REGULAR MEETING
January 28, 2019

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:33 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, January 28, 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: Cornelia Smith, Jennifer Morgan, Julie Matarelli, Vince Schluefer, Andrew Gipson, Beth Renth, Tanya Patton, Ryan Ketchum, Dennis Cramsey, Allen Duncan, Tara Fox, and Rich Fore.

Welcome to Visitors

President Monica Laurent welcomed visitors and guests.

Employee Recognition

Nancy Spina, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel, introduced the employees, and Dr. Andre and Lelan Olsen recognized the recipients for the January “Good Employee” award. Christian Rhoten received a special recognition. The IHSA announced that he was named by the NFHS Coaches Association as the 2017-2018 Illinois coach of the Year for Girls Swimming and Diving.

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 January 14, 2019 and Nekisha Williams Omotola seconded the motion.

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

Monica Laurent, CAC Chair, and Nekisha Williams Omotola, reported that the CAC held a meeting on January 17, 2019 and received an update on the financial status of the District and how it relates to the promises made during the Prop E campaign.

Superintendent’s Announcements:

none

ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:

A.C. 18-57- Approval of Personnel

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Akemi Asa: has been subbing as a Monitor at Albert Cassens Elementary School since December 18, 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. Maegen Brown: has been subbing as an Extraordinary Care Assistant at Goshen Elementary School since January 14, 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.

3. Dawn Vereeke: has been subbing as an Instructional Assistant at Midway 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.

II. ACTION ITEMS

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

1. Lindsay Brand: 6.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; effective January 10, 2019.


4. **Ronna McGauley**: 5.25 hour Cafeteria Worker, Midway Elementary School; effective January 22, 2019.

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

1. **Akemi Asa**: 2 hour Monitor, Albert Cassens Elementary School; Step 1, $9.36 per hour; effective January 29, 2019.

2. **Lisa Cramer**: 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; Part-time, Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective January 29, 2019.

3. **Maegen Brown**: 3.5 hour Extraordinary Care Assistant, Goshen Elementary School; non-degreed, Step 2, $9.77 per hour; effective January 29, 2019.

4. **Dawn Vereeke**: 3 hour Instructional Assistant, Midway Elementary School; PARA, Step 2, $10.50 per hour; effective January 29, 2019.

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

1. **Summer Baer**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; effective January 14, 2019.

2. **Mia Koss**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; effective January 25, 2019.

3. **Rusty Lee**: IS&S Technician, for the District; effective February 1, 2019.

D. It is recommended that the following exempt transfers be approved:

1. **Takera Perkins**: from 6.75 hour Kid Zone Site Coordinator; to 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor; Woodland Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective January 14, 2019.

2. **Davon Burrell**: from 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor; to 6.75 hour Kid Zone Site Coordinator Woodland Elementary School; $12.00 per hour; effective January 14, 2019.

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

Jamie Currier  Brian Ropac  David Spriggs

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

**A.C. 18-58– 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 $1,069,749.91.

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

President Monica Laurent reported that the Board interviewed nine candidates for the Superintendent vacancy and are in the process of narrowing it down to three. On February 12, 2019, there will be two stakeholder 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 from CAC, Booster Clubs, and other organizations.

Information Items

none

Other Business

none

Brief Questions from the Public

none

Questions and Announcements From the Board

Deb Pitts announced that she attended the cheerleading competition on Saturday and congratulated the Edwardsville cheerleaders on their fourth place finish.

Adjournment:

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Deb Pitts and seconded by Jill Bertels 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