



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, AUGUST 19, 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, Tim McChristian – High School Principal, Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal, Denise Woodsides – Assistant High School Principal, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal.

Others present – Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Pam Pursell – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, and some parents/community members/high school students.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Present: Rodely, Waller, Rose, Harsy, McPherson, Still, and West. Mr. Hickam requested that the Board consider two items be added to the agenda – an additional resignation and an additional retirement notice. There were no objections.		
III.	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. McChristian, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Engelmann reported that their first school days were good and that students were getting used to the routines and schedules in place. - Mr. Hickam mentioned items related to the ongoing impacts of COVID-19 including the continued rise in cases in the county and community, the challenge of dealing with lunches/social distancing, and the challenge for teachers to deal with full instructional days in-person along with students temporarily quarantined. He also noted that the high school experienced the first positive case at school which resulted in seven additional students being excluded due to close contact. He expressed that this number was likely much less than it would have been under last year's requirement of 6 feet of distance to not be considered a close contact. 		
IV.	Public Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DEA Representative – No comment b. Public – Heather Waller commented that she had spoken at the meeting which was held with the superintendent last night and hoped that this information was shared with the Board. Mr. Rodely indicated that it was shared. 		
V.	Executive Session: The Board entered into closed session at 6:21 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 7:24 PM.		

VI.	Consent Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board approved the minutes of the July 15, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes). b. The Board approved an annual resolution to pay certain expenses from the Operations and Maintenance Fund. c. The Board approved an annual resolution to establish Working Cash Fund and related levy and to transfer funds as needed. 		
VII.	Financial Items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board approved the payment of bills for July 2021. b. The Board approved the July 2021 financial report. 		
VIII.	New or Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board approved the 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 b. Facilities update: Turf fields / Door project for K-8 building – Mr. Robbins reported that the necessary repairs were completed on the artificial turf at the baseball and football fields following the torrential rain a few weeks ago. He noted that the turf system is showing its age. (It is eleven years old and a lifespan of turf fields installed during that time is 10-15 years.) The door project at the K-8 building has reached substantial completion. Additional software is being purchased to allow more office computers to have the ability to unlock doors for visitors at the main entrances. c. The Board set the high school graduation ceremony date for the Class of 2022 as Friday, May 20, 2022. d. Presentation and approval of FY 2022 tentative budget – Mr. Hickam provided the board with a summary of the projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2022. The noted that the budget is balanced and the benefits of an increase in state funding along with the COVID-relief funding from the federal government. Two capital projects were noted in the presentation – the replacement of the gym floor at DMS and the replacement of the existing artificial turf. He noted that the ESSER III grant would either be included in the final budget or part of an amended budget later. The Board approved the tentative budget for FY22 as presented. 		
IX.	Resignation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board accepted the resignation of Kailee McCollum, effective immediately. b. The Board accepted the resignation of Ryan Goetter, effective immediately. c. The Board accepted the resignation of Missy Higgins, effective immediately. 		
X.	Retirement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board accepted Larry Caldwell's letter of intent to retire as a teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. b. The Board accepted Marcy Robison's letter of intent to retire as a teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. c. The Board accepted Tena Rennison's letter of intent to retire as a secretary in the elementary school at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. The Board rescinded the notice from Melissa Russell accepted in August 2020 due to requirements in collective bargaining agreement for retirement incentive eligibility. e. The Board accepted John Malinee's letter of intent to retire as a custodian at the high school to be effective on August 1, 2022. 		
XI.	Employment of Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board employed Rebekah Diggins as an EOC aide at the elementary school for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. b. The Board transferred Elizabeth Kremer to an EOC aide position at the elementary school for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. c. The Board employed Rick Loyd as an aide at the high school for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. 		
XII.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:06 PM.		