

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2008

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Special Board Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 14, 2008, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

Members Physically Absent: Burnet

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, D. Allen, R. Wuellner

PLEDGE OF ALLELGIENCE

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of January 24, 2008; the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of January 30, 2008; and the Executive Session Minutes Previously Opened: 08-12-02; 09-09-02; 04-07-03; 04-14-03; 06-09-03; 07-14-03; 08-11-03; 03-18-04; 05-10-04; 05-17-04; 06-07-04; 06-14-04; 07-12-04; 08-09-04; 09-13-04; 10-14-04; 11098-04; 12-06-04; 12-13-04; 07-28-05; 08-08-05; 11-14-05; 12-19-05; 05-08-06; 07-10-06; 08-31-06; 09-11-06; 12-11-06; 01-08-07; 04-12-07; and 06-11-07 were reviewed. Discussion followed. Corrections were addressed within the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of January 24, 2008. Those minutes will be corrected and returned in March for acceptance. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2008, the minutes of the Building/Transportation Committee Meeting of January 30, 2008, and the minutes of the Executive Session minutes previously opened as listed. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

BOARD SALUTE

President Gvillo saluted the high school girls' basketball team and coaches for winning Regional. It has been 21 years since Bunker Hill won Regional. President Gvillo reported the Regular Board meeting of Monday, February 11th had been cancelled to allow those wishing to attend to do so. The team was well represented. Even though the girls did not win, they played very well and were commended.

Miss Heather Gvillo commended Ms. Clare Sullivan for purchasing Hershey bars, wrapping them, and adding a thank you letter to the many businesses who donated or contributed in some way to the "Secret Santa Project". Discussion followed.

Mr. David Golike was commended for attaining 1,000 points during his high school basketball career.

President Rodney Gvillo commended the Staunton High School Band for their exceptional performance during a recent basketball game.

BILLS

The bills were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman 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. Mrs. Rogers reported the District is presently holding its own. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to accept the financial report. Roll call vote— Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Mrs. Judith Huber to Address the Board Regarding Soccer: Mrs. Judith Huber was not able to attend the meeting.

Mr. Rick Petrolina was present to address plans to refurbish the high school girls' softball diamond. The American Legion donated money to replace the backstop fence. Polo Trucking will donate the hauling cost of bringing red clay dirt to the diamond area. The construction class has painted and rebuilt the dug out seats. A ball field blueprint was reviewed. The weather has prevented further progress at this time. Tiling was discussed. Donors will be given a plaque to show their appreciation. Discussion followed. President Gvillo thanked him for his time and for all the hard work done to renovate the baseball field.

Mr. Kevin Meyer – Building Proposal: Mr. Meyer was not able to make the meeting. Mrs. Rogers reported the Wolf Ridge gymnasium floor developed bubbles throughout the surface and questioned whether the floor could be removed and classrooms be added within the existing structure. Mr. Meyer felt the space could be turned into classrooms and preliminary plans were drawn up and passed out at tonight's meeting. The existing gym would be double decked to house 10 classrooms, restrooms, an elevator, and two stairwells. This would allow the junior high students, primary students, and middle school students to each have a separate wing. Renovating the existing gym would add three more additional classrooms at a cost of around \$ 4,100,000.00 versus the previous plan of three less classrooms costing \$ 3,700,000.00. Discussion followed. The Board liked the new proposal.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Lists: a) Teacher Seniority List -- Mrs. Rogers reported the Teacher Seniority List is ready for approval. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Spickerman to Approve the Teacher Seniority List for 2008 as presented. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

b) Support Staff Seniority List: Mrs. Rogers reported the Support Staff Seniority List is ready for approval. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to Approve the Support Staff

Seniority List for 2008 as presented. Roll call vote – Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize the Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY 09 Budget: Mrs. Rogers has already begun working on this project. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Vivian to Authorize the Superintendent to Begin Work on the FY 09 Budget. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Set Date/Time/Place for the February Board Retreat: The Board Retreat Date/Time/Place needs to be set. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to schedule the Winter Board Retreat for March 5, 2008 at 4:30 pm to be held at the Wolf Ridge Education Center Library. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Use of the High School Gym by Lewis & Clark Softball Team: The Lewis & Clark Softball Team would like permission to use the high school gym for a trivia night fundraiser. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Approve Use of the High School Gym by the Lewis and Clark Softball Team as presented. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Senior Trip: Mr. Doug Daugherty reported the seniors are asking permission to schedule a one-day Senior Trip on Thursday, May 15th to St. Louis, Missouri to visit Union Station and to watch a Cardinal game in the afternoon. A more detailed itinerary would be handed out to the Board members at a later date. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman seconded by Vivian to Approve the Senior Trip to St. Louis and Itinerary as presented. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize Disposal of all Audio Tapes Prior to Public Act 093-0523 Effective January 1, 2004: The District needs to dispose of all audiotapes prior to the Public Act 093-0523, which went into effect January 1, 2004. Discussion followed. Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Owen to Authorize Disposal of all Audio Tapes Prior to Public Act 093-0523 Effective January 1, 2004. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Authorize Disposal of Audio Tapes for Opened Executive Session Minutes from January, 2004 - July, 2006: Mrs. Rogers reported audio tapes are to be kept for eighteen months or until the minutes are opened. The following opened Executive Session Minutes were included in the packet: 03-18-04, 05-10-04, 05-17-04, 06-07-04, 06-14-04, 07-12-04, 08-09-04, 09-13-04, 10-14-04, 11-08-04, 12-06-04, 12-13-04, 07-28-05, 08-08-05, 11-14-05, and 05-08-06. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Strohmeier to Authorize Disposal of Audio Tapes for Opened Executive Session Minutes as listed. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

