



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, OCTOBER 21, 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, Denise Woodsides – High School Assistant Principal, Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal.

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

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Members present: Rodely, Waller, Rose, Harsy, McPherson, Still, and West. Absent: None.		
III.	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Presentation/review of FY 2021 district audit as presented by Rice, Sullivan & Co. – Sarah Kary presented the results of the annual audit. She noted that the District's estimated financial profile score will be 3.7 on a 4.0 scale placing the District in the "Recognition" category. B. Building principals – Reasons We Are Proud / School improvement summaries – The principals shared their Reasons We Are Proud items and reviewed their school's plans/goals for improvement during the year. C. Curriculum Director – Update on matters of curriculum/instruction – Mrs. Rea shared a professional development plan outline which will be used to guide professional development for faculty and administration over the next few years. D. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam noted that next week is Principal Appreciation Week across the state with next Friday being Principal Appreciation Day. He expressed his thanks for the work of principals Mr. Engelmann, Mr. Hill, and Mr. McChristian. On the topic of COVID-19, Mr. Hickam shared data for the District during the 1st quarter. He further noted the District's recent efforts to be able to utilize the BinaxNOW rapid test on-site have been successful and a meeting with the District's nursing staff is forthcoming next week to develop the necessary protocols. In addition, it was shared that the IDPH has revised their guidance for schools yet again including new testing guidance shared this week which made substantive revisions to the test-to-stay option. Mr. Hickam noted that the District will be considering how the test-to-stay option can be part of the BinaxNOW on-site testing program. 		
IV.	Public Hearing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. DEA Representative – No comments B. Public – No comments 		

V.	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>The Board entered into closed session at 6:37 PM to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review, to discuss pending litigation and the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 7:58 PM.</p>		
VI.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>A. The Board approved the minutes of the September 16, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes).</p> <p>B. The Board approved the release of executive session minutes from April 2021 through September 2021 (with detached information).</p>		
VII.	<p>Financial Items</p> <p>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for September 2021.</p> <p>B. The Board approved the September 2021 financial report.</p>		
VIII.	<p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <p>A. The Board approved the FY 2021 district audit.</p> <p>B. The Board was provided a document summarizing a support plan for temporary remote learning plans/expectations for each school. Mr. Hickam and the principals provided information and addressed Board questions.</p> <p>C. The Board authorized the administration to bid the gym floor replacement project and nursing office/storage room project at K-8 building. Mr. Hickam noted that the gym floor project would be funded by revenue in the Capital Projects Fund resulting from the county facility sales tax (in addition to a state maintenance grant) and that the nursing office project was previously approved in the ESSER II grant budget.</p> <p>D. Mr. Robbins shared information with the Board regarding the turf replacement project at football field. He provided information on two proposals and made a recommendation to adopt the proposal from Byrne & Jones Sports Construction to install turf from Shaw with ShockPad at a cost of \$608,481. Mr. Robbins noted that this figure was below original estimations and Mr. Hickam noted this project was part of the District's budget and would be paid through the Capital Projects Fund. Following brief discussion, the Board moved to adopt the proposal as recommended.</p>		
IX.	<p>Resignations</p> <p>A. The Board accepted Kim James' resignation as an elementary instructional aide, effective October 15, 2021.</p> <p>B. The Board accepted Brenda Ridgeway's resignation as a cook, effective October 7, 2021.</p> <p>C. The Board accepted Katie Kuhnert's resignation as competitive dance coach, effectively immediately (received October 12, 2021).</p>		
X.	<p>Employment of Personnel</p> <p>A. The Board employed Tyler King as the In-school suspension supervisor at DES for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>B. The Board employed Tiswana Hudson as a health aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>C. The Board employed Maria Phillips as an instructional aide at DES for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>D. The Board employed Danielle Swayne as head cook at DHS for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>E. The Board employed Amanda Ramsey as a cook for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>F. The Board employed Rebekah Dunavan and Rebecca McCrary as Pep Club sponsors at DHS for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.</p> <p>G. The Board approved the list of winter sports volunteers.</p>		
XI.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The Board adjourned at 8:36 PM.</p>		

