

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 11, 2007

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 11, 2007, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Physically Present: Gvillo, Payne, Owen, Spickerman, Strohmeier, Vivian, H. Gvillo, S. Strohmeier

Members Physically Absent: Burnet

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, D. Daugherty, C. Mohr, Rebecca Tuchalski, Dena Osterman, Kayla Howerton, Rachele Wuellner, Ken Loy, Jay Greening

PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE

President Rodney Gvillo asked those present to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2007; the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing Meeting of September 17, 2007; the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 17, 2007; and the minutes of the second Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of September 27, 2007 were reviewed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 10, 2007, the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing Meeting of September 17, 2007, the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 17, 2007, and the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of September 27, 2007. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman saluted Rachele Wuellner for working to reduce the cafeteria deficit.

Mr. Roger Owen saluted Greg Lievers, Ed Heinemeier, and the city of Bunker Hill for their hard work in patching holes in the high school parking lot.

BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to accept the bills. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to accept the financial report as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Meet New Teachers: No new teachers or staff members were present.

Mr. Kenny Loy to Report on the Audit: Mr. Ken Loy, the District's auditor, was present to provide an audit summary outline and findings. He reported Deb Allen has done a great job as bookkeeper for the District. He reported there were no major findings or no discrepancies found. He complimented Mrs. Rogers, the Administration and Board Members as the District has moved off the State's "Financial Early Warning" list to "Financial Review" with a total profile score of 3.45 versus 2.75 from the year before. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Loy for attending tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jay Greening to Meet the New Board: Mr. Jay Greening, the District's lawyer, was present to meet the new Board and to answer any questions they might have. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Greening for attending the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Accept Lowest Bids for Two New 71 Passenger Conventional Buses for the 2008-2009

School Year: Mrs. Rogers reported the District only received one bus bid from Ponder Equipment Company of Litchfield. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to accept the bid from Ponder Equipment Company of Litchfield, IL in the amount not to exceed \$108,130.00 for two buses to be purchased and delivered in July 2008. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Highest Bid for the Sale and Removal of a Semi-Box Trailer Without Wheels: Mrs. Rogers reported no bids were received. Therefore the District will seek other means to have it removed. No action taken.

Approve Resolution 2008-2 – The Audit Report: Mrs. Rogers reported the Audit Report is ready for approval. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve Resolution # 2008-2 – the 2006-2007 Annual Audit Report as presented. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mrs. Rogers for her leadership in bringing the District up to the "Financial Review" status.

Approve Fall Housing Reports: Mrs. Rogers reported the Fall Housing Reports are ready for approval. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve the 2007-2008 Fall Housing Reports. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Select IASA/IASB/IASBO Convention Delegate and Alternate: Mr. Keith Strohmeier is the Delegate for the IASA/IASB/IASBO Convention and Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman is the Alternate. No action was necessary.

Approve Request for FFA Students to Attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 24th – 26th: Miss Kayla Howerton was present to answer any questions the Board members may have regarding the convention. Four students would like to attend. Areas of interest were discussed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to approve the Request to the Bunker Hill High School FFA students to attend the National FFA Convention to be held October 24th – 26th, 2007 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Procurement of a Drivers' Education Vehicle: Mrs. Rogers reported Doug Daugherty was present to address and provide information regarding three suitable cars presently available from Bruckert's Chevrolet of Bunker Hill. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to approve procurement of a 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt LS Sedan as a Driver's Education vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$10,600.00 for use by the High School Driver's Education program. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, abstain; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. 5 yes; 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Approve 2007 District Report Card: Mrs. Rogers reported the District's Report Card information needs to be approved by the Board and then distributed to the community. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the 2007 District Report Card as presented and authorize the Administration to undertake distribution. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Family Athletic Passes for FY 08 Winter Sports: Mr. Doug Daugherty compiled information from area schools regarding seasonal family passes for winter sport events. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Daugherty for the information gathered. No action would be taken at this time. Discussion showed that a family pass could be purchased at fall registration starting in the fall of next year.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers had nothing further to add at this time.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich was not present due to overseeing the Junior High Girls' Basketball game. His principal's report was included in the packet.

Mrs. Rachelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner reported she is impressed with how well the cooks are working and reported the new cook at the high school is also working out very well. Mrs. Wuellner reported the high school students are very well behaved. She has incorporated several good ideas such as a smoothie machine at the junior high and high school as well as red and white tablecloths on the high school tables to make dining more eye appealing. The Board thanked her for a job well done.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported staff would be playing Donkey Basketball on Thursday, November 8th to support the FFA and Student Council.

He reported Homecoming festivities are planned for this week as well as plans are underway for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

He reported our football team placed among the top five teams in the area and will be seated for tournament. Everyone was extremely excited to be going to the playoffs.

He also reported Mr. Dave Bishop has turned in his resignation as the High School Boys' JV Basketball Coach. Discussion followed. A Special Board Meeting would take place at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 16th in the Superintendent's office to accept the resignation and authorize to post the coaching position.

President Rodney Gvillo was concerned that only 67% of our student body wear seat belts according to a high school seat belt survey taken by the State police. He would like posters to be placed within the school as a reminder to "buckle up" as well as post signs at the parking lot exit.

Mrs. Brad Skertich arrived at 8:39 P.M. He reported the 7th grade girls lost but the 8th grade girls won their game.

He reported the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls would be provided an awareness prevention program for inappropriate and violent dating behavior.

He reported Iowa Tests of Basic Skills testing is wrapped up for this year.

The District is looking into a program to test students from Kindergarten through 8th grade three times a year as a better tool to measure student shortcomings.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo reported October 18th was girl's volleyball "Senior Night". She reported the seniors won the girl's "Powder Puff" football game with a score of 24-0. She reported the Coronation/Dance is to be held at the high school gym on Saturday, October 13th with a \$5.00 admission fee.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier reported the students were very excited about a winning football team and homecoming events. Pep rallies were held to encourage school spirit. Mr. Daugherty was thanked for his part in uplifting school spirit.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Liever's report was included in the packet.

Committees

Policy – The District office will check with Mr. Tim Burnet to find out which date would work best to set a Policy Committee Meeting.

Curriculum – Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman reported there are study materials for 8th, 9th, and 10th grade students in English, Reading, Science, and Math to prepare well in advance for the ACT Test. Discussion followed.

Building/Transportation – Nothing

Special Education – Nothing

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier invited President Rodney Gvillo to the next Foundation Meeting. The next fundraiser in February is a dinner catered by “The Brass Door” of Carrollton.

Athletic – The next fundraiser for the Athletic Boosters is a chicken dinner to be held in February.

PERSONNEL

May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to go into Executive Session at 8:56 P.M. to a. consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body:

1.) Superintendent’s Contract and 2.) Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll Call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to return to Regular Session at 9:14 P.M. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent’s Contract: No action.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

President Rodney Gvillo read a thank you note from Sharon Fichera for the floral arrangement given at the loss of her husband and read a thank you card from Lana Piotrowski for the flowers given during her recovery from surgery.

Mr. Jay Greening, the District attorney, discussed preparation for collective bargaining. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 P. M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Secretary