

**ILLINI BLUFFS COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #327
REGULAR - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
CONDUCTED REMOTELY VIA ZOOM CONFERENCE
MONDAY – JUNE 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER – TIME – ROLL CALL

- A. President Chris Coats called the regular meeting of the Illini Bluffs Board of Education to order via Zoom conference.
- B. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- C. Mr. Coats asked for Roll Call Attendance to be taken by Mr. Martzluf who is taking minutes in Mr. Rademaker’s absence.

Roll Call Attendance:

Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
	X	X		X		X
<i>"X" Indicates respective Board Member present</i>						

Board Absent: Mr. Bushart, Mr. Rademaker, and Mr. Scott (Mr. Scott entered the meeting at 6:15pm)

Administrators Present: Dr. Alvey, Mrs. Huene, and Mrs. Peterson

Staff Present: Mr. Martzluf

Visitor Sheet: N/A

- D. Mr. Coats asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Coats thanked all visitors in attendance and gave them an opportunity to address the Board. He asked all visitors to please use the sign-in sheet at the entrance on the podium. Under the advisement of legal counsel, all visitor statements and oral communications with the Board will be recorded.

- A. No visitors in attendance.

III. BOARD SALUTE

Dr. Alvey recognized Mrs. Peterson for all of her work leading the custodial crew in organizing and inventorying custodial supplies. The idea is to consolidate all supplies into one central location to promote efficiency and cost savings. Mrs. Peterson commented that it was a great exercise for the custodial staff to participate in. The group is calling the new central location the “community warehouse.”

Mrs. Peterson recognized Mr. Martzluf for all of his work so far this summer.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING ON BOND ISSUANCE

- A. Mr. Coats announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$3,250,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

B. Mr. Coats asked for a motion to conduct a public hearing for the issuance of working cash fund bonds.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Basham			X				
SECOND	Mr. Cruit					X		
AYES	4		X	X		X		X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	3	X			X		X	
MOTION	CARRIED	<i>'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE</i>						

C. The bond hearing began at 6:06 p.m.

D. Mr. Coats opened the discussion and announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$3,250,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

E. Mr. Coats then asked Mr. Basham to read by title the resolution.

F. Mr. Coats asked if there were any public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$3,250,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all times sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

No visitors in attendance – no comments.

G. Mr. Coats announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Working Cash Fund Bonds.

H. Mr. Coats asked for a motion to close the Bond Hearing at 6:07 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Lowe							X
SECOND	Mr. Cruit					X		
AYES	4		X	X		X		X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	3	X			X		X	
MOTION	CARRIED	<i>'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE</i>						

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Coats asked for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Action by the Board of Education in Adoption of the Consent Calendar (CC*) at this point of the agenda means that ALL items appearing in the agenda that have asterisks (*) are adopted by one single motion, unless a member of the Board or Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the consent calendar and voted upon separately. Generally, Consent Calendar items are matters that the Board and Superintendent agree are routine in nature and should be acted upon in one motion to conserve time and permit focus on other-than-routine matters on the agenda.

- a. *Approval of Minutes of May 18, 2020 regular meeting.
- b. *Approval of Bills and Payroll

- c. *Approval of Financial Reports
- d. *Personnel—Dismissal/Employment/Leaves of Absence
 - 1. *Approval to hire Noah Huene and Wes Harmon as temporary outdoor, part-time maintenance workers.
 - 2. *Approval to hire summer school teachers as follows: Stacie Jost, Kaitlyn Sweet, and Tia Zerbe for 20 days. Stephanie Daniels and Amy Krumpe for 10 days each.
 - 3. *Approval to hire Denise Matzke as 6th grade special education teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at Step 4, BA+6 with a salary of \$40,384. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of all employment paperwork and background check.
- e. *Approval of 2020-2021 calendar as amended to accommodate November 3, 2020 Election Day holiday.
- f. *Approval of student handbook changes as presented.
- g. *Approval of insurance renewal rates from The Unland Companies as presented.
- h. *Approval to keep executive session minutes from July 2019 through December 2019 closed.
- i. *Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for Assistant Golf Coach position.
- j. *Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for middle school National Junior Honor Society sponsor position.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruitt	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Basham			X				
SECOND	Mr. Cruitt					X		
AYES	4		X	X		X		X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	3	X			X		X	
MOTION	CARRIED	<i>'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE</i>						

B. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

- a. Approval of Resolution declaring the intention to issue working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

Dr. Alvey commented this is the formal process the board has to go through in order to issue working cash bonds. Mr. Martzluf explained that since we just issued working cash bonds last December, that it will be awhile before we issue bonds again; however, we want to get the process and paperwork done now. Once we pay off a majority of current bond issue we can re-issue bonds without raising the tax rate. This action allows the board to issue bonds in the next three years.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruitt	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Lowe							X
SECOND	Mr. Basham			X				
AYES	4		X	X		X		X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	3	X			X		X	
MOTION	CARRIED	<i>'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE</i>						

- b. Approval of board meeting dates for 2020-2021 as follows: Monday July 20, 2020, Monday August 17, 2020, Monday, September 21, 2020, Wednesday October 21, 2020, November 16, 2020, December 21, 2020, Tuesday January 19, 2021, Tuesday February 16, 2021, Monday March 15, 2021, Monday April 19, 2021, Monday May 17, 2021, and Monday June 21, 2021.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Cruit					X		
SECOND	Mr. Lowe							X
AYES	4		X	X		X		X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	3	X			X		X	
MOTION	CARRIED	'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE						

Note: Mr. Scott entered the meeting at 6:15pm

- c. Approval of additional RTI interventionist position.

