



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, MAY 19, 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, 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, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, Wanda Jones – parent, Nancy Bitner – Asst. Regional Superintendent for Regional Office of Education.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Present: Harsy, McPherson, Rodely, and Rose. Absent: Still, Waller, and West.		
III.	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Building principals – Mr. Engelmann, Mr. Hill and Mr. McChristian shared the Reasons We Are Proud items. B. Curriculum Director – Mrs. Rea noted that the District is moving forward with updates to curricular materials thanks to available resources in grant funding. C. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam thanked the Board for their support of the annual food items provided to faculty, staff, and bus drivers during Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week the first week of May. He also expressed appreciation for the cooperation between the members of the Du Quoin Education Association and the Board/administration during collective bargaining. Lastly, Mr. Hickam noted that student transportation was continuing to experience challenges due to a shortage in available drivers. He noted that there were two afternoon routes which did not run earlier that day, but school offices had done well in reaching out to families and many families were able to make alternative arrangements on short notice. He also noted that he had received some concerns from the parents of students in the Early Childhood program operated by Tri-County Special Education about their child's start time being delayed due to a later pick-up time. Mr. Hickam noted that they continued to be in communication with Durham Transportation on these matters seeking a resolution. 	X	
IV.	Consent Agenda: The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The minutes of the April 21, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting; B. An agreement with Cohen & Associates regarding legal services; C. The renewal of COPE and Project SOAR Alternative Education program agreements with the Regional Office of Education; D. The renewal of agreement with Centerstone to provide student counseling services. 		X

V.	Public Hearing A. DEA Representative – no comments B. Public – Nancy Bitner, Asst. Regional Superintendent for the Regional Office of Education, spoke to the Board regarding some of the services provided by the Regional Office of Education.		
VI.	Executive Session: The Board entered closed session at 6:24 PM to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review, the appointment, employment, compensation/performance of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The Board returned to open session at 7:36 PM.		X
VII.	Action of the Executive Session: A. The Board approved the April 21, 2022 executive session minutes. B. The Board accepted the retirement notice as received from Suzan Day. C. The Board accepted the resignations as received from Brad Cullum and Kirsten Gill. D. The Board approved the following recommendations for hire: a. Alicia Van Zandt as an elementary intervention teacher; b. Devon Gaston as a high school special education teacher; c. Isiac Sanders and Lisa Woodsides as custodians; d. Bri Chapman and Kaylee Storey as competitive dance coaches; e. Keith Ellis as an assistant football coach and assistant boys' basketball coach; f. The 21 st Century grant summer program worker list as presented. E. The Board approved the memorandum of agreement with the Du Quoin Education Association regarding the restoration of paid sick leave related to COVID-19.		X X X X X X X X X
VIII.	Financial Items: A. The Board approved the payment of bills for April 2022. B. The Board approved the April 2022 financial report.		X X
IX.	Budget Hearing A. A review of the amended FY22 budget was presented. It was noted that the budget was balanced and that the District had received a payment for the error made in FY19 which shorted many districts throughout the state in their evidence-based funding revenue. Mr. Hickam noted that this payment was added in the Transportation Fund. B. The Board considered and adopted the amended FY22 budget.	X 	 X
X.	New or Unfinished Business A. Mr. Robbins shared information and ideas regarding the location of bus parking/maintenance and fuel storage. The idea which was discussed as the most favorable included using the property at Madison and South streets as an all-inclusive location for the buses. The new storage building to be constructed would be a new bus shed which would include an office area and restrooms. Buses would be parked at this location year-round. The existing bus shed would be turned into storage for the district. It was noted that this would include storage for the high school theater department. B. Mr. Robbins shared a summary document of summer maintenance work to occur at District facilities. Larger projects of note included the improvement of the network system at the high school, improvements in network wiring/access at the K-8 building, expansion of the K-8 nursing office, replacement of the middle school gym floor, replacement of the football field turf, and construction of the pole barn building on the former housing authority property. C. The Board considered the use of third party to lead the process for superintendent search. Mr. Hickam noted two good options – Diane Robertson with SchoolExec Connect and Dr. Brad Colwell. Following discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Hickam would gather information from both options to share with the Board at the June meeting.	X X X	

	D. The Board approved the high school FBLA chapter's participation in the national convention to be held in Chicago in June, 2022.		X
XI.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:13 PM.		X