



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
TUESDAY, August 15, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

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

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

Others Present: Denise Hirsch - Recording Secretary, Mandie Davis - DEA, Matt Benson - Board Attorney, Pete Spitler - Du Quoin Weekly

Board Bulletin

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order → <i>Start Time: 6:02 p.m.</i>		
II.	Roll Call		
III.	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Building principals B. Business manager Grants Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Notification regarding our CEP approval (free breakfast/lunch) has been sent out to all our families in our registration packets, as a separate mailer and online. Utilities Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → No update this month. Summer Worklist and Current Projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Bus Shed: on schedule → Network Infrastructure Upgrades: completed → Phone System Upgrade: completed → Security/Maintenance Grant: on schedule, will run slightly over schedule due to some technical issues with the locks and software. 		

- Interior Painting: completed
- Parking Lot Resurfacing: architectural and engineering services underway
- Softball Field: completed
- HS Concrete Repairs: on schedule
- HS Vape Detectors completed
- Ward School Flooring: completed
- Ward School Asbestos Study: on schedule
- High School Boiler: architectural and engineering services underway

C. Curriculum Director

- The district and I sincerely thank community businesses and individuals for their helping to welcome our new teachers to the District. Du Quoin State Bank provided each teacher with a lunch box swag bag full of goodies! The new teachers, their mentors and principals truly enjoyed the lunch and time building relationships. The welcome orientation was a huge success! We are deeply grateful for the support to make a difference in our district. By supporting our new teachers, they also support the education and future of our students. Thank you!

- Banterra Bank - \$100 donation for the luncheon
- Du Quoin State Bank - lunch tote swag bags
- Just Cookies - Christina Sims - decorated cookies
- Salty Boar - Dana Lipe - potbeans
- Tracy Fenton - BBQ pulled pork

→ Preliminary data is pointing to positive increases in reading at the elementary and middle school as well as increases in English and math at high school. Much more data analysis needs to be completed in order to fully report, but this speaks to the dedication and hard work over the past two years of our teaching faculty to meet each student and find the “just right path” to help them achieve.

D. Superintendent report

Strategic Planning: Step 1 - Listening Tour

- The purpose of this document is to provide an overview of the listening tour conducted by Mrs. Diana Rea and Dr. Mayerhofer.
- The goal of the listening tour is to speak to **100 district stakeholders in 100 days**. By conducting the listening tour, we will gather anecdotal data, listen to our stakeholders, and make connections.
- Strategic Planning will provide a road map for school improvement for the next five years.

Below are the groups that we will meet with:

- Teacher aides
- Education Association Co-Presidents
- Ministerial alliance
- Lions Club
- Chamber of Commerce
- Educational Foundation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Custodians → Volunteer Foundation → Cooks → Bus drivers → Marshall Browning → Faculty members → Fire Chief → Police Chief → Mayor → Board of Education → PTO → Booster club → Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC) School of Education Department Chair → John A. Logan → Fairgrounds → SIU PreK → Western Egyptian Head Start 		
IV.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval of the minutes of the July 18, 2023 regular meeting b. Approval of the minutes of the August 1, 2023 special meeting c. Approval of annual resolution to pay certain expenses from the operations and maintenance fund d. Approval of annual resolution to establish working cash fund and related levy and to transfer funds as needed <p>→ <i>The board approved the consent agenda as presented.</i></p>		
V.	<p>Public Hearing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DEA Representative - No Comment <p>The Board of Education welcomes the audience to make public or employee comments. The Board has set aside time in the agenda specifically for this purpose. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of comment, and pursuant to Board Policy 2.230, the Board has provided this time to hear appropriate comments from anyone attending the meeting.</p> <p>School board meetings are business meetings which are held in public, but we value and welcome civil, respectful statements. We may or may not respond to questions. We use the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to</p> <p>citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter a question-and-answer session. If a matter of public comment warrants discussion or action of the Board of Education, such discussion or action will be added to the agenda of a future meeting.</p> <p>No person addressing the Board should initiate charges or complaints about District employees or students. Such charges or complaints should be presented directly to the Superintendent.</p> <p>Speakers are asked to limit comments to no more than 5 minutes and to begin by stating your name so that it may be included in the meeting minutes. We appreciate your cooperation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Public - No Comment 		

VI	<p>Executive Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) b. 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). c. 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. 		
VII.	<p>Consideration of and possible action of the executive session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <i>The board approved the executive session meeting minutes July 18, 2023 regular meeting.</i> → <i>The board approved the executive session meeting minutes August 1, 2023 special meeting.</i> → <i>The board approved the fall 2023 DMS athletic volunteers updated list of DMS athletic volunteers including softball volunteer Kevin Piper and cross country volunteer Amanda White.</i> → <i>The board approved Katrina Lance to serve as DMS year book co-sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.</i> → <i>The board approved Katrina Lance to serve as DMS scholar bowl sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.</i> → <i>The board approved the following teachers and teacher aides to serve in our after school 21st program for the 2023-2024 school year including; Sandy Stanhouse, Lauren Tilley, Amanda White, Amy Lee, Tara Pyron, Rachel Rider, Jean Ann Mathis, Amanda Casey.</i> → <i>The board approved the curriculum director to fully staff the 21 century after school program according to grant parameters.</i> → <i>The board approved Hannah Hollis to serve as the K-8 cook for the 2023-2024 school year.</i> 		
VIII.	<p>Financial Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <i>The board approved the payment of bills for July 2023.</i> → <i>The board approved the July 2023 financial report.</i> → <i>The board approved the FY 2024 tentative budget.</i> 		
IX.	<p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <i>The board approved the Illinois Association of School Boards' policy updates Issue #112.</i> → <i>The board approved Du Quoin High School Graduation as: Friday, May 17, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.</i> 		
X	<p>Retirement/Resignation/Maternity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → <i>The board approved the retirement of Linda Harris; k-8 cook.</i> → <i>The board approved the resignation of Carolyn Dean; school nurse.</i> → <i>The board approved the resignation of Robin Yancey; assistant girls' track coach.</i> → <i>The board approved the letter of resignation of Amy Fornear; school nurse.</i> → <i>The board approved the maternity leave request of Ann Piotrowski.</i> 		

XI.

Adjournment

➔ *The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.*