At this time "Information Items" would be discussed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers reported the Lewis and Clark College dual credit courses have saved parents \$ 200,774.00 in tuition and fees thereby earning 3041 hours of college credit for students since the 1999 Fall semester. She has also included informative legislative actions and ideas within the packet. It seems as if the governor is going to withhold the 23rd and/or 24th state aid payments that would devastate state aid dependent schools. Discussion followed. A tentative Policy Committee Meeting was set for 4:00 pm on Monday, February 25, 2008. A corrected Cafeteria Report was given to the Board.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Skertich reported the Illinois Textbook Loan Program would save the District approximately \$12,000.00 in K-5 textbooks for next year. He reported ISAT Testing runs from March 4th through March 10th. Incentives will be given to the students in hopes of accelerating test scores. Meissner students will have a BBQ on Monday, March 17 and Wolf Ridge students have one on Tuesday, March 18th as a reward for their hard work on the tests. Discussion followed. A large screen projection system will be installed in the Wolf Ridge Library to enhance educational activities.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Daugherty reported 35 students attended the 8th grade Orientation night held on Feb. 12th. Class offerings have been chosen for next year and scheduling issues are being worked out. He reported the final season basketball game will be played against Fort Bowman on Friday, Feb. 15th as well as the revealing of the State playoff banner for football, senior night activities, and commendations to David Golike for scoring 1000 points during his basketball career. He also reported our faculty would play Staunton's faculty at 6:00 pm on Saturday, February 23rd. Discussion followed.

Mrs. Shelly Wuellner: Starting in the fall Mrs. Wuellner would like to see Ala Carte items uniformly priced throughout the District as well as raise milk prices. Discussion followed regarding pricing for next year and portion sizes. A breakdown of cost per items would be provided for discussion at a later time.

Miss Heather Gvillo: Miss Gvillo had nothing further to add other than the fact that the faculty basketball game against Staunton's faculty on Saturday, February 23rd should be exciting.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Strohmeier reported 8 high school students went to the Olympiad this past week and the junior/senior team consisting of Megan Straub, Matt Landreth, Lindsey Paul, and Sydney Strohmeier placed a three-way tie for fourth place. The Board congratulated her and the other members of the team.

Miss Strohmeier also reported the high school Student Teacher for Physical Education is making the students in his class go through an exercise regiment that is working out well.

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers reported on various boiler problems throughout the district. He mentioned all buses are back in service and the district has started an additional route to Alton for a special needs' student. He reported the need for additional substitute bus drivers.

Mr. Skertich thanked Mr. Lievers and Mr. Heinemeier for moving and keeping up with the snow issues. Discussion followed.

COMMITTEES

Policy – A Policy Committee Meeting would be set at a later time.

Curriculum – A Curriculum Committee Meeting would be set after Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman had met with Mr. Skertich.

Building/Transportation – Mr. Jon Payne reported a Building Committee Meeting would need to be set to go over the latest changes to the Wolf Ridge floor plan with the architect being present.

Negotiations – Nothing at this time.

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen reported the Chicken Dinner/Dance Fundraiser is set for Saturday, February 16th at the American Legion Hall with the dinner starting at 4:00 pm and the Bands starting to play at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$18.00 at the door. Discussion followed.

Special Education – Nothing at this time.

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier reported having tickets to sell for the “Brass Door” catered Pork Chop Dinner to be held Sunday, February 24th from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at the City Municipal Hall. Discussion followed.

PERSONNEL

May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-62 to Consider the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to go into Executive Session at 8:35 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: a.) Accept Letters of Resignation; b.) Review Closed Session Minutes of Meetings; c.) Superintendent's Evaluation; and 4.) Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote – Strohmeier, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Miss Heather Gvillo and Miss Sydney Strohmeier left the meeting.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to return to Regular Session at 9:50 P.M. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Accept Letters of Resignation: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Accept the Resignation of Kathy Gress as High School Dance Team Sponsor effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and authorize the Administration to post and advertise to seek a suitable replacement. Roll call vote—Strohmeier, yes; Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to Accept the Resignation of Ashley Masinelli as 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach effect at the end of the 2007-2008 school year and authorize the Administration to post and advertise to seek a suitable replacement. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Strohmeier, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Review Closed Session Minutes of Meetings: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Strohmeier to close the minutes of all previously sealed meetings until such time as is deemed appropriate to open them. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, Yes; Strohmeier, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent's Evaluation: No action.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

GENERAL DIALOGUE

Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman reported keep up the good work everybody. Discussion followed.

Mr. Lievers gave the occupancy capacity of the gymnasiums.

President Rodney Gvillo reported everybody is very pleased with the Administration and Administrative Staff. He thanked everyone by name. Discussion followed.

ADJOURN

Motion by Strohmeier, seconded by Owen to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P. M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

President

Secretary