



**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 K-8 MEDIA CENTER
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 – Director of Instructional Services/Elementary Principal, AND Aaron Hill – Middle School Principal.

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

| | Item | Info | Action |
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| I. | Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. | | |
| II. | Roll Call Present: McPherson, Waller, Rodely, Harsy, and Woodside; Absent: Riley and West. (West joined executive session by phone, rejoined by phone during New Business and was in person at 9:20 PM. | | |
| III. | Executive Session: The Board entered into executive session at 6:31 PM to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees, student disciplinary matters, and collective bargaining matters in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). The Board returned to open session at 8:27 PM. | | |
| IV. | Reports a. Superintendent – Mr. Hickam spoke about recent updates to athletics from the Illinois High School Association and the Southern Illinois Junior High Athletic Association. He noted that the District would be following the guidelines put forth by both associations. | | |
| V. | Consent Agenda: The Board approved: a. the minutes of the July 16, 2020 regular Board of Education meeting (including executive session minutes); b. an annual resolution to pay certain expenses from the Operations and Maintenance Fund; c. an annual resolution to establish Working Cash Fund and related levy and to transfer funds as needed; d. a Memorandum of Understanding with Centerstone Agency for the purposes of collaborating on providing behavioral health services to District students during the 2020-2021 school year; e. a Cooperative Agreement with the Regional Office of Education #30 for administration and operation of the alternative education program – SOAR for the 2020-2021 school year; | | |

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| | <p>f. an Interagency Agreement with Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council Head Start Program to collaborate on transition to kindergarten classroom from Head Start program.</p> | | |
| VI. | <p>Financial Items:</p> <p>a. The Board approved the payment of bills for July 2020.</p> <p>b. The Board approved the July 2020 financial report.</p> | | |
| VII. | <p>Public Hearing</p> <p>a. DEA Representative – No comments</p> <p>b. Public – No comments</p> | | |
| VIII. | <p>New or Unfinished Business</p> <p>a. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding for matters related to impacts of COVID-19 with Du Quoin Education Association.</p> <p>b. Updates on Return to Learn plans for 2020-2021 - Mr. Hickam shared full-time remote learner numbers for each building: 81 for DES, 81 for DMS, and 30 for DHS. There was discussion about internet connectivity for families. Mr. Hickam noted a grant opportunity for purchasing wi-fi hotspots which he was submitting for the District and the idea of providing access at the schools for students was considered as a possibility as well. Mr. Hickam also noted that under the current circumstances within the community and county, he recommended that the plan to follow the blended schedule be extended for the duration of the 1st quarter (through Oct. 16). The Board expressed their support for this recommendation.</p> <p>c. The Board adopted board policy updates/changes as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Board policy service.</p> <p>d. Update on HVAC project for K-8 building - Mr. Robbins noted that everything is installed and additional training for the controls system.</p> <p>e. Consideration of statement of support/resolution – The Board adopted a Statement of Equity for the District.</p> <p>f. High school graduation ceremony date - Mr. Hickam noted the opportunity to choose a date now and recommended that the ceremony be held on this date even if the impacts of COVID-19 are still in effect. The Board agreed. The Board motioned to hold the high school graduation ceremony on May 21, 2021.</p> <p>g. The Board approved the FY 2021 tentative budget. Mr. Hickam shared a document with the Board which summarized the tentative budget. He reviewed projected revenues and expenditures. He noted that a conservative approach had been taken on revenue given the possible impacts of COVID-19 on local revenue sources like property tax, corporate personal property replacement tax, the county facility sales tax, and city sales tax. He noted that a budget hearing would be held at the September meeting and, once approved, the tentative budget would be on public display in the district office.</p> | | |
| IX. | <p>Student Discipline</p> <p>a. The Board rescinded the expulsion of student 2200032 (previous action on March 5, 2020) under the agreement that the student enroll and attend the Rebound Program.</p> | | |
| X. | <p>Retirement:</p> <p>The Board accepted the notices of retirement for the following employees:</p> <p>a. Debbie Pierce has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a teacher in the elementary school at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;</p> <p>b. Deana Kelly has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a teacher in the elementary school at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;</p> <p>c. Laura Krone has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a teacher in the middle school at the end of the 2021-2022 school year;</p> <p>d. Suzan Day has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a teacher in the elementary school at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;</p> <p>e. Melissa Russell has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a speech-language pathologist in the middle school at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;</p> | | |

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| | <p>f. Aletha Jackson has submitted her letter of intent to retire as a music teacher in the elementary school at the end of the 2021-2022 school year;</p> <p>g. Linda Duncan has submitted a letter of retirement to be effective immediately.</p> | | |
| XI. | <p>Employment of Personnel:</p> <p>a. The Board approved the fall volunteer additions.</p> | | |
| XII. | <p>Adjournment</p> <p>The Board adjourned at 9:29 PM.</p> | | |