



**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 MEDIA CENTER AT K-8 BUILDING**  
**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**  
**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, Diana Rea – District Curriculum Director, Cory Robbins – District Business Manager, 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, Nikki Saunders – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, Bruce Ridgeway – parent, Joseph Fronek – bus driver, Kim Russell – bus driver, Tracy Taylor – Local Manager for Durham Transportation and some senior government students.

Hank Fulk was present on behalf of the Du Quoin Ministerial Alliance to deliver a prayer.

	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: Harsy, McPherson, Rodely, Rose, and West. Absent: Still and Waller.		
III.	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Building principals – Mr. Engelmann, Mr. Hill and Mrs. Woodsides shared the Reasons We Are Proud items.</li> <li>B. Curriculum Director – Mrs. Rea shared a summary document with the Board related to summer programming through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant. A short presentation regarding instructional coaching was shared with the Board as well.</li> <li>C. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam noted that there are no known COVID cases among students, faculty or staff and this has been the case for several weeks. He shared a copy of a press release from First Student, the transportation provider beginning in 2022-2023. He noted that there continue to be challenges in the area of transportation. He noted that transportation and extra-curricular/sports travel will be challenging for the rest of the year. Tracy Taylor has recently shared the trip calendar and has many trips without available drivers. Mr. Hickam noted that the administration will continue to problem solve and exhaust all options to provide transportation for trips. It was noted that Mr. Robbins was able to get First Student to provide transportation for a planned field trip to the St. Louis Zoo for elementary school students. Lastly, Mr. Hickam noted difficulties and challenges over the past couple of weeks, but expressed his appreciation for everyone who has expressed support and is interested in doing what is best for kids.</li> </ul>		
IV.	<b>Consent Agenda:</b> The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes of the March 17, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes);</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. The minutes of the April 8, 2022 special Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes):</li> <li>C. The minutes of the April 8, 2022 and April 10, 2022 emergency Board of Education meetings (including executive session minutes):</li> <li>D. The release of executive session minutes from October 2021 through March 2022 and to dispose of closed meeting audio recordings from October 2019 through September 2020;</li> <li>E. The annual Interagency Working Agreement with Child &amp; Family Connections;</li> <li>F. Student Teaching Letter of Agreement with Western Governors U.;</li> <li>G. Educational Affiliation Agreement with Southern Illinois University to allow graduate students in the Communication Disorders and Sciences program to complete an externship under the supervision of an ASHA certified Speech-Language Pathologist;</li> <li>H. Summer food service program application to ISBE;</li> <li>I. Annual renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association.</li> </ul>		
V.	<b>Public Hearing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. DEA Representative – no comments</li> <li>B. Public – Bruce Ridgeway, the parent of a District 300 student, expressed his frustrations with the breakdown of his son’s bus earlier in the week resulting in his son not being transported to school. Mr. Ridgeway wondered why a company the size of Durham Transportation was unable to provide a different bus.</li> </ul>		
VI.	<b>Executive Session:</b> The Board entered closed session at 6:35 PM to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation/performance of specific employees, pending litigation and collective bargaining matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).  The Board returned to open session at 7:30 PM.		
VII.	<b>Action of the Executive Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board accepted resignations as received from Sadie Day, Rick Loyd, Jonathan Qualls, and Amanda Ramsey.</li> <li>B. The Board accepted the retirement notice as received from Marvin Dewar.</li> <li>C. The Board approved recommendations for hire/transfer for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Elementary teachers – Sammy Morris and Jennifer Mason beginning in 2022-2023;</li> <li>b. Elementary classroom aide – Rebekah Diggins beginning in 2022-2023;</li> <li>c. Cook – Chelsey Emrich;</li> <li>d. Custodian – Darian Harris;</li> <li>e. Assistant softball coach – Katrina Lance;</li> <li>f. Summer food employee list as presented.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. The Board approved the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Du Quoin Education Association for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years.</li> </ul>		
VIII.	<b>Financial Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for March 2022.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the March 2022 financial report.</li> </ul>		
IX.	<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved parent/student handbook changes for the 2022-2023 school year as presented by building principals.</li> <li>B. The Board adopted the 2022-2023 school calendar as received from the DEA Calendar Committee.</li> <li>C. Mr. Hickam confirmed that a wage rate increase for Durham Transportation drivers/monitors has been put into effect as was discussed at the April 7<sup>th</sup> special meeting.</li> </ul>		

	D. The Board approved the high school HOSA chapter's attendance at the national conference/competition in June, 2022.		
X.	<b>Adjournment</b> The Board adjourned at 7:48 PM.		