



**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, JUNE 16, 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, Cory Robbins – District Business Manager, Justin Engelmamm – Elementary School Principal. Others present – Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Pam Pursell - DEA, Zach Jones - DEA Co-President, Donna Lively – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly

Prior to the meeting, Ministerial Alliance representative Father Carl Schrage delivered 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: Rodely, Rose, McPherson, Still, and West. Absent: Harsy and Waller.		
III.	<b>Reports</b> A. Building principals – Mr. Engelmamm and Mr. Hickam shared the Reasons We Are Proud items. B. Curriculum Director – Mr. Hickam shared items provided by Mrs. Rea. Talking points included the successful start of 21 <sup>st</sup> Century grant programming for the summer which includes the participation of about 220 students; upcoming professional development for faculty members interested in instructional coaching; improved curriculum resources in elementary reading, 5 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> grade math, high school science, and high school honors English have been selected and will be delivered for the new school year; and Mrs. Rea and the District have been invited to participate in a state-wide research project on gifted programs at the elementary level. In addition, it was shared that student transportation with First Student has gone well for summer programming and communication has been consistent and helpful. Mr. Hickam noted that representatives from First Student would be in attendance at the July meeting to share information regarding their preparation for the new school year. C. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam noted that collective bargaining for Tri-County Special Education was about to be officially completed. He noted that an increase in the compensation for Tri-County employees was going to likely play role in the assessment amount which Tri-County charges the school districts who receive services from them. He further noted that this assessment had not changed in several years so the district would need to plan accordingly in budgeting for the new year.	X	
IV.	<b>Consent Agenda:</b> The approved the following: A. The minutes of the May 19, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting; B. The Consolidated District Plan in accordance with requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act; C. An affiliation agreement with Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for clinical experiences.		

V.	<p><b>Public Hearing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. DEA Representative – Pam Pursell noted the amended Memorandum of Understanding regarding COVID-related absences which was being considered and expressed support for the proposed change and asked the board to consider passing it. She also noted that she will no longer serve as Association Co-President and introduced Zach Jones and Donna Lively as the new Co-Presidents of the DEA. Mr. Hickam thanked Pam Pursell and Nikki Saunders for their service and welcomed the new co-presidents to their positions.</li> <li>B. Public – None</li> </ul>		
VI.	<p><b>Executive Session:</b></p> <p>The Board entered closed session at 6:22 PM to discuss the minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review and to discuss collective bargaining matters as well as 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 7:27 PM.</p>		X
VII.	<p><b>Action of the Executive Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the May 19, 2022 executive session minutes.</li> <li>B. The Board accepted the request for maternity leave as received from Rebekah Diggins.</li> <li>C. The Board accepted the resignation as received from Cory Robbins as high school assistant baseball coach.</li> <li>D. The Board accepted the four-year retirement notice as received from Cory Robbins.</li> <li>E. The Board approved the following recommendations for hire/transfer:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Branden Morris as a high school math teacher;</li> <li>b. Danielle McCowen as a health aide;</li> <li>c. Jeane Ruby as extra-ordinary care aide at DES.</li> </ul> </li> <li>F. The Board adopted the amended Memorandum of Understanding regarding restoration of sick leave days related to COVID-19.</li> </ul>		X X  X  X X X X
VIII.	<p><b>Financial Items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for May 2022.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the May 2022 financial report.</li> </ul>		X X
IX.	<p><b>New or Unfinished Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Update on summer maintenance work – Mr. Robbins shared information regarding the major summer projects underway. He noted that the expansion of the K-8 nursing office was underway and on schedule. The middle school gym floor replacement revealed there was termite damage to some parts of the old floor and evidence of moisture between the concrete pad and moisture barrier. Investigation into the source of moisture has led to the discovery of tree roots in the drainage system on the east side of the gym exterior. The section of drainage pipe will be excavated and replaced and the tree will be removed as well. The concrete pad has no damage and is currently being dried out. Once these steps are complete, the installation process will resume. The construction of the pole barn building has no start date yet from Tru-Bilt, but site preparation continues and installation of fencing has recently been substantially completed. The projects to improve wiring and the wifi networks in both buildings is underway. Lastly, the turf replacement project has completed the removal of the old turf. Electrical work for the installation of on-field play clocks is forthcoming. The production of the new turf by the manufacturer has been given a factory completion date of July 30 with delivery and installation to follow. At this time the final completion is predicted to be August 18. Weekly progress calls will continue with the installers/manufacturers from this point forward.</li> <li>B. The Board adopted the proposal from Dr. Brad Colwell to lead the search process for the next superintendent.</li> <li>C. The Board authorized the administration to move forward with the process of amending the agreement with the City of Du Quoin regarding the early</li> </ul>	X	X  X

	repayment of the sales tax loan provided for the high school construction project. D. As a 1 <sup>st</sup> reading, the Board considered board policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards including the following policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board</li> <li>• 5:80 Court Duty</li> <li>• 6:290 Missed Homework</li> <li>• 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights</li> <li>• 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program</li> </ul>	X	
X.	<b>Adjournment</b> The Board adjourned at 8:20 PM.		X