The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:37 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, January 14, 2019. President Monica Laurent presided over the meeting. The following members answered roll call: Jill Bertels, Paul Pitts, Terri Dalla Riva, Lelan Olsen, Deb Pitts, Nekisha Williams Omotola and Monica Laurent. Also in attendance were: Dr. Lynda Andre, Superintendent; Nancy Spina, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel; Dave Courtney, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations; Bill Miener, Director of Technology; Craig Bosomworth, Technology; Channel 10 technician; Julia Biggs, Reporter for The Intelligencer; and Diane Walkenbach, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Other administrators present were: Cathie Wright, Beth Jacobs, Dennis Cramsey, Matt Sidarous, Cornelia Smith, Ryan Ketchum, Curt Schumacher, Allen Duncan, Rich Fore, Andy Williams, Tanya Patton, Tara Fox, Vince Schlueter, Julie Maretelli, Kiersten Saenz, Steve Stuart, Jennifer Morgan, Adam Garrett, and Jasen Foster.

Welcome to Visitors

President Monica Laurent welcomed visitors and guests.

Student Recognition

Cathie Wright, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, introduced the students, and Dr. Andre and Paul Pitts recognized the recipients for the January “Do the Right Thing” award.

Recognition of Those Wishing to Make Brief Statements

none

Minutes approved:

Terri Dalla Riva moved for approval the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 17, 2018 and Deb Pitts seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Deb Pitts, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Olsen, Omotola, Laurent Carried 7-0
**Board Committees, Special Committees**

Jill Bertels, Personnel Committee Chair, reported that the Personnel Committee met earlier this evening in open session to approve the action items on the agenda which will be presented later to the full board for approval.

**Superintendent’s Announcements:**

none

**ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:**

**A.C. 18-52- Approval of Personnel**

A motion was made by Jill Bertels and seconded by Paul Pitts to approve the personnel action items.

**I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Izabelle Harvey**: has been subbing as a Program Assistant at Glen Carbon Elementary School since December 17, 2018. When she is hired in the same position this date will serve as the official date of employment by District 7 with respect to the above contractual legislative requirements.

2. **Christopher McCawley**: has been subbing as a School Safety Officer at Albert Cassens Elementary School since January 3, 2019. When he is hired in the same position this date will serve as the official date of employment by District 7 with respect to the above contractual legislative requirements.

3. **Maria Sanders**: has been subbing as a Cafeteria Worker at Albert Cassens Elementary School since January 10, 2019. When she is hired in the same position this date will serve as the official date of employment by District 7 with respect to the above contractual legislative requirements.

4. **Laura Lynch**: has been subbing as a Program Assistant at Le克莱re Elementary School since January 3, 2019. When she is hired in the same position this date will serve as the official date of employment by District 7 with respect to the above contractual legislative requirements.
II. ACTION ITEMS

A. It is recommended that the following classified resignations be accepted:

1. **Misty Hart**: 2.5 hour Monitor, Leclaire Elementary School; effective December 14, 2018.

2. **Christine Kelly**: 2 hour Monitor, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective December 19, 2018.

3. **Andrew Weiler**: 7 hour Program Assistant, Leclaire Elementary School; effective January 2, 2019.

4. **Consuella Winfrey**: 3 hour Monitor, Goshen Elementary School; effective January 2, 2019.

5. **Brennan Jackson**: 7 hour Program Assistant, Goshen Elementary School; effective January 18, 2019.

B. It is recommended that the following classified retirement be accepted:

1. **Jeanette Mallon**: 3.5 hour Monitor, Woodland Elementary School; effective March 1, 2019.

C. It is recommended that the following classified transfer be approved:

1. **Linda Griffin**: from 7.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; to 6.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Glen Carbon Elementary School: Part-time, Step 8, $11.54 per hour; effective January 15, 2019.

2. **Theresa Hubler**: from 7 hour Cafeteria Worker; to 7.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; Full-time, Step 5, $11.64 per hour including stipend; effective January 15, 2019.

D. It is recommended that the following classified candidates be employed:

1. **Izabelle Harvey**: 7 hour Program Assistant, Glen Carbon Elementary School; PARA, Step 2, $10.50 per hour; effective January 15, 2019.

2. **Christopher McCawley**: 6.5 hour School Safety Officer, Albert Cassens Elementary School; Step 1, $14.14 per hour; effective January 15, 2019.

