

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 16, 2008

The Bunker Hill Community Unit District #8 School Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 16, 2008, in the Library of the Wolf Ridge Education Center. President Rodney Gvillo called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

### *ROLL CALL*

Members Physically Present: Burnet, Gvillo, Owen, Payne, Vivian, Spickerman, A. Paul

Members Physically Absent: Strohmeier, S. Strohmeier

Members Electronically Present: None

Also present: M. Rogers, B. Skertich, D. Daugherty, G. Lievers, D. Allen, C. Mohr, Courtney Wood, Derrick Daine, Diana Chestnut, Sue Morris, Theresa Scroggins, Jennifer Throne, Kay McElroy, Jana Hassebrock, Gloria Montgomery, Liz Wieseman, Crystal Nix, Dave Monetti, Shelby Ivester, Susan Pollard, Jim Pollard, Brett Luster, Mary Ann Brackman

### *PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE*

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

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2008; the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of September 8, 2008; the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of September 11, 2008; and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 11, 2008 were reviewed. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 8, 2008, the minutes of the Executive Session Meeting of September 11, 2008, the minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting of September 11, 2008, and the minutes of the Special Board Meeting of September 11, 2008. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

### *BOARD SALUTE*

Mr. Jon Payne commended the Quarterback Club for having a gun raffle whereby the proceeds retired the debt of the new concession stand built on school property. President Rodney Gvillo commended Ms. Clare Sullivan, Mr. Doug Daugherty, the students, and everyone who helped in any way with the Homecoming festivities. The decorations were wonderful. The dance was well attended. The previous bon fire festivity was also well attended. He congratulated Sydney Strohmeier and Aaron Highfill for winning “Queen and King”. He also commended Laura Huette and other parents for providing meals for the players before and after football games and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication to the sport.

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE BILLS*

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

### *REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT*

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

### *COMMENTS FROM VISITORS*

Mr. Kenneth Loy, School: Mr. Ken Loy gave a synopsis of the 2007-2008 annual audit with summary outlines of the Education Fund; Operations and Maintenance Fund; Bond and Interest Funds; Transportation Fund, and the Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund .The audit was a clean audit. The per capita tuition cost per student is \$7,221.00. He reported the District has moved to the State’s “Watch” list. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Loy for his report and thanked Mrs. Deb Allen for her fine work as bookkeeper.

Susan Pollard to Address the Board Regarding the Bus Route: Mrs. Susan Pollard asked the Board to reconsider the bus transportation routing for next year as her son will have graduated and even though the bus goes right past her house to pick up other students further down the road, next year a bus would not stop at her daycare to drop off or pick up students. Mr. Greg Lievers, Director of Transportation, reported the cost for last year’s Pre-K bus run amounted to \$11,000.00 of which there was no reimbursement. Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman explained about curtosy riders and the fact that the District does not stop at the other child daycare facility in town. Several parents spoke up and reported that both parents in their household work and they must be at work very early. There are no relatives in town to assist them in getting their children to and from school. Discussion followed. A transportation meeting will be set to discuss the issue. Mr. Lievers will report back to the Board next month. President Rodney Gvillo thanked the parents for attending the meeting and the matter will be discussed and brought back on the November agenda.

Liz Wieseman to Address the Board Regarding City Banners: Mrs. Elizabeth Wieseman, City Treasurer, asked permission from the Board to allow the city to use the “Minuteman” and “Patriot” school silhouette logo on banners to be placed across the new light poles in the middle of town. The banners would state “Welcome to Bunker Hill - Home of the Bunker Hill Minuteman”. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked her for attending the meeting.

Derrick Daine to Address the Board Regarding the Quarterback Club: Mr. Derrick Daine, representative of the Quarterback Club, gave the District a check in the amount of \$1.00 for the yearly lease of the concession stand ground. He also asked if the District was not going to charge admission for junior varsity football games, whether the Quarterback Club could man the gate and collect attendance fees for the next football season. Discussion followed. President Rodney Gvillo thanked Mr. Daine for attending the meeting.

