



SPECIAL 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 K-8 MEDIA CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020
6:00 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 Director of Instructional Services/Elementary Principal, Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal, and Tim McChristian - High School Principal.

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

	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.		
II.	Roll Call Present – Harsy, McPherson, Riley, Rodely, Waller, West, and Woodside.		
III.	Public Hearing A. DEA Representative – Pam Pursell spoke about the challenges that school personnel are working through to prepare for the year and the stress coupled with that, but everyone is working together to meet the challenges. B. Public – No comments		
IV.	Executive Session: The Board entered into executive session at 6:01 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 6:34 PM.		
V.	New or Unfinished Business A. Return to Learn Plans for 2020-2021 Mr. Hickam reviewed the plan to open the school year under a blended schedule. A document titled Return to Learn: Essential Information was shared and discussed. In light of the recent decision to allow all students to elect a full-time remote learning option, discussion occurred regarding adjusting the student dismissal time on days of in-person attendance to allow additional time for teachers to connect with remote learners. There was consensus from the Board and administration in support of an adjustment. A document titled Remote Learning Expectations was shared, reviewed, discussed and amended. B. Return to Play Plans for 2020-2021 Mr. Hickam indicated that the high school and middle school would be adhering to the guidelines put forth by the Illinois High School Association and Southern Illinois Junior High School Athletic Association. Accommodations for spectators would be in accordance with the guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health. C. Consideration of statement of support/resolution A committee was formed by Mr. Hickam to include high school faculty member LaTasha Baxter along with board members Crystal Harsy and Mark Woodside to work on writing a statement expressing a commitment to be supportive and welcoming towards all families/students.		

VI.	Employment A. Special education (EOC) aide position at middle school The Board employed Elizabeth Kremer as a special education (EOC) aide at the middle school for the 2020-2021 school year.		
VII.	Adjournment The Board adjourned at 8:35 PM.		