



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, JULY 15, 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 – District Curriculum Director, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal.

Others present – Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Amanda Milam – DEA Representative, Erica Loos – Du Quoin Weekly, Renee Trappe – Du Quoin Call, Allen Murray – Republic Disposal, and several parents/community members (named below if participated in commentary).

	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, Waller, Rose, Harsy, McPherson, Still, and West. Mr. Rodely suggested that agenda item VIII be moved to follow the reports. There were no objections.		
III.	Reports Superintendent - COVID-19 Impacts/Planning Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Hickam indicated that the plan for the new school year, influenced by the recent guidance for schools from the CDC, would be shared as an agenda item. - Mrs. Rea provided a summary of the summer programming offered through the 21st Century grants and provided data indicating the number of students involved, the number of students able to be promoted or earn credits, and the number of students participating in enrichment programs. 		
IV.	Tentative Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan Hearing Mr. Hickam reviewed a tentative plan for returning to school in 2021-2022. The plan includes a return to full days of in-person learning. In accordance with CDC guidance, the plan utilizes a layered approach to preventing/mitigating the spread of COVID-19. Several CDC recommended strategies will be place at all times including: physical distancing, ventilation, emphasis on handwashing etiquette, emphasis on staying home when sick, cleaning/disinfection, and contact tracing/isolation. The level of transmission of the virus at the local level will determine if additional recommended strategies, including mask wearing, are implemented. The District will track and monitor local data and, in cooperation with the health department, determine the level – low transmission, moderate transmission, substantial transmission, or high transmission. Masks may be introduced at the moderate level and will be required for everyone beginning at the substantial level. Per the CDC, masks are required for everyone on a school bus. Mr. Hickam noted that remote learning will no longer be an option for anyone, but will be used for students placed on quarantine or for students with a documented medical excuse that warrants homebound instruction. The Board expressed no concerns with the layered approach and supported the practice of looking at local data to determine level of transmission.		

	Following the presentation of the plan and Board discussion, Mr. Hickam addressed the audience and asked for comments/questions regarding the plan to be shared during the public comment.		
V.	Public Hearing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DEA Representative – No comments Public – Parents/community members made comments or asked questions concerning the plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Those who shared comments/questions included: Brenda Green, Stacey Jones, Erica Loos, Jerrad Luthy, and Heather Waller. 		
VI.	Executive Session: The Board entered into closed session at 7:16 PM to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The Board returned to open session at 8:05 PM.		
VII.	Consent Agenda: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the minutes of the June 17, 2021 special meeting of the Board of Education (including executive session minutes). The Board approved the low bid analysis and awarded bids for food, milk, bread, cafeteria supplies, and custodial supplies. The Board approved the continued Partnership for College and Career Success (dual credit and enrollment) agreement with John A. Logan College. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Perry County Health Department regarding services related to prevention of HIV transmission. 		
VIII.	Financial Items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the payment of bills for June 2021. The Board approved the June 2021 financial report. Mr. Hickam reviewed the ending fund balances in comparison with projected figures and shared long-term trends. He noted the District benefited from better than anticipated property tax receipts, sales tax revenue, and COVID-relief funds. Mr. Hickam shared a summary report from ISBE Monitoring Review of Title I, Title II, 21st Century, IDEA, and ESSER I (COVID-relief) grants. There were no findings of any kind for Title I, Title II, IDEA, or ESSER I grants. There was a minor finding for 21st Century grants which involved expenditures being submitted on an incorrect date. ISBE approved the District's plan to prevent any reoccurrence. Overall, the review evidenced the correct use and accounting for grant funds. 		
IX.	New or Unfinished Business <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First reading of board policy updates/changes as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Board policy service regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1:30 School District Philosophy 2:10 School District Governance 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship 2:240 Board Policy Development 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment 6:145 Migrant Students 6:160 English Learners 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. The Board considered proposals for trash removal service. Mr. Robbins presented the information received from two service providers – Loyd Hauling and Republic. Following Mr. Robbins' sharing of information, a representative from Republic, Allen Murray, was granted permission to address the Board. After Board discussion, the Board approved Loyd Hauling as the District's trash hauling provider for 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 school years. c. Mr. Robbins provided an update on the K-8 door project. He indicated that the project is approximately two-thirds completed. He noted that a manufacturing error occurred on the architectural feature which is part of the frame for the main entrance doors for DES/DMS. While the correction is occurring, it has caused a delay. Mr. Robbins indicated that delay should not impact the use of the doors, but may mean that the architectural feature above the doors may not have new glass in it at the time the school year begins. The doors themselves though will be completed and functional. d. The Board approved the changes in authorized signatories for Du Quoin State Bank accounts including the addition of District Bookkeeper Melissa Tilley and High School Secretary/Bookkeeper Shannon Harsy on relevant accounts. e. The Board approved the changes in authorized signatories for Banterra Bank accounts including the addition of District Bookkeeper Melissa Tilley and Elementary School Principal Justin Engelmann on relevant accounts. f. Mr. Hickam presented a summary of a plan for ESSER III grant funds. He noted that, after discussions with principals, he had added to the list considerations for a position to assist with remote learning needs for K-8 students, a position to provide additional instruction in social studies/special education and remote learning at the high school, and an aide position for special education classrooms at the high school. He also noted future considerations would be given to technology coordination and career-technical education. The Board expressed no concerns with the plan. 		
X.	Retirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The accepted Diane Miller's letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. 		
XI.	Employment of Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board employed Jarek Speith as a custodian beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. b. The Board employed Rachel Whitley and Rebeca Harris as cooks beginning in the 2021-2022 school year. c. The Board employed Carolyn Dean as high school Pep Club sponsor. d. The Board employed Rylea McDonald as high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2021-2022 school year. e. The Board approved the fall extra-curricular activities volunteer lists. 		
XII.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:59 PM.		