

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
Unit Office Annex
510 West Elm Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
October 23, 2017**

President Hayes called the regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Bernot, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present;
Tiburzi, present; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Owsley and Turcol attended the meeting. Jennifer Brown, Dave Ambrose, Jan Dona, Micki Romanus, *The Partnership for Educational Excellence* Representatives John Fassero and Nancy Grandone, Gina Frensko representing Black Diamond Days Committee, and Auditor Ken Loy also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Schmidt to approve the agenda as presented. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Tiburzi for Roll Call Vote to Adjourn to Closed Meeting at 6:01 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of probable or imminent litigation, pursuant to 105 ILCS (120/2(c)(1)
- C. Discussion of student disciplinary cases, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)
- D. Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Tiburzi, seconded by Hayes for Roll Call Vote to return to Open Session at 7:12 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Action on Closed Session Matters

The agenda item to employ a Food Service Worker was tabled.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Dobrino to employ Stefanie Frizzo as a paraprofessional in Community Unit School District 7, pending certification. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Tiburzi to accept, with regrets, the resignation for retirement of District Custodian Pam Kelly effective March 8, 2018. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Schmidt to transfer an Identified High School Student to ACES (Safe Schools) as presented. Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Bernot to approve the Non-Certificated Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Tiburzi to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated September 25, 2017, and the minutes of the special meeting and closed session minutes dated October 4, 2017. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Tiburzi to approve payment of the October 2017 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$298,463.26
Building Fund	33,978.23
Transportation Fund	<u>5,564.61</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$338,006.10

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Requests

A request was received October 5, 2017 from American Watchdog Inc. asking for district debt, Superintendent Contract and compensation. The information was sent October 10, 2017.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the public addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Gina Frensko presented the Board with a donation check from the Black Diamond Days Committee for use of District 7 facilities for the Black Diamond Queen Pageant.

Representative from the Union Jennifer Brown reported that there was no Union Report.

Superintendent Tieman gave the Gillespie Middle School Report in Principal Rosentreter's absence.

- 9/27/17 – R.A.P. Music Duo presented a motivational assembly through music and dance.
- 9/27/17 – Club's Annual Fundraiser ended, providing the MS activity account with an average annual profit. Students and families are thanked for their support.
- 10/05/17 – 8th Grade Students Brynn Baker, Alyssa McDaniel, Levi and Luke Hatlee placed 7th in the Annual EcoMeet. The students were sponsored by Mr. Lamore.
- 10/05/17 – Social Studies Teachers Mr. Smith and Mrs. Edgerton attended a two-day workshop in their content area.
- 10/05/17 – ELA Teachers Mrs. Prough, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Wilson and Ms. Allen attended a two-day workshop in their content area at the Illinois Reading Conference.

- 10/12/17 – A HS/MS Evacuation Drill with new procedures (drawn up by Mr. Owsley) was executed with greater efficiency than prior drills. A secondary evacuation drill will be conducted later this week where all staff and students will be moving to Ben-Gil.
- 10/18/17 – Now that a Strategic Plan has been published, the MS Staff has started the beginning stages of a School Improvement Plan. The first area, that will be further discussed during 11/9 School Improvement Day, is Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.
- 10/23/17 – Today kicked off the first day of Red Ribbon Week. Chris Coyne presented a two-hour seminar to staff and students on the dangers of Opioid use and addiction. Students and staff dressed in red today and the following days all have a Red Ribbon theme.
- 10/25 and 26 – Student Led Conferences will be held in the cafeteria from 4 to 7:30. All families were assigned a date and time in an attempt to improve attendance. Survey results and attendance numbers will be provided at the November Board meeting.

Principal Owsley gave the Gillespie High School Report.

- Oct. 4th Attended New Administrator's Workshop at the IHSA Office in Bloomington
- Oct. 5th Leadership Team met to debrief from SIP Day in regards to 5 Essentials
- Oct. 12th Volleyball had its Senior Night/Volley for the Cure Game vs Mt. Olive. 2nd Evacuation Drill was done (cutting 11 minutes off of our time from the first drill)
- Oct. 13th Attended a Field Trip with Mr. Goldasich to SWIC Manufacturer's Day and Olin Brass in Alton. Football hosted its Senior Night vs Greenville.
- Oct. 17th Math Department meeting/FASFA Night/Mrs. Stoecker took her Holocaust class to the Holocaust Museum in St. Louis
- Oct. 19th After High School Planning was held for the Senior Class.
- Oct. 20th Blood Drive was held in the G.H.S. Gym
- Oct. 23rd Chris Coyne presented on the dangers of Opioid Addiction.
- Oct. 25-26th Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held 4:00-7:30
- Secondary Evacuation Drill will be Thursday (High School students to Ben-Gil Elementary)
- Freshmen Football concluded its season with a 5-1 record
- JV Football concluded its season with a 2-7 record
- Varsity Football ended its season with a 2-7 record
- Volleyball will play in the IHSA Regionals this week.
- Nov. 4th Ageless is sponsoring a "Haunted Glow Run" with all proceeds going to our Skill Builders Club. Currently 19 teachers and 45 students have registered to run from the school.
- 9 Freshmen have already earned initial certificates for the Union Apprenticeship Program 1st Quarter

Principal Turcol gave the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report.

