



**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 MEDIA CENTER AT K-8 BUILDING**  
**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Amy Rose - President  
 Steven Still - Vice President  
 Tracy Taylor - Secretary  
 Tracy Fenton - Member  
 Rich Gossett - Member  
 Trent Waller - Member  
 Josh Williams – Member

Administrators Present: Steve Mayerhofer - Superintendent, Diana Rea - District Curriculum Director, Cory Robbins - District Business Manager, Justin Engelmann - Elementary School Principal, Eric Kirpatrick - High School Principal, Zach Jones - High School Assistant Principal, Denise Woodsides - Middle School Principal.

Others Present: Denise Hirsch - Recording Secretary, Donna Lively - DEA Co-President, Matt Benson - Board Attorney, Pete Spitler - Du Quoin Weekly, faculty members and community members.

Action	Info	Item																			
		<b>Call to Order</b> The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by President Mrs. Amy Rose.	I.																		
		<b>Roll Call</b> Present: Rose, Still, Taylor, Fenton, Gossett, and Williams. Absent: Waller	II.																		
		<b>Reports</b>  A. Nothing to report from the Building Principals at this time.  B. Curriculum Director - Mrs. Diana Rea shared an update with the board regarding matters relating to curriculum/instruction.  ➔ Preparations are underway to welcome the new teacher cohort class of 2023. These teachers have been paired with a mentor teacher who will provide regular support throughout the academic year. As mentors, the veteran teachers are expected to meet with their new teacher weekly, giving advice on the day-to-day as well as providing individualized encouragement as these new teachers acclimate to their school. <table><tr><th>New Teacher/Assignment</th><th>Mentor</th></tr><tr><td>Josh Calloni, Special Education</td><td>Hannah Sims</td></tr><tr><td>Jamie Calloway, Science</td><td>John Vercellino</td></tr><tr><td>Bri Chapman, Speech/Language Pathologist</td><td>Sara Green</td></tr><tr><td>Olivia Fitch, Math</td><td>Robin Yancey</td></tr><tr><td>Alexis Hughes, Art</td><td>Sarah Phipps</td></tr><tr><td>Richelle Lietz, Art</td><td>Rebecca McCrary</td></tr><tr><td>Kallista McIntyre, Technology</td><td>Erin Kuhnert</td></tr><tr><td>April Poole, Special Education</td><td>Pam Pursell</td></tr></table>	New Teacher/Assignment	Mentor	Josh Calloni, Special Education	Hannah Sims	Jamie Calloway, Science	John Vercellino	Bri Chapman, Speech/Language Pathologist	Sara Green	Olivia Fitch, Math	Robin Yancey	Alexis Hughes, Art	Sarah Phipps	Richelle Lietz, Art	Rebecca McCrary	Kallista McIntyre, Technology	Erin Kuhnert	April Poole, Special Education	Pam Pursell	III.
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Alex Quinn, Special Education	Amanda Milam
Logan Spain, Physical Education	Katie Hicks
Elizabeth Thompson, Reading-Language Arts	Amanda Casey
Amanda White, Special Education	Jennifer Davis

→ We celebrate with the 23 rising freshmen enrolled in the summer science course offered through the 21st Century program to begin their high school careers. The largest enrollment to date, this is a huge commitment to successfully complete the 60 summer hours. This opportunity qualifies students to enroll into Biology I in the fall and opens their schedules for advanced and dual-credit science during the junior and senior years. Also a tremendous thank you to John Vercellino for his work to get the course updated and providing quality instruction leading these students to positively begin high school with much success.

c. Operations & Maintenance - Mr. Robbins provided an update for the board.

→ We have posted the open custodial position at the K-8 school and will leave that opened up until the day before our meeting due to the difficulty that we have had attracting applicants.

→ We have received final approval for the Illinois State Board of Education regarding our application for the Community Eligibility Provision for our District's breakfast and lunch programs.

→ We are continuing to work with our energy supplier (Illinois Energy Consortium) to investigate and pursue some cost saving measures and we should continue to see some relief as the markets improve. The school board approved a 180 day Lease Option Agreement with the IEC at April's month's meeting in order to move forward with finalizing a proposal for our own solar options. The IEC engineer was onsite last month to begin their data collection and they are working on options specific to our district properties currently.

→ **Current Projects:** Bus Shed: on schedule, Network Infrastructure Upgrades: completed, Phone System Upgrade: on schedule, Security/Maintenance Grant: on schedule, Interior Painting: on schedule, Parking Lot Resurfacing: architectural and engineering services underway, Softball Field: on schedule, HS Concrete Repairs: on schedule, HS Vape Detectors: on schedule, Ward School Flooring: on schedule, Ward School Asbestos Study: on schedule, High School Boiler: new issue, will evaluate and update at July Board Meeting

→ As we have been discussing each month, below is an updated list of potential projects for the next 3 years. The red items are projects we have already approved.

