



BULLETIN
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
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, JUNE 17, 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, Nikki Saunders – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, Renee Trappe – Du Quoin Call.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Rodely.		
II.	Roll Call Present: Rodely, Rose, Still, and West. Absent: Harsy, McPherson, and Waller.		
III.	Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Building principals – The principals and Mr. Hickam shared the Reasons We Are Proud for the month. B. Superintendent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Hickam expressed appreciation for the work of the faculty, staff and administration under the circumstances of the year. He noted that everyone did their best to follow guidelines while still having school. • The recent and tragic loss of K-8 cook Rob Manser was noted. Mr. Hickam mentioned the support that the community and school has shown and that DES would continue to provide support for the family. • In the area of COVID-relief funds, Mr. Hickam informed the Board that the plan for the second-round of funding has been approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. He noted that the third-round of funding requires a meeting of stakeholders to discuss the use of funds. He invited members of the Board to join this discussion. Mr. Rodely volunteered. • Mr. Hickam noted that school districts are awaiting new guidance for schools from the CDC. No changes have yet to occur to date. The Illinois Dept. of Public Health has updated sports guidance to say that participants in sports conducted outdoors are not required to wear masks. • Mr. Hickam shared documents with the Board which summarized the data of the impact of COVID-19 in the District during the 2020-2021 school year. 		
IV.	Public Hearing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. DEA Representative – No comments B. Public – No comments 		

V.	<p>Executive Session: The Board entered into closed session at 6:23 PM to discuss real property, the minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation/performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 7:47 PM.</p>		
VI.	<p>Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board approved the minutes of the May 20, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes). B. The Board approved the Consolidated District Plan in accordance with requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act. 		
VII.	<p>Financial Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board approved the payment of bills for May 2021. B. The Board approved the May 2021 financial report. 		
VIII.	<p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board adopted standard operating procedure for information sharing between Board of Education/administration. B. Mr. Hickam discussed the temporary change to Du Quoin High School Athletic/Extra-Curricular Academic Eligibility Policy approved by the Board in February 2021. The temporary change affecting the upcoming year is the following of the IHSA standard that students must pass 5 of 7 courses for the spring 2021 semester to be fully eligible for extra-curricular activities in the fall of 2021. (Normally, an academic probation component is in effect for students passing 5 of 7 courses.) C. Mr. Robbins noted that the K-8 door project is on target. The vast majority of the entry/exit doors have been replaced with remaining work to include glasswork, the main entry doors for DES/DMS and the completion of the electronic operation system. 		
IX.	<p>Retirement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board accepted the notice of intent to retire on August 15, 2022 from Lea Ann Oestreicher. 		
X.	<p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board employed Kim Johnson as an aide at the high school for the 2021-2022 school year. B. The Board employed Shannon Harsy as secretary/bookkeeper at the high school for the 2021-2022 school year. C. The Board employed the following in extra-curricular positions for the 2021-2022 school year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Liz Fisher as high school freshman class sponsor; b. Nathan Crain as high school bass fishing team sponsor; c. Candace Campanella as middle school art club sponsor. 		
XI.	<p>Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:00 PM.</p>		