



**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, SEPTEMBER 15, 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, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, Dr. Brad Colwell – Superintendent search consultant. A number of seniors were present for government class.

Prior to the meeting, Ministerial Alliance representative Jeff Baker from Faith Assembly Church in Du Quoin delivered a prayer.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.		
II.	<b>Roll Call</b> Present: Brian Rodely, Trent Waller, Amy Rose, Crystal Harsy, Steven Still, and Kevin West. Absent: Zach McPherson		
III.	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Principals – The principals shared the Reasons We Are Proud items for the month.</li> <li>B. Curriculum Director – Mrs. Rea shared that she has been checking in with teachers with new curriculum materials and preparing for MAP assessments at the elementary and middle school. Next steps are being prepared for those interested in instructional coaching and a district-wide professional development plan is in place which will emphasize writing. Lastly, Mrs. Rea noted that 21<sup>st</sup> Century programming was underway. There are currently over 170 students enrolled in the K-8 program.</li> <li>C. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam noted areas of improvement that have occurred in the District related to technology. In regards to transportation matters, First Student continues to be fully staffed with drivers. Four new buses have been delivered with three more expected to arrive in the next two weeks. Mr. Hickam provided an enrollment report and noted similar enrollment numbers from last year for DES and DMS. DHS enrollment numbers are lower as anticipated with a smaller 9<sup>th</sup> grade class compared to the graduating class of 2022. Mr. Hickam noted recent annual reports received from the Illinois State Board of Education indicating that the District “meets” requirements for special education programming standards. Lastly, Mr. Hickam noted that the superintendent position is currently posted on the IASA Job Bank until October 13<sup>th</sup>. Multiple applications have been received by search facilitator Dr. Brad Colwell. Mr. Hickam then noted that Dr. Colwell would be attending the meeting later to discuss the search further with the Board. He asked that a closed session be added to the end of the agenda specifically for this purpose.</li> </ul>		

IV.	<b>Consent Agenda:</b> The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes of the August 8, 2022 special meeting and August 18, 2022 regular meeting of the Board of Education;</li> <li>B. Compensation reports for teachers/administrators/applicable non-certs in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 and 105 ILCS 5/34-18.38;</li> <li>C. A resolution to transfer funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Operations &amp; Maintenance Fund for approved budget purposes;</li> <li>D. The state library grant application to be submitted to the Secretary of State.</li> </ul>		
V.	<b>Public Hearing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. DEA Representative – No comments</li> <li>b. Public – No comments</li> </ul>		
VI.	<b>Executive Session:</b> The Board entered into closed session at 6:24 PM to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review, 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 7:58 PM.		
VII.	<b>Action of the Executive Session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the August 8, 2022 and August 18, 2022 executive session minutes.</li> <li>B. The Board approved a request for maternity leave for Airika Williams.</li> <li>C. The Board approved recommendation for hire/transfer/approve for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Kailah Kelly as high school social worker for the 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li>b. David Hopkins and Kevin Piper as high school assistant baseball coaches (sharing one stipend position) for the 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li>c. Bob Shaw as a part-time supervisory aide for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.</li> <li>d. Zach Jones and Emily McKinney as co-sponsors of the DHS National Honor Society.</li> <li>e. The list of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Program personnel as presented.</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 August 2022.</li> <li>B. The Board approved the August 2022 financial report.</li> </ul>		
IX.	<b>Budget Hearing and Adoption</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Mr. Hickam provided a review of the 2022-2023 school year budget and a request for public comment was made. There were no comments.</li> <li>b. The Board approved a resolution to adopt the 2022-2023 school year budget.</li> </ul>		
X.	<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Mr. Robbins provided a written report updating the Board on maintenance work/projects including the following:  Football Field Replacement: This project is complete. The only item left to be completed is training for our maintenance staff on the care and upkeep of the new surface.  Middle School Basketball Court Replacement: This project is complete. The only item left to be completed is training for our maintenance staff on the care and upkeep of the floor and the operation of the fan/ventilation system.  K-8 Nursing Office Expansion: This project is completed. It has not been closed out yet as we are awaiting final documents from the general contractor.  Bus Shed: We are still looking at an October date for construction. Parking lot work and installation of electrical service are taking place this week. We are working with First Student and their contractor to arrange the installation of fuel tanks ASAP once utilities are in place.  Network Infrastructure Upgrades: Wiring replacement at the K-8 School is completed. However, we are still dealing with the delays for the arrival of network hardware. With the wiring now complete, the installation of new </li> </ul>		

	<p>network hardware at both the High School and K-8 will take place upon arrival.</p> <p>In addition, Mr. Robbins discussed the condition of the two activity buses owned by the district. While the buses do not have overly high mileage, they are showing their years. Both existing buses were in for major repairs/maintenance over the summer. As part of ESSER grant fund planning, two activity buses were ordered early last spring. However, due to supply chain issues, the delivery date of the new activity buses has been delayed until the spring of 2023.</p> <p>B. The Board appointed Denise Hirsch as Recording Secretary, per board policy 2:110, to assemble meeting materials, minutes, and maintain verbatim record of the executive session.</p> <p>C. The Board reviewed and approved board policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment in accordance with 105 ILCS 5/27-23.7.</p>		
XI.	<p><b>Executive Session:</b></p> <p>The Board entered into closed session at 8:21 PM 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).</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 8:56 PM.</p>		
XII.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>The Board adjourned at 8:56 PM.</p>		