The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:34 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, April 8, 2019. Vice President Lelan Olsen presided over the meeting. The following members answered roll call: Jill Bertels, Paul Pitts, Terri Dalla Riva, Lelan Olsen, Deb Pitts, and Nekisha Williams Omotola. 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; Carey Francis, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Other administrators present were: Adam Garrett, Cathie Wright, Rich Fore, Cornelia Smith, Vince Schlueuter, Curt Schumacher, Steve Stuart, Matthew Sidarous, Andrew Gipson, Beth Crumbacher, Tanya Patton, Ryan Ketchum, Julie Matarelli, and Tara Fox.

**Welcome to Visitors**

Vice President Lelan Olsen welcomed visitors and guests.

**Board Member Recognition**

On behalf of the Administration and the Board of Education, Dr. Andre presented leaving Board members Paul Pitts and Nekisha Williams Omotola with a commendation plaque for their dedication and service to District 7.

Vice President Lelan Olsen commended Paul Pitts and Nekisha Williams Omotola for their service on the Board of Education.

**Presentations**

Dr. Cornelia Smith, Leclaire Elementary School Principal, recognized the Edwardsville NAACP for their partnership with District 7 to hold an elementary art contest. Dr. Smith introduced John Cunningham, NAACP Edwardsville Branch President. Mr. Cunningham presented the district with a donation for the program which will fund each winning class to have a pizza party. Each elementary building will also be gifted a reference book about black history for the media centers.
Dr. Vince Schlueter, Edwardsville High School Assistant Principal, introduced Marvin Allen, Edwardsville High School Science Teacher and the Science Olympiad team. In 2018, the EHS team won 1st place in the remote sensing event. Executive Director of Japan America Society of Chicago, Mitsukuni Baba presented the EHS Team with the Nambu award for 2018.

**Student Recognition**

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

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

John Cunningham, President of the NAACP Edwardsville Branch, offered congratulations to the leaving Board members and thanked them for their service. Mr. Cunningham also expressed concerns regarding District 7’s student discipline practices and requested a meeting with Dr. Andre and the School Board to discuss further.

Ally McNamara, on behalf of the Education Citizen’s Advisory Committee, extended an invitation to State Representative Katie Stuart’s informational meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at the Edwardsville Public Library.

**Minutes approved:**

Paul Pitts moved for approval the minutes from the regular meeting held on March 25, 2019 and Jill Bertels seconded the motion.

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

**Carried 6-0**

**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. 18-86 - Approval of Personnel

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Matthew Autry**: has been subbing as a School Safety Officer at Hamel Elementary School since March 25, 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.

2. **Amy Neal**: has been subbing as a School Safety Officer at Glen Carbon Elementary School since April 1, 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 approved:

1. **Chastity Rhoads**: 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Middle School; effective March 13, 2019.

2. **Maria Sanders**: 6 hour Cafeteria Worker, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective March 19, 2019.

3. **Pamela Kaltmayer**: 7 hour Program Assistant, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective March 29, 2019.

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

1. **Donna Bartley**: from 3 hour Monitor, Glen Carbon Elementary School; to 8 hour, 12 month Special Education/Student Services Secretary, Administration Building; Step 3, $14.49 per hour including stipend; effective March 29, 2019.

2. **Ashley Schrauth**: from 7 hour Roving Cafeteria Worker, District 7; to 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Middle School; effective April 2, 2019.

3. **Jennifer King**: from 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Middle School; to 6 hour Cafeteria Worker, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective April 3, 2019.
C. It is recommended that the following classified candidates be employed:

1. **Craig Gregory**; 8 hour, 12 month Head Custodian, Woodland Elementary School; Step 4, $14.42 per hour including stipends; effective April 8, 2019.

2. **Matthew Autry**; 6.5 hour School Safety Officer, Hamel Elementary School; Step 1, $13.94 per hour; effective April 9, 2019.

3. **Amy Neal**; 6.5 hour School Safety Officer, Glen Carbon Elementary School; Step 2, $14.45 per hour; effective April 9, 2019.

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


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

1. **Lauren Hackett**; Kid Zone Site Counselor, Columbus Elementary School; effective April 12, 2019.

F. It is recommended that the following person(s) be approved as volunteer(s) for the 2018-2019 school year as indicated:

1. **Greg Cross**; Track assistant coach, Edwardsville High School.

G. It is recommended that the following person be approved as a substitute teacher for the 2018-2019 school year:

   Linda Nota-Eubinger

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

Carried 6-0

**A.C. 18-87 – Approval of April Bills**

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Jill Bertels to approve the April bills in the amount of $1,099,749.07.

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

Carried 6-0
A.C. 18-88 – Approval of the disposal of verbatim recordings from the Board of Education’s closed session meetings held from August 28, 2017 through September 25, 2017.

A motion was made by Jill Bertels and seconded by Nekisha Williams Omotola to approve the disposal of verbatim recordings from the Board of Education’s closed session meetings held from August 28, 2017 through September 25, 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 August 28, 2017 through September 25, 2017.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Bertels, Omotola, Paul Pitts, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Deb Pitts  Carried 6-0
Absent – Laurent

Discussion

none

Information Items

none

Other Business

none

Brief Questions from the Public

none

Questions and Announcements From the Board

Jill Bertels complimented the EHS Drama department for another outstanding performance of the spring musical.
Terri Dalla Riva thanked Miss McNamara for providing information on State Representative Katie Stuart’s Education Citizen’s Advisory Committee meeting.

Deb Pitts congratulated the Edwardsville students who received awards at