○ K-8 School

- Phone System/Tones update/replacement - ESSER

**\$31,570 phone upgrade cost, \$1,487 monthly savings + \$6,212 for tones**

- Maintenance Grant – hardening of entrances for security, we will be awarding a contract at this month's meeting.  
**\$185,000 (\$50,000 grant)**

- **Interior painting (Summer Help)**

- Awning replacements/additions

- Floor tile replacement

- **Parking lot maintenance and repairs \$305,850.00**

- Need for additional classrooms

- Upgrade of Wi-Fi

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Upgrade of security cameras</li> <li>▪ Central clock system (\$103,148)</li> <li>○ High School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Softball field upgrade to turf – SALES TAX (\$269,000-\$283,000)</li> <li>▪ Baseball field turf replacement (\$274,000-\$288,000)</li> <li>▪ Concrete repairs (in-house) HLS</li> <li>▪ Parking lot maintenance and repairs</li> <li>▪ Hardening of entrances for security</li> <li>▪ Cleaning and sealing of split face block exterior of IE Building</li> <li>▪ Interior painting</li> <li>▪ Replacement of exterior steps at band room</li> <li>▪ Football field bleacher repairs, upgrades/Press Box renovation</li> <li>▪ Track resurfacing</li> <li>▪ Installation of Vape Detection System – LOCAL FUNDS/HLS \$5,295</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Theobald Gymnasium <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Interior painting</li> <li>▪ Storage room/weight room repairs and renovation</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Ward School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Flooring replacement \$65,000</li> <li>▪ Parking lot maintenance and repairs \$168,003.00</li> <li>▪ List as provided by Tri-County</li> <li>▪ Asbestos Study - HLS</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>D. Superintendent report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Dr. Mayerhofer updated the board on his transition to Du Quoin personally and professionally.</li> <li>→ Next steps: He and his wife will decide on a local church to attend.</li> <li>→ Dr. Mayerhofer has had an initial meeting with the association and district office administrators.</li> <li>→ The administrative team continues to work daily toward the start of the school year.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Consent Agenda:</b>  The Board approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The minutes of the June 20, 2023 regular Board of Education meeting.</li> <li>B. The MOU with Centerstone Counseling.</li> </ul>	IV.
	<p><b>Public Hearing:</b>  A. DEA Representative - No Comment</p>	V.

		B. Public - No Comment	
		<p><b>Executive Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The board entered into closed session at 6:32 pm to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).</li> <li>b. To discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. The Board returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.</li> </ul>	VI.
		<p><b>Action of the Executive Session:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The board approved the June 20, 2023 executive session minutes.</li> <li>b. The board transferred Sammy Morris to instructional coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>c. The board approved the request to transfer certified staff: Hannah Boss to Du Quoin High School as Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.</li> <li>d. No action was taken on the elementary middle school custodian position.</li> <li>e. The board approved McKinley Carver as an assistant football coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>f. The board approved Allie Butler and Sarah McKinnies as freshmen class co-sponsors for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>g. The board approved Josh Calloni as boys' J.V basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>h. The board approved Jim Hammers as boys' assistant basketball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>i. The board approved Branden Morris as co-sponsor of scholar bowl for the 2023-2024 school year.</li> <li>j. The board approved the fall extracurricular activities volunteer lists below:</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Fall 2023 DMS Athletic Volunteers</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Baseball</u></b>  David Hopkins  Cliff Davis  Luke Kohen  Matt Brown  Matt Foster</p> <p><b><u>Softball</u></b>  Bailie James  Katrina Lance</p> <p><b><u>Cross country</u></b>  Ike Minton</p> <p><b><u>Du Quoin High School Volunteer List Fall 2023</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Football</u></b>  Jeff Miller  Aaron Smith  Justen Kempfer  Bob Shaw  Brandon Williams  John Stanhouse  Chad Beltz</p> <p><b><u>Golf</u></b>  Zach McPherson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k. The board approved Josh Carnahan as the National Honor Society Co-Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year</li> </ul>	VII.

		<b>Financial Items:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The Board approved the payment of bills for June 2023</li> <li>B. The Board approved the June 2023 financial report</li> <li>c. Update on the development of the FY2024 budget <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Like most things, we will be taking a team approach in developing the FY24 budget.</li> <li>→ A reminder on the timeline, we will provide the FY24 budget overview and presentation at the regular August meeting. Following the meeting, the budget will be on display for 30 days.</li> <li>→ The budget hearing and board approval will occur at the regular September meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	VIII.
		<b>New or Unfinished Business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Consideration of intergovernmental agreement for School Resource Officer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The board had a brief discussion regarding the intergovernmental agreement for the School Resource Officer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>B. CEP: The board approved the CEP application.</li> <li>C. First reading of board policy updates/changes recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ No action taken with the first reading of board policy updates IASB issue #112.</li> </ul> </li> <li>D. Consideration of special board meeting meeting date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The board approved a special board meeting for <b><u>August 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the MEDIA CENTER K-8 BUILDING.</u></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>E. Consideration of authorization to proceed with the boiler replacement project at Du Quoin High School including boiler replacement and bids. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The board approved administration to proceed with soliciting project scope and design for the high school boiler replacement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	IX.
		<b>Adjournment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ The meeting was called to an end at 9:15 p.m. by President Mrs. Amy Rose.</li> </ul>	X.