- Curriculum Information
 - 1st Quarter Report Cards
 - Tuesday, October 24
 - Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - October 25 & 26
 - Thank you to *The Partnership for Educational Excellence*
 - 38 Classrooms received grants totaling over \$17,000
- Expanding Knowledge and Sharing Ideas
 - Illinois Reading Council
 - S. Tiburzi, L. Strutner, L. Emmons
 - ACES Trauma in School
 - B. Rull
 - 7 Most Common Error Sounds
 - B. Sies & K. West

- Struggling Readers Targeted Interventions
 - T. Petersen
- School News
 - Drug Free Week (Red Ribbon Week)
 - Monday Love Yourself – Wear Red and/or Wear Hearts
 - Tuesday Be Strong – Wear Super Hero Gear or Clothes
 - Wednesday “Lei” Off Drugs – Wear Hawaiian Clothes
 - Thursday Kick It to Drugs – Wear Any Kind of Boots
 - Monday Drugs are Crazy – Wear Crazy Socks and/or Hair
 - Tuesday Drugs are Scary – Wear Halloween Costume
 - Grade Level Assemblies
 - Friday, October 20 – Habit 2 “Think With the End in Mind”
 - October Golden Spatula Winners
 - Kindergarten – Gerdes
 - 1st Grade – Price
 - 2nd Grade – Schmid
 - 3rd Grade – Berkel
 - 4th Grade – Bussmann
 - 5th Grade – Bilbruck
 - Maple Street Dental Clinic
 - 400+ students were seen at BGES
 - Vision and Hearing Test – Mrs. Easton
 - 400+ students were screened
 - Roe Book Club
 - Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis
 - 16 participates at the elementary
 - Family Literacy Night
 - November 8
 - Annual BGES Book Fair
 - November 13-17

Superintendent Tieman reported that Mr. John Schmidt of the W. E. Schmidt Foundation and the Lon D. and Lucille Barton Foundation, after asking Superintendent Tieman what areas of the district was in need of funding, donated \$25,000. Superintendent Tieman had advised Mr. John Schmidt of the District’s need for a new science lab in the middle school.

Old Business

Motion made by Schmidt, seconded by Hayes to approve the Second Reading and to adopt Press Plus #95 as presented: Policy 2:220-E3 Closed Meeting Minutes, Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, Policy 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues, Policy 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs, Policy 6:120 Instructional Materials, Policy 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment, Policy 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities and Policy 5:120-E Exhibit-Code of Ethics for Illinois Educators, Policy 6:120-AP2, E1 Exhibit-Request to Access Classroom(s) or Personnel for Special Education Evaluation and/or Observation Purposes. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

New Business

John Fassero, President of *The Partnership for Educational Excellence*, and Nancy Grandone, Founder of *The Partnership for Educational Excellence*, addressed the Board advising of *The Partnership’s* 25th Anniversary. They presented a review of *The Partnership’s* first 25 years of accomplishments which

has greatly benefitted District 7 in having received \$800,000 in mini-grants for teachers and scholarship awards for graduating seniors. \$27,082.06 in mini-grants for 59 teachers was presented this year alone. Mrs. Grandone presented the district's principals with self-stampers to be used to identify materials that have been funded by *The Partnership's* mini-grants. In recent years, *The Partnership* has been able to increase their graduating senior scholarship awards from \$500 each to \$1000 each. In conclusion, Mr. Fassero presented Superintendent Tieman with a check from *The Partnership* which includes a matching grant from the Employee Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis to purchase 30 interactive computer tablets for use in the new GMS Science Lab. The computer tablets will be able to be shared with the high school science classes also.

Superintendent Tieman announced that Friday, October 20th will be observed as Principal Appreciation Day. A proclamation for this was declared by the State of Illinois signed and sworn by Governor Bruce Rauner and Secretary of State Jesse White on July 17, 2017.

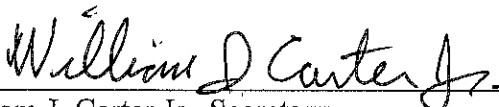
Auditor Ken Loy of Loy, Miller and Talley P.C. addressed the Board of Education to review the FSY 17 Annual Financial Report. Mr. Loy stated that he was pleased with the financial improvements that the district has made over the last 2 years. The district's financial profile designation is 3.25 which is just under the 3.54 needed for the highest financial recognition. The district's debt, which includes the debt from the new elementary building and the old elementary building, is the contributing factor to the 3.25 designation.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Schmidt to approve the FSY 17 Annual Financial Report as presented. Schmidt, yes; Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Dobrino to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Tiburzi, yes; Alepra, absent; Carter, absent; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.



Mark Hayes, President



William J. Carter Jr., Secretary