Mrs. Huene updated the board on the need for the position to ensure the district has the resources to focus more attention and time on tier 2 and tier 3 interventions. The goal is to ultimately decrease the number of special education referrals while also being able to increase RTI services. The position is being funded by not filling a existing full-time teacher aide position.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Basham			X				
SECOND	Mr. Lowe							X
AYES	5		X	X		X	X	X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	2	X			X			
MOTION	CARRIED	'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE						

- d. Approval of a motion to abate \$1.1 million from the Working Cash fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

Dr. Alvey explained the abatement from working cash to capital projects is to fund all of the facility projects previously approved by the board. Mr. Martzluf commented these dollars are part of the working cash bonds issued in December and have been specifically earmarked for facility improvement projects.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Basham			X				
SECOND	Mr. Cruit					X		
AYES	5		X	X		X	X	X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	2	X			X			
MOTION	CARRIED	'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE						

- e. Approval of a motion to abate \$500,000 from the Working Cash fund to the Education Fund.

Dr. Alvey explained this abatement is needed to alleviate cash flow issues from delayed June property tax payments. Peoria County is allowing property owners to split their June tax bill in two payments – 50% due in June and the other 50% due in August. Mr. Martzluf commented that he had reached out to the Peoria County Treasurer/Collector, Nicole Bjerke, and she responded that tax collections for June are looking better than expected and that the distribution amount will be much higher than the 50% anticipated.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruitt	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Basham			X				
SECOND	Mr. Cruitt					X		
AYES	5		X	X		X	X	X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	2	X			X			
MOTION	CARRIED	*X' to indicate Board Member VOTE						

- f. Approval of a motion to abate \$200,000 from the Working Cash fund to the Transportation Fund.

Dr. Alvey asked Mr. Martzluf to comment on this recommended abatement. Mr. Martzluf explained that the recently passed state budget guarantees level funding for mandated categoricals included transportation reimbursement; however, we were counting on our transportation claim to be higher due to the acquisition of new buses. This abatement will provide funds to help cover our lease payments for the FY21 budget and provide a buffer in the transportation fund.

Roll Call Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruitt	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION	Mr. Lowe							X
SECOND	Mr. Cruitt					X		
AYES	5		X	X		X	X	X
NAYS	0							
ABSTAIN	0							
ABSENT	2	X			X			
MOTION	CARRIED	*X' to indicate Board Member VOTE						

VI. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Mr. Coats stated this concludes the ACTION ITEMS segment of the meeting. He moved onto the INFORMATION / DISCUSSION segment of the meeting. Items labeled with an asterisk (*) are presented for **informational purposes** and for recording purposes in the "Official Board Minutes."

- A. *Committee Reports
- B. *Facilities Update

Dr. Alvey, Mrs. Huene, Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Martzluf updated the board on the myriad of facilities projects currently underway this summer. At this point, we are ahead of schedule and most projects will be finished by July. Mr. Martzluf will be sharing out photos of the various projects to the board soon.

Mr. Martzluf provided the board with an update in regard to the underground diesel tank. As previously discussed, the recommendation is to go through the process of abandoning the tank in place. The process started with a company called Midwest Environmental that came out to collect soil samples to see if there was any contamination. During that process, they punched a hole in the top of the tank which led to groundwater to enter the tank. Midwest Environmental immediately arranged to have the water pumped out of the tank and the hole patched. Midwest Environmental notified the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and as a result of this accident, we are required to comply with the Leading Underground Storage Tank (Leaking UST) program. We were assigned an incident number and now most of the costs associated with abandoning the diesel tank in place will be reimbursable through this program. We will be working with Midwest Environmental to seek these reimbursements. The next step is to have Total Petroleum start the tank abandonment process.

- C. *Administrator Reports
- D. *Resignations –
 1. Nichole Zimmerman as high school business teacher effective June 15, 2020
 2. Ariana Moschini as 6th grade special education teacher
 3. Karessa Breweur as Spanish teacher effective June 15, 2020
 4. Mollie Beville as high school dance sponsor

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No executive session.

VIII. COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS OR ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Basham and Dr. Alvey provided information to the board in regard for the funeral home property. The recommendation to the board is to hire Mohr and Kerr Engineering for a land surveying engineering study of the property. Mr. Basham commented this seems to be the logical next step as the district looks at options for the site. The board verbally agreed to move forward and formal action on a contract with Mohr and Kerr will take place at the July board meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Mr. Coats asked for a motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote:

	Outcome	Mr. Bushart	Mr. Coats	Mr. Basham	Mr. Rademaker	Mr. Cruit	Mr. Scott	Mr. Lowe
MOTION						X		
SECOND				X				
<i>'X' to indicate Board Member VOTE</i>								

In Favor 5 Ayes
 Opposed 0 Nays

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Mr. Matt Rademaker, Secretary

 Mr. Chris Coats, President