



**BULLETIN**  
**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA**  
**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, OCTOBER 20, 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, Matthew Benson – Board Attorney, 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.

	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: Rodely, Waller, Rose, McPherson, and West. Absent: Harsy and Still.		
III.	<b>Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. A review of the FY 2022 district audit was presented by Rice, Sullivan &amp; Co. There were no significant findings reported and the district is predicted to once again have the highest rating for the Financial Profile Score.</li> <li>B. The principals shared their Reasons We Are Proud items and also shared summaries of their school improvement goals and activities for the school year.</li> <li>C. Mrs. Rea shared news about a visit from Du Quoin alum Jason Chancey who serves as the Director of Engineering at Khan Academy and who played a lead role in the development of math program being used by elementary and middle school teachers. Mrs. Rea also provided a summary of the first District Leadership Team meeting of the school year and provided an update on the instructional coaching cohort and next steps in developing this initiative.</li> <li>D. Mr. Hickam shared correspondence from the Illinois Association of School Boards acknowledging the Board's continued membership in the organization. He also shared information regarding the impact of the delay in the collection of property taxes. As a result of the delay, the District will be looking at an interfund loan from the Working Cash Fund to the IMRF/Social Security Fund to cover regular expenditures for staff benefits until revenue is received in December. He noted the possibility of an additional interfund loan from Working Cash to cover December bond payments as well. Lastly, Mr. Hickam shared information regarding a helpline/application known as Safe2Help which the District would be implementing which allows students to anonymously report matters regarding their safety.</li> </ul>		
IV.	<b>Consent Agenda</b> The Board approved the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes of the September 15, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting;</li> <li>B. The release of executive session minutes from April 2022 through September 2022 (with detached information).</li> </ul>		

	C. A Clinical Experiences Placement Agreement with the University of Illinois.		
V.	<b>Public Hearing</b> A. DEA Representative – No comments B. Public – No comments		
VI.	<b>Executive Session</b> The Board entered into closed session at 6:29 PM to discuss a student disciplinary case, conduct a student disciplinary hearing and discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review, and the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).  The Board returned to open session at 7:47 PM.		
VII.	<b>Action of the Executive Session:</b> A. The Board approved the September 15, 2022 executive session minutes. B. The Board expelled student 2600084 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. C. The Board approved the request for maternity leave from Hannah Boss. D. The Board approved the resignations received from Andrea Collins as DES/DHS art teacher and Gabby King as DES secretary/bookkeeper. E. The Board approved recommendations for hire/approval as follows: a. Jennifer Mathis as an EOC aide for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. b. The list of winter sports volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.		
VIII.	<b>Financial Items</b> A. The Board approved the payment of bills for September 2022. B. The Board approved the September 2022 financial report.		
IX.	<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> A. The Board approved the FY 2022 district audit as presented. B. Mr. Robbins provided a written report updating the Board on maintenance work/projects including the following: Football Field Replacement: This project is complete. We are still holding 5% retainage costs on the project and are nearly done closing out this project. Middle School Basketball Court Replacement: This project is complete. We are still holding 5% retainage costs on the project and are nearly done closing out this project. Pole barn building: Construction of the structure and parking lot is complete. Installation of electrical and gas service is finished. Internal wiring of the building is nearly complete and plumbing rough-ins should occur very soon. Tru-Bilt will be back on site to complete concrete, overhead doors and gutters within the next 5 weeks. We are working with First Student and their contractor (Mansfield) to arrange the installation of fuel tanks ASAP. We have the contracts for fuel, but have not received the contracts for the tanks yet. This project is finally moving along, and Mr. Dane Porter has done a great job assisting with the coordination. Network Infrastructure Upgrades: We are still dealing with the delays for the arrival of network hardware. With the wiring now complete, the installation of new network hardware at both the High School and K-8 will take place upon arrival.  Mr. Robbins is in the process of submitting an application for this year's round of Maintenance Grants. Our plan is to submit an application requesting funds to "harden" the three primary public entrances to the K-8 School (Elementary, Middle and Unit Office). This is a district security issue that we have discussed addressing in the past, and this grant would give us an opportunity to get started toward that goal. These are \$50,000 matching grants that require the District match with an additional \$50,000. Following the consideration, the Board approved the application for a School Maintenance Project Grant for FY23.		

X.	<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <p>The Board entered closed session at 8:01 PM to discuss 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 9:59 PM</p>		
XI.	<p><b>Adjournment</b></p> <p>The Board adjourned at 9:59 PM.</p>		