



**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING BULLETIN
DU QUOIN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #300
CENTRAL OFFICE - 845 EAST JACKSON ST.
DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS 62832
MEETING HELD IN PD ROOM NEXT TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE
THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

Zach McPherson - President
Trent Waller - Vice President
Brian Rodely - Secretary
Crystal Harsy - Member
Patrick Riley - Member
Kevin West - Member
Mark Woodside - Member

Administrators present: Matthew Hickam – Superintendent, Cory Robbins – Business Manager, Diana Rea via Meet – Director of Instructional Services/Elementary Principal, Aaron Hill via Meet – Middle School Principal, Tim McChristian via Meet – High School Principal, and Denise Woodsides via Meet – Assistant High School Principal.

Others present: Pam Pursell – DEA Co-President, Renee Trappe – Du Quoin Call, and Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Brian Rodely, Secretary.		
II.	Roll Call Present – Harsy, Riley, Rodely, West, and Woodside. Absent – McPherson and Waller. Rodely noted the absence of the Board President and Vice President and the resulting need to choose someone to preside over the meeting. Rodely expressed a willingness to do so. A motion was made by Riley, seconded by Harsy for Rodely to serve as the presiding officer for the meeting. Roll call vote: Aye – Harsy, Riley, Rodely, West, and Woodside. Nay – None. Motion carried. Rodely expressed the need to choose someone to serve as secretary for the meeting. Woodside expressed a willingness to do so. A motion was made by Harsy, seconded by Riley for Woodside to serve as the secretary for the meeting. Roll call vote: Aye – Harsy, Riley, Rodely, West, and Woodside. Nay – None. Motion carried.		
III.	Executive Session: The Board entered into executive session at 6:34 PM to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation/performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). The Board returned to open session at 7:08 PM.		
IV.	Reports a. Superintendent - COVID-19 Impacts/Planning Update Mr. Hickam presented a summary of the survey recently given to parents/guardians of the district related to the opening of school. It was noted that the response was strong with approximately 600 parents responding. The majority of parents expressed an interest in returning in-person or with a blended approach while		

	<p>about 11% expressed an interest in full remote learning. Following a review of the summary, Mr. Hickam presented information about the plan to open the school year with a week of planning with faculty/staff followed by three weeks of a blended learning approach under current ISBE/IDPH guidelines.</p> <p>Following this information discussion occurred regarding the blended approach, a full remote approach, as well as regarding topics including symptom checks, transportation, food service, the response to positive cases, and accommodating those with underlying conditions in their household.</p>		
V.	<p>Consent Agenda:</p> <p>The Board approved the minutes of the June 15, 2020 special meeting of the Board of Education and the June 22, 2020 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes), awarded bids for food, milk, bread, cafeteria supplies and custodial supplies, and approved the continued Partnership for College and Career Success (dual credit and enrollment) agreement with John A. Logan College.</p>		
VI.	<p>Financial Items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Board approved the payment of bills for June 2020. The Board approved the June 2020 financial report. Sharing of preliminary year end budget figures for FY 2020 - Mr. Hickam reviewed the ending fund balances in comparison with projected figures and shared 5-year trends. He noted the possible revenue challenges coming due to the impact of the pandemic specifically in the areas of local property tax revenue, county sales tax, city sales tax, and corporate personal property replacement tax. 		
VII.	<p>Public Hearing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> DEA Representative – No comments Public – No comments 		
VIII.	<p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> First reading of board policy updates/changes as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Board policy service – informational only. Mr. Robbins noted that HVAC project (phase 2) was near completion and ahead of schedule as contractors were able to start earlier than planned due to the school closure in the spring. Mr. Robbins mentioned that with the completion of this project, we would be next looking at adding a basic storage building to accommodate the loss of the Trogolo building for storage. In addition, he added that the exterior door replacement project for the K-8 building, partially funded by a school maintenance grant, would be initiating soon with the design phase. It was noted that the construction work will be impacted by the plan for student arrival and multiple points of entry. The Board adopted the amended 2020-2021 school year calendar. Consideration of August board meeting date in relation to tentative budget - Mr. Hickam noted the need to have the tentative budget for FY21 on public display for 30 days. The Board moved the regular August meeting of the Board of Education to August 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM. 		
IX.	<p>Retirement</p> <p>The Board accepted the notice of intent to retire from Darcy Gossett to be effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.</p>		

X.	Employment of Personnel: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Board employed Kasey Spencer as a special education aide at the middle school for the 2020-2021 school year. b. The Board employed Tim Davis as middle school baseball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. c. The Board approved the fall extra-curricular activities volunteer list as presented. 		
XI.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:52 PM.		