3. **Maria Sanders**: 6 hour Cafeteria Worker, Albert Cassens Elementary School; Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective January 15, 2019.

4. **Laura Lynch**: 7 hour Program Assistant, Leclaire Elementary School; PARA, Step 2, $10.50 per hour; effective January 15, 2019.

E. It is recommended that the following certified retirements be accepted:

1. **Leslie Pirok**: Fourth Grade Teacher, Worden Elementary School; effective at the end of the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Kelly Bernaix**: Fourth Grade Teacher, Worden Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

F. It is recommended that the following change in certified retirement be accepted:

1. **Paula Edgar**: First Grade Teacher, Midway Elementary; from the end of the 2020-2021 school year; to the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

G. It is recommended that the following certified paid and unpaid leaves be approved:

1. **Tanya Craddick**: First Grade Teacher, Leclaire Elementary School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately May 2, 2019; returning at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

2. **Katie Michaels**: Second Grade Teacher, Nelson Elementary School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately April 22, 2019; returning approximately May 22, 2019.

H. It is recommended that the following certified candidates be employed:

1. **Sarah McCreary**: Special Education Teacher, Leclaire Elementary School; Bachelor’s, Step 2, $39,343 annual salary; effective January 2, 2019.

2. **Sarah Einhorn**: Special Education Teacher, Woodland Elementary School; Bachelor’s, Step 6, $45,018 annual salary; effective January 2, 2019.

3. **Caitlin Cronin**: Special Education Teacher, Edwardsville High School; Bachelor’s, Step 1, $37,830 annual salary; effective January 8, 2019.

I. It is recommended that the following exempt resignations be accepted:

1. **Crystal Rice**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Nelson Elementary School; effective January 1, 2019.

2. **Mehak Baig**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Leclaire Elementary School; effective January 4, 2019.

3. **Brian Gifford**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Leclaire Elementary School; effective February 1, 2019.

J. It is recommended that the following exempt retirement be accepted:

1. **Diane Walkenbach**: Secretary to the Superintendent, Administration Building; effective April 1, 2019.

K. It is recommended that the following exempt transfer be approved:

1. **Melissa Pape**: from Exempt Nurse; to School Nurse, Leclaire Elementary School; Bachelor’s +8, Step 1, $38,965 annual salary; effective January 2, 2018.

L. It is recommended that the following stipend resignation be accepted:

1. **Chelsey Durbin**: Field Hockey Assistant Coach, Edwardsville High School; effective January 4, 2019.
M. It is recommended that the following persons be approved for stipends or overloads for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

1. **Diana Kamadulski**: Assistant Girls Track Coach, Liberty Middle School.
2. **Katie Bevis-O’Neal**: Assistant Boys Track Coach, Liberty Middle School.
3. **Tanya Holler**: Assistant Girls Track Coach, Lincoln Middle School.
4. **Douglas Allen**: 1 hour overload for second semester, Edwardsville High School.
5. **Kori Logan**: 1 hour overload for second semester, Edwardsville High School.
6. **Melissa Tebbe**: 1 hour overload for second semester, Edwardsville High School.
7. **Ashley Walsh**: 1 hour overload for second semester, Edwardsville High School.

N. It is recommended that the following person be approved as a volunteer for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

1. **Gregory Weiss**: Assistant Track Coach, Liberty Middle School.

O. It is recommended that the following persons be approved as substitute teachers for the 2018-2019 school year:

Eric Moroney

Roll Call:
Ayes – Bertels, Paul Pitts, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Deb Pitts, Omotola, Laurent Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-53 – Approval of January Bills

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Lelan Olsen to approve the January bills in the amount of $521,989.14.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Olsen, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Deb Pitts, Omotola, Laurent Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-54 – Approval of 2019-2020 School Calendar

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Deb Pitts to approve the 2019-2020 school calendar.

