



**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING BULLETIN  
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 18, 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 – Curriculum Director, Cory Robbins – District Business Manager, Tim McChristian – High School Principal, Denise Woodsides – High School Asst. Principal, Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal. Others present – Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Zach Jones - DEA Co-President, Donna Lively – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, Dr. Brad Colwell – Superintendent search consultant. A number of seniors were present for government class.

New faculty members in attendance – Coleman Fitch, Jill Funk, Michele Harbin, Michele Jones, Jennifer Mason, Sarah McKinnies, Emily McKinney, Branden Morris, Sammy Morris, and Alicia VanZandt.

Prior to the meeting, Ministerial Alliance representative Amanda Groves of First Christian Church in Du Quoin delivered a prayer.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order by Vice President Trent Waller at 6:00 PM.		
II.	<b>Roll Call</b> Present: Waller, Rose, McPherson, and Still. Absent: Rodely, Harsy, and West.		
III.	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Principals – The building principals each introduced the new members of their respective faculties and commented on the opening days of the school year. Overall, a successful start to the year was noted and parent participation in the open house at DES/DMS was high. Mr. McChristian noted that the high school was hosting parents at Friday's "Gatorade Game" event where faculty members would be introduced/available. Mr. Engelmann, as the first principal to give a report, thanked the maintenance and custodial crew for their work in getting the schools ready.</li> <li>B. Curriculum Director – Mrs. Rea thanked the local businesses which donated to a gift bag provided to new faculty members and highlighted the amount of experience coming into the District among the new faculty members. In addition, Mrs. Rea noted the implementation of new curricular materials within each school.</li> <li>C. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam noted that the Perry County Clerk had recently shared a preliminary tax levy document for double-checking. In checking the preliminary information, an oversight of the abatement of property taxes related to existing bonds was discovered. This was brought to the attention of the County Clerk for revision. Mr. Hickam also noted that he had been in recent communication with the Illinois State Board of Education regarding the waiver request for the FY22 limitation of administrative costs. Confirmation was provided that all necessary documentation was in order and the indication was given that the request would move forward successfully. Lastly, Mr. Hickam noted that communication with First Student has been positive and responsive. Regular weekly meetings with the local and regional manager of First Student will continue for the next few weeks.</li> </ul>		

IV.	<b>Consent Agenda:</b> The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes of the July 21, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Education;</li> <li>B. An annual resolution to pay certain expenses from the Operations and Maintenance Fund;</li> <li>C. An annual resolution to establish Working Cash Fund and related levy and to transfer funds as needed.</li> </ul>		
V.	<b>Public Hearing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DEA Representative – No comment</li> <li>b. Public – No comment</li> </ul>		
VI.	<b>Executive Session:</b> The Board entered into closed session at 6:15 PM to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review, to discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger, and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and 120/2 (c) (8).  The Board returned to open session at 8:15 PM.		
VII.	<b>Action of the Executive Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the July 21, 2022 executive session minutes.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the 2022-23 Threat Assessment &amp; Management Plan.</li> <li>C. The Board accepted the retirement notices as received from Stephanie Day (end of the 2025-2026 school year) and Mary Jenkins (effective immediately).</li> <li>D. The Board approved the recommendation for hire of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kate Hoffman as an EOC aide at the middle school for the 2022-2023 school year</li> <li>b. Amber Cranford and Lisa Pulke as cooks for the 2022-2023 school year</li> <li>c. Trevor Dunmyer as a custodian for the 2022-2023 school year</li> <li>d. Branden Morris as the freshman class sponsor for the 2022-2023 school year</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
VIII.	<b>Financial Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for July 2022.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the July 2022 financial report.</li> </ul>		
IX.	<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Mr. Robbins provided an update on summer maintenance work. He noted that the lines have been painted on the middle school gym floor so sealing the floor remained as the last step to take place. Mr. Robbins also noted the progress on the football field turf replacement which remains ongoing. He noted that it appeared unlikely that the work would be completed in time for the “Gatorade Game”, but that the high school administration had a back-up plan ready. Lastly, Mr. Robbins expressed appreciation for the work of the custodians to get the buildings ready and the work of the cafeteria staff to provide an expanded summer food program.</li> <li>B. The graduation ceremony date for the DHS Class of 2023 was set as Friday, May 19, 2023.</li> <li>C. Presentation and approval of FY 2023 tentative budget – Mr. Hickam provided the board with a summary of the projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2023. He noted the benefits of evidence-based funding along with the COVID-relief funding from the federal government. Two existing capital projects were noted in the presentation – the replacement of the gym floor at DMS and the replacement of the existing artificial turf. The Board approved the tentative budget for FY23 as presented.</li> </ul>		
X.	<b>Adjournment</b> The Board adjourned at 8:33 PM.		