### *ACTION ITEMS*

Approve City Banner Request: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to Approve the Request by the City for use of the School Mascot on Banners to be displayed in the Business District. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution 2009-3 – Ordinance of Conveyance of Property to the City: President Gvillo reported a portion of the property that was given to the City for the development of Mae Meissner Whitaker Memorial Park was left off the transfer and therefore a new resolution needs to be brought before a vote. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to approve Resolution 2009-3 – the Ordinance of Conveyance of Property to the City. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Approve Resolution 2009-4 – The 2007-2008 Annual Audit Report: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to approve Resolution 2009-4 – The 2007-2008 Annual Audit Report as presented. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Video/Movie Request: Mrs. Sue Morris requested showing “*The Patriot*” in the English III CP Class. She handed the Board a listing of the advantages of showing the film before the beginning of the historical “Revolutionary War” unit. Discussion followed. Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to approve the Video/Movie request for the use of “The Patriots” in a high school classroom for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Select IASB/IASA/IASBO Convention Delegate and Alternate: Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman was selected as IASB/IASA/IASBO Convention Delegate while Mrs. Deanna Vivian was selected as Alternate.

Approve the Procurement of a Drivers’ Education Vehicle: Mr. Doug Daugherty handed the Board a report showing two vehicles for use as a drivers’ education vehicle. The District would purchase the vehicle from Bruckert’s Chevrolet of Bunker Hill and pay depreciation and mileage. At the end of the school year, the District would sell the vehicle back to Bruckert’s Chevrolet. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to approve procurement of a Chevy Mailbu as a Driver’s Education vehicle for an amount not to exceed \$8,600.00 for use by the High School Driver’s Education program. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, abstain; Gvillo, yes. 5 Yes; 1 Abstain. Motion carried.

Approve the 2008 District Report Card: The 2008 District Report Card is ready for distribution. Mrs. Rogers reported the staff should be commended for helping the students achieve AYP status as all three schools acquired Annual Yearly Progress. Discussion followed. Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to approve the 2008 District Report Card as presented and authorize the Administration to undertake distribution. Roll call vote—Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Spickerman, yes; Vivian, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

At this time “Information Items” would be discussed.

### *INFORMATION ITEMS*

Mrs. Marg Rogers: Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Skertich, and Mr. Daugherty have spent considerable time coming up with future plans if the referendum does not pass. Mr. Skertich presented a power point presentation showing the following three options and outcomes:

Option 1 – Leave Meissner Open (Costing \$71,000.00 for Electric/Gas; \$15,000.00 for Maintenance and Repair; Less Than 60% of Building Utilized; Failure to Meet ADA Compliance; Major Repairs Needed to Electrical System, Water and Sewer Lines, and the Roof to Name a Few).

Option 2 – Move 7 & 8<sup>th</sup> grades to the High School and move 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Wolf Ridge (6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moved into Current Wolf Ridge Facility; 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moved to HS; Current Classroom Locations Shuffled; 2 Portable Buildings Leased to Accommodate Educational Needs and the increase in Student Numbers).

Option 3 – Move 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grades to Wolf Ridge (6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Moved to Wolf Ridge Facility; Current Classroom Locations Shuffled; 2 Portable Buildings Leased to Accommodate Educational Needs and the Increase in Student Numbers).

Deteriorated conditions were addressed such as cast iron water lines within the building, leaking roofs, water damaged floors and ceilings, and non-ADA Compliance. The lease/cost of two portable buildings were discussed spreading the cost over a three-year period. Cost breakdowns/savings, negative and positive angles were considered. Considerations such as athletic and academic scheduling, teacher workload, adjusting faculty needs of the Meissner campus, changing the Wednesday evening policy as scheduling would not allow it, side layout for portables, and timelines were discussed. Discussion showed it would take a 3-4 year process to bring the Meissner complex down. *The bottom line is if the referendum does not pass, the District cannot afford to maintain 3 buildings.* Mr. Skertich felt the changes would work.

