The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:38 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, March 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; Diane Walkenbach, Secretary to the Superintendent and Carey Francis, Secretary. Other administrators present were: Cathie Wright, Lori Compton, Cindy Steele, Adam Garrett, Steve Stuart, Cornelia Smith, Curt Schumacher, Matthew Sidarous, Andrew Gipson, Beth Crumbacher, Andrew Williams and Rich Fore.

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Monica Laurent welcomed visitors and guests.

**Employee Recognition**

President Monica Laurent presented Diane Walkenbach with a plaque recognizing her 17 years of service as Board of Education Secretary and congratulated her on retiring from District 7.

**Student Recognition**

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

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

none
Minutes approved:

Paul Pitts moved for approval the minutes from the regular meeting held on February 25, 2019 and Nekisha Williams Omotola seconded the motion.

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

Lelan Olsen moved for approval the minutes from the special meeting held on February 28, 2019 and Deb Pitts seconded the motion.

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

Dr. Andre discussed the proposed approval of the revised K-12 science curriculum and the recommendation for purchase of instructional materials including textbooks, digital content, and new science equipment.

As promised during the “Prop E” Education Fund referendum, the District is on track with the plan to update all curricular areas, including the purchase of textbooks, and to restore the curriculum development cycle. The next academic area to undergo a curriculum study will be K-12 Social Science. A committee will be convened in the fall of 2019 with a planned implementation date of August 2020.

Dr. Andre announced all District 7 teachers will be practicing Part 2 of the 4 E’s Program on March 22, District 7 Institute Day. She thanked the Edwardsville Police Department, the Glen Carbon Police Department, and the Madison County Sheriff’s Office, for their participation in the training that will take place at each District 7 school. The 4 E’s approach to armed intruder preparedness began last October. The District’s goal is for all 950 employees to receive training in this critical component of our emergency plan before the end of the school year.

Dr. Andre discussed the new SchoolMessenger app in which parents, employees, and community members will have 24/7/365 access to important school notifications such as weather and emergency alerts. The new app will consolidate all emails, phone calls, and text messages from the District.
ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:

A.C. 18-67 - Approval of Personnel

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Karen Hooks: has been subbing as a Secretary A-Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper at Lincoln Middle School since March 4, 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 retirements be approved:

1. Debra Johnson: 7 hour Program Assistant, Lincoln Middle School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

B. It is recommended that the following classified transfers be approved:

1. Dusti Knoche: from 8 hour, 12 month, Secretary A-Special Education/Student Services; to Exempt Secretary-Personnel, Administration Building; $34,000 annual salary; effective March 12, 2019.

2. Crystal Winterberg: from 4.5 hour Cafeteria Worker; to 6.5 hour Cafeteria Worker, Glen Carbon Elementary School; effective February 25, 2019.

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

1. Ashley Schrauth: 7 hour Roving Cafeteria Worker, District 7; Part-time, Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective March 18, 2019.

2. April Thomas: 8 hour, 12 month, Evening Custodian, Albert Cassens Elementary School; Step 4, $12.68 per hour including stipend; effective March 18, 2019.

3. Karen Hooks: 8 hour, 10 month, Secretary A-Financial Secretary/Bookkeeper, Lincoln Middle School, Step 1, $13.21 per hour; effective March 12, 2019.

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


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

1. Brianna Rinehimer: Language Arts 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 resignation be accepted:

1. **Alexis Hefley**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Glen Carbon Elementary School; effective March 15, 2019.

2. **Rickeshia Anderson**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Nelson Elementary School; effective February 25, 2019.

3. **Michael Ingram**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Leclaire Elementary School; effective February 25, 2019.

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

1. **Aleia Campbell**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; $10.00 per hour, effective March 1, 2019.

2. **Sydney Martin**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Hamel Elementary School; $10.00 per hour, effective February 25, 2019.

3. **Lydia Keasey**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Albert Cassens Elementary School; $10.00 per hour, effective February 25, 2019.

4. **Morgan May**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Glen Carbon Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective February 26, 2019.

5. **Sydney Heern**: 5.5 hour Kid Zone Site Counselor, Glen Carbon Elementary School; $10.00 per hour; effective March 6, 2019.

H. It is recommended that the following persons be approved as volunteers for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

1. **Bryce Peek**: Baseball Coach, Edwardsville High School.

2. **Joshua Rowe**: Assistant Track Coach, Liberty Middle School.

I. It is recommended that the following person be approved for a stipend for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated:

1. **Danielle Lusicic**: Head Dance Coach, Edwardsville High School.

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

**A.C. 18-68– Approval of March Bills**

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Lelan Olsen to approve the March bills in the amount of $335,692.50.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Olsen, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Deb Pitts, Omotola, Laurent    Carried 7-0
A.C. 18-69 – Approval of Revised K-12 Science Curriculum and Recommended Instructional Materials and Equipment Purchases

A motion was made by Jill Bertels and seconded by Paul Pitts to approve the revised K-12 science curriculum and the purchase of recommended K-12 science instructional materials, including student textbooks, student online resources, teacher’s guides, teacher’s online resources, science equipment, and supplies as recommended by the District 7 K-12 Science Curriculum Study Committee.

A team of 34 K-12 science teachers was convened during the summer of 2018 to begin the revision of the District 7 K-12 Science Curriculum and alignment to the Next Generation Science Standards as part of the New Illinois Learning Standards. The Science Curriculum Study Committee developed a K-12 scope and sequence aligned to state standards and has also identified materials and equipment needed to implement the revised curriculum during the fall of 2019. The revised curriculum and recommended instructional materials were presented to the Board of Education on February 25, 2019, for discussion.

The estimated cost of the adoption of the recommended instructional materials including digital components, science lab equipment, and science supplies is $1,041,000.00.

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

A.C. 18-70 – Approval of IHSA Membership Renewal

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Deb Pitts to grant permission to Edwardsville High School to renew its membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Board of Education must confirm that Edwardsville High School continues to be recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education by certifying that Edwardsville’s Board of Education has voted to adopt and abide by the constitution, by laws, terms and conditions, administrative procedures, guidelines, and policies of the Illinois High School Association for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Discussion

none

Information Items

none
Other Business

none

Brief Questions from the Public

none

Questions and Announcements From the Board

none

Adjournment:

At 8:04 p.m. a motion was made by Lelan Olsen 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