	<b>Executive Session:</b> The Board entered into closed session at 6:15 Pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation/performance of specific employees, collective bargaining and pending litigation in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).  The Board returned to open session at 7:27 PM.		
VI.	<b>Consent Agenda:</b> The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes, as amended, of the April 20, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes) and April 27, 2021 special meeting;</li> <li>B. The renewal of COPE and Project SOAR Alternative Education program agreements with the Regional Office of Education;</li> <li>C. The renewal of an agreement with Centerstone to provide student counseling services.</li> </ul>		
VII.	<b>Financial Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for April 2021.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the April 2021 financial report.</li> </ul>		
VIII.	<b>Budget Hearing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Mr. Hickam presented the amended FY21 budget with the Board.</li> <li>B. The Board adopted a resolution approving the amended FY21 budget.</li> </ul>		
IX.	<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the recommended student handbook changes/updates for Du Quoin Middle School and Du Quoin High School.</li> <li>B. A first reading of board policy related to the standard operating procedures for the sharing of information between members of the Board and administration was shared. The suggested policy will return next month to considered for adoption.</li> <li>C. Mr. Hickam shared and reviewed a document with the Board which summarized a plan for utilizing ESSER II grant funds. The plan focused on three areas: how to maintain in-person learning while dealing with the impacts of an airborne virus, how we make progress towards closing the achievement gap, and how we address mental health/social-emotional well-being.</li> <li>D. Mrs. Rea shared a summary of the programming being offered in the summer through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grants.</li> <li>E. Mr. Robbins shared and reviewed a document containing summer maintenance work items.</li> </ul>		
X.	<b>Collective Bargaining</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board adopted the proposed 1-year agreement with the Du Quoin Education Association which covers the 2021-2022 school year.</li> </ul>		
XI.	<b>Retirement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board accepted Brenda Ridgeway's notice of retirement for the end of the 2022-2023 school year.</li> </ul>		
XII.	<b>Employment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board offered a 3-year contract to Justin Engelmann to be Principal at Du Quoin Elementary School beginning with the 2021-2022 school year.</li> <li>B. The Board employed Trebor Mann as a middle school physical education teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.</li> </ul>		

	<p>C. The Board employed the following in extra-curricular positions for 2021-2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jennifer Davis as high school cheer coach</li> <li>b. Katie Kuhnert and Bri Green as high school competitive dance coaches</li> <li>c. Keith Ellis as a high school assistant boys' basketball coach and high school assistant football coach</li> <li>d. Bailie Caldwell and Sadie Day as high school assistant softball coaches</li> <li>e. Hannah Marek as middle school yearbook co-sponsor.</li> </ul> <p>D. The Board approved the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant summer program workers as presented.</p> <p>E. The Board approved the summer food program workers as presented.</p>		
XIII.	<p><b>Adjournment</b> The Board adjourned at 8:20 PM.</p>		