The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, February 11, 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: Beth Crumbacher, Andrew Gipson, Dennis Cramsey, Jasen Foster, Steve Stuart, Paul Stuart, Cathie Wright, Beth Jacobs, Rich Fore, Allen Duncan, Matt Sidarous, Curt Schumacher, Julie Matarelli, Tanya Patton, and Mary Miller.

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Monica Laurent welcomed visitors and guests.

**Recognition of Lincoln School Alumni Foundation**

Herman Shaw, President of the Lincoln School Alumni Foundation, and members, presented District 7 with a check for $20,000 to provide academic support for students in District 7.

**Student Recognition**

Cathie Wright, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, introduced the students, and Dr. Andre and Terri Dalla Riva recognized the recipients for the February “Do the Right Thing” award.

**Recognition of Those Wishing to Make Brief Statements**

none

**Minutes approved:**

Nekisha Williams Omotola moved for approval the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 28, 2019 and Lelan Olsen seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Omotola, Olsen, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Dalla Riva, Deb Pitts, 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:

SchoolMessenger Parent App

After launching updated websites, District 7 is now releasing a parent app that will consolidate all emails, phone calls, and text messages from the District into a new communications app. Parents and employees can:

- Set communications preferences for calls, emails, texts, and more
- Receive all kinds of school messages (classroom and group updates, activity alerts, school and district notifications) in one single app
- Review messages on any device – smartphone, laptop, etc.

Go to http://go.schoolmessenger.com to download the SchoolMessenger mobile app for Apple and Android devices or use the web-based version from your internet browser to sign up.

With the new SchoolMessenger app, parents, employees, and community members have 24/7/365 access to important school notifications such as weather and emergency alerts.

Bill Miener gave a brief PowerPoint presentation on the SchoolMessenger parent app.

ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:

A.C. 18-59- 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. **Devorah Bode**: has been subbing as a Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School since January 22, 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. **Michaela Fellers**: 8 hour Evening Custodian, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective February 12, 2019.
2. Carla Zimmer: 8 hour, 10 month Secretary A – Financial/Bookkeeper; Lincoln Middle School; effective February 15, 2019.

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

1. Devorah Bode: 7 hour Program Assistant, Lincoln Middle School; PARA, Step 2, $10.50 per hour; effective February 12, 2019.

2. Caleb Carnes: 6.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; Part-time, Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective February 12, 2019.

C. It is recommended that the following certified resignations be accepted:


2. Ryan Ketchum: Assistant Principal, Edwardsville High School South; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

1. Tonya Gurley: Fifth Grade Teacher, Worden Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

E. It is recommended that the following certified paid and unpaid leave be approved:

1. Melissa Banker: Vocal Music/Orchestra Teacher, Liberty Middle School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately April 23, 2019; returning at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

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

1. Carey Francis: from 8 hour, 12 month Exempt Secretary, Personnel Office; to 8 hour, 12 month Exempt Secretary to the Superintendent/Board of Education Secretary; $52,500 annual salary; effective February 12, 2019.

G. It is recommended that the following exempt candidates be employed:

1. Michael Ingram: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Leclaire Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective January 24, 2019.

2. Zaiasia Parker: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective January 24, 2019.

3. Lydia Fetene: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Woodland Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective January 25, 2019.

4. Jayonna Craig: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Leclaire Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective February 4, 2019.

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

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

1. **Lisa Stark**: Poms Head Coach, Edwardsville High School; effective February 19, 2019.

2. **Hilary Duncan**: Poms Assistant Coach, Edwardsville High School; effective February 19, 2019.

3. **Shana Combes**: 8th Grade Fall Cheerleading Coach, Liberty Middle School; effective January 29, 2019.

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

   Janet Munzert   Jacob Quirin   Joanna Scroggins

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

**A.C. 18-60– Approval of February Bills**

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Deb Pitts to approve the February bills in the amount of $729,610.02.

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

**Discussion**

President Monica Laurent reported that the Board has narrowed the Superintendent Search down to three candidates. A press release went out last week naming the following candidates as finalists:

- Dr. Dennis Cramsey
- Mr. Jason Henderson
- Dr. Tanya Patton

Terri Dalla Riva reported that the three finalists toured the District last week with Board Members.

President Monica Laurent reported that the stakeholders meetings will be held tomorrow night, February 12, 2019, 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 from CAC, Booster Clubs, and other organizations.
A special meeting will be posted for February 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for the Board to discuss the Superintendent finalists.

**Information Items**

Dave Courtney gave a PowerPoint presentation and progress report on the implementation status of Proposition E financial goals.

**Other Business**

none

**Brief Questions from the Public**

none

**Questions and Announcements From the Board**

none

**Adjournment:**

At 8:23 p.m. a motion was made by Paul Pitts and seconded by Deb 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