



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, JANUARY 19, 2023
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, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal, Denise Woodsides – Assistant High School Principal. Others present: Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Zach Jones – DEA Co-President, Donna Lively – DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, A number of faculty/staff members and community members were present.

Ministerial Alliance representative Ray Mileur delivered a prayer prior to the start of the meeting.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Present: Rodely, Harsy, Still, and West. Absent: McPherson, Rose, and Waller.		
III.	Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Building principals – The principals shared their Reasons We Are Proud items. Curriculum Director – Mrs. Rea shared news about activities included as part of the new 21st Century grant program including STEM enrichment as well as a mentoring program to support students with attendance issues. Erin Kuhnert was recognized for her efforts in being awarded a grant through SIH for PE equipment/supplies. The December Educators-of-the-Month were noted which included Michele Jones, Jamie Gaines, and Leah Winter. Lastly, Mrs. Rea shared brief information about the keynote speaker during the January institute day and the message to create opportunities for students to engage with real world ideas. Operations & Maintenance – Mr. Robbins shared information in several areas. He noted the successful School Maintenance Project Grant application which is a \$50,000 matching grant from the state. This grant will be used to create more secure entrances at the main entrances for DES, DMS, and the District Office. In addition, the increase in utility costs are impacting the District and he is seeking opportunities for alternative energy sources in the form of solar energy. More information will be shared at a future meeting on this topic. The new pole barn project is nearing completion with additional steps coming to secure fuel purchasing and fuel storage tanks. A future capital project list was shared which included items to consider for completion over the next 1-3 years. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam shared information from the District Report Card and in comparison with other area school districts. While it was noted that state assessment scores are not as regionally competitive as they typically were before the pandemic, this is viewed as an opportunity for improvement moving forward and is something each school will be working towards. Highlights noted included each school's continued achievement in having a smaller-than-average achievement gap between students from low-income families and those from 		

	<p>non-low-income families. Mr. Hickam also noted post-secondary enrollment numbers continue to be strong along with low numbers of students entering community college with a need for remediation. Mr. Hickam introduced ISBE's new measure for districts called the Equity Continuum. He noted the District's regionally high marks in two of the three areas included on the continuum. Lastly, Mr. Hickam shared that he and superintendent-to-be Dr. Mayerhofer have started to meet as part of his transition and have regular meetings set up for each month remaining in the school year.</p>		
IV.	<p>Consent Agenda: The Board approved the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The minutes of the December 1, 2022 special Board of Education meeting and December 15, 2022 regular Board of Education meeting; b. Resolutions to abate property taxes relative to Series 2017A, 2017B, and 2019 bonds. 		
V.	<p>Public Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DEA Representative – Co-President Zach Jones shared a statement with the Board. He expressed the positive relationship which has existed between the faculty, staff, administration and Board for many years. He noted that the District has been a place where people have wanted to work, a desire to maintain this, and a need to work together as decisions made without including all sides can bring unintended consequences with long-lasting impacts. b. Public – Al Martin addressed the Board and spoke in reference to Derek Beard. He shared his view on the organization of the football program, reviewed recent accomplishments of the football and boys' track programs and expressed thanks for the job being done. 		
VI.	<p>Executive Session: The Board entered into closed session at 6:43 PM to 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).</p> <p>The Board returned to open session at 7:47 PM.</p>		
VII.	<p>Possible Action of the Executive Session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board approved the December 1, 2022 and December 15, 2022 executive session minutes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board accepted the resignation of Amy Fornear as a middle school assistant track coach. B. Consideration of the employment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 1st grade teacher for 2023-2024 – The Board transferred Jill Funk to the position of 1st grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. b. Secretary at DES for 2023-2024 – The Board transferred Lyli Witcher to position of secretary at DES for the 2023-2024 school year. c. High school assistant baseball position – The Board employed Matt Foster and Luke Koehn to fill a high school assistant baseball coaching position (splitting the stipend). d. Approval of spring sports volunteers – The Board approved the list of spring sports volunteers. 		
VIII.	<p>Financial Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board approved the payment of bills for December 2022. b. The Board approved the December 2022 financial report. 		
IX.	<p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. The Board authorized the administration to seek requests for proposals for fuel purchasing. B. The Board approved the job description for Instructional Coach. C. The Board agreed to move forward with a proposal regarding the naming of the baseball field and the Board President directed the superintendent to form a 		

	<p>committee for the purpose of reviewing the recommendation in accordance with Board Policy 8:120. Zach McPherson was noted as expressing interest in being one of the two board members to be included on the committee. No members at the meeting expressed an interest and it was suggested that Mr. Hickam ask the others not in attendance.</p> <p>D. The Board approved board policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards including the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest - 2:210 Organizational School Board Meeting - 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management - 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees - 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behavior - 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited - 5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest - 5:220 Substitute Teachers - 5:250 Leaves of Absence - 5:280 Educational Support Personnel: Duties and Qualifications - 5:320 Educational Support Personnel: Evaluation - 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves - 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs - 6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students - 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools - 7:70 Attendance and Truancy - 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment - 7:250 Student Support Services - 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program - 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention - 7:340 Student Records <p>E. The Board considered the denial of athletic event attendance for an individual violating conduct expectations as was recommended by the administration. A motion was made and seconded to approve the recommendation. The motion failed with a 2-2 tie.</p> <p>F. The Board authorized the administration to proceed with a project to improve the security of K-8 building public entrance areas and seek project bid proposals.</p>		
X.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>The Board adjourned at 8:17 PM.</p>		