The recommended calendar will meet the required 176 days of student attendance and includes time for staff training and parent-teacher conferences. The recommended calendar includes five (5) emergency days from May 22 through May 29, 2020.
The 2019-2020 school calendar also includes the following:

- Teacher Institute on Monday, August 12, 2019
- First day of student attendance on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 (1/2 Day)
- District 7 Institute – October 4, 2019, No Student Attendance
- Parent Teacher Conferences on October 23, 24, and 25, 2019
- Thanksgiving Break – November 27, 28 and 29, 2019
- Last day for student attendance - end of first semester – December 20, 2019
- Holiday Break – 10 days (December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020)
- Students return to school – January 6, 2020
- Spring Break – April 6, 2020 through April 13, 2020
- Students return to school – April 14, 2020
- District 7 Teacher Institute – April 24, 2020, ½ day Student Attendance
- Last Day for Student Attendance – May 21, 2020, ½ day Student Attendance
- Teacher Institute – May 21, 2020 (PM)
- 5 emergency days – May 22 through May 29
- High School Graduation – May 23, 2020

Roll Call:
Ayes – **Dalla Riva, Deb Pitts, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Olsen, Omotola, Laurent**  Carried 7-0

**A.C. 18-55 – Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement Between Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 and the Regional Office of Education – 41 Madison County to Provide Instructional Services at the Madison County Detention Center**

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Lelan Olsen to approve the adoption of an intergovernmental agreement between Edwardsville Community Unit School District #7 and the Regional Office of Education - 41 Madison County to provide instructional services at the Madison County Detention Center effective January 15, 2019.

For decades, District 7 has been responsible for hiring and assigning teachers to the Madison County Detention Center due to its location within district boundaries. Students at the Detention Center are from school districts across the county and often other counties in Illinois. The students who are detained may stay for a few days or a year and have committed serious offenses; such as armed robbery and assault. The age range of students is generally between 10 and 17 years old. Currently, District 7 provides two teachers to serve this population.

In 2017-2018, the District began investigating the possibility of transferring responsibility for the provision of educational services at the Detention Center to the Madison County Regional Office of Education (ROE). The goal was to develop a plan to transfer this program to the ROE as is common in other Illinois counties with a Juvenile Detention Center. The ROE already operates the Center for Educational Opportunities (CEO – safe school), ETC (Educational Therapy Center), and the Lighthouse Alterative Education program and would accept the Detention Center as one of its alternative programs.
The administration believes that the ROE is better equipped to service this population of students under the umbrella of services already being provided to Madison County school districts.

The Detention Center program is funded by the State through the 18-3 Regular Orphanage Reimbursement. The amount due to the ROE for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year and summer term is estimated to be $56,134 and would be funded through the Orphanage Reimbursement from the State.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Olsen, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Deb Pitts, Omotola, Laurent Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-56 – Approval of Disposal of Verbatim Recordings from the Board of Education’s Closed Session Meetings Held from May 22, 2017 through June 19, 2017

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Nekisha Williams Omotola to approve the disposal of verbatim recordings from the Board of Education’s closed session meetings held from May 22, 2017 through June 19, 2017.

Verbatim recordings of closed sessions may be disposed of without notification or approval of the Local Records Commission or the State Archivist under the Local Records Act or the State Records Act no less than eighteen months after the date of the closed session meeting. However, the board must approve the disposal of the particular recording and must approve the minutes of the closed session that meets the written minute requirements of the Open Meetings Act. Since the Board of Education has already approved the minutes from these meetings as required by law, it is recommended that the Board of Education authorize the disposal of the verbatim recordings from the Board’s closed session meetings held from May 22, 2017 through June 19, 2017.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Omotola, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Olsen, Deb Pitts, Laurent Carried 7-0

Discussion

President Monica Laurent reported that a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. At that time, nine potential Superintendent candidates will be presented to the Board in Executive Session. Interviews will be held on Saturday, January 19, 2019 with two more sessions on Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24, 2019. On February 12, 2019, there will be two stakeholders meetings held to interview the final candidates for the District’s open Superintendent position; one to include administrators, teachers, and representatives from the secretarial and ESSPA unions and one to include selected community members.

Information Items

none
Other Business

none

Brief Questions from the Public

none

Questions and Announcements From the Board

Paul Pitts reported that the Martin Luther King holiday will be celebrated on Monday, January 21, 2019, at the Mt. Joy Church in Edwardsville at 10:00 a.m. The community is welcome to attend.

Jill Bertels thanked all the employees who worked many hours during the snow storm to keep our buildings, schools, and parking lots safe and the administration in their decision of early dismissal in order to keep our students safe.

Adjournment:

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Lelan Olsen and seconded by Paul Pitts to adjourn the meeting. All members present (7) were in favor and the motion carried.

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President

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Secretary