Mr. Brad Skertich: Mr. Brad Skertich reported Channel 5 News saluted and took pictures of Mrs. Wood's 4<sup>th</sup> grade class to be aired on television for the "Number 1" opening broadcast segment.

Mr. Doug Daugherty: Mr. Doug Daugherty reported the high school teachers are focusing on the needs of the freshman class to improve test scores. The "Minutemen Messenger", written by the High School Creative Writing Class was handed out to the Board. Mr. Daugherty reported Juniors could take the PSAE test on their own on December 13<sup>th</sup> from Alton or Southwestern Districts as a practice run and be much more prepared for the test when our high school gives the test. The only drawback is that students would have to pay the \$31.00 cost for the test and would need their own transportation. Interested students could register on line by November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Miss Sydney Strohmeier: Miss Sydney Strohmeier was not present.

Miss Abigail Paul: Miss Abigail Paul reported golf has ended and volleyball and football are doing well. The students are looking forward to Saturday's football game.

Mrs. Shelle Wuellner: Mrs. Wuellner was not present. The cafeteria report was handed out. Discussion showed more students are eating and costly repairs were made to equipment..

Mr. Greg Lievers: Mr. Lievers reported a fill pump has been ordered for one of the Meissner boilers. Discussion followed. He hoped the lowered fuel prices would be reflected soon on the fuel bill.

### Committees

Policy – Mrs. Deanna Vivian had nothing to report.

Curriculum – Mrs. Suzanne Spickerman reported curriculum was on hold until after the referendum.

Building/Transportation – Mr. Jon Payne had nothing to report.

Negotiations – Mr. Tim Burnet had nothing to report.

Athletic – Mr. Roger Owen had nothing to report.

Special Education – Mrs. Deanna Vivian had nothing to report.

Education Foundation – Mr. Keith Strohmeier was not present to report.

### Personnel

Personnel – May Require Executive Session per Section 2 of the Open Meetings Act as Amended by P.A. 88-621: Motion by Burnet, seconded by Vivian to go into Executive Session at 8:56 P.M. to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body: 1.) Personnel - a. Employ a Pre-K Bus Aide; b. Employ a High School Mathematics Teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of 08-09; and c. Discuss Staffing Needs. Roll call vote—Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Burnet to return to Regular Session at 9:18 P.M. Roll call vote—Spickerman, yes; Owen, yes; Burnet, yes; Payne, yes; Vivian, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a Pre-K Bus Aide: Motion by Spickerman, seconded by Vivian to employ Amy Steward as Pre-K Bus Aide for the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Burnet, yes; Vivian, yes; Owen, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Employ a High School Mathematics Teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of 08-09: Motion by Vivian, seconded by Owen to employ Wade DeVries as High School Mathematics Teacher for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of the 2008-2009 School Year with duties to be assigned by the Superintendent. Roll call vote—Vivian, yes; Spickerman, yes; Payne, yes; Burnet, yes; Owen, yes; Gvillo, yes. Motion carried.

Discuss Staffing Needs: No action.

*GENERAL DIALOGUE*

President Rodney Gvillo reminded everyone that the next informational community meeting regarding the Meissner complex would take place 4:00 pm on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He reported the Board members would meet in the Duelm Administrative Building at 9:00 am Saturday to canvas the town regarding the referendum question within the upcoming election. He read a thank you note from Tammy Oertel and family for the plant given at the loss of her mother. He also read a thank you note from Suzanne Spickerman and family for a donation towards a high school scholarship for the loss of her father in law. A "Board Retreat" would be planned after the election to discuss future needs.

*ADJOURN*

Motion by Vivian, seconded by Spickerman to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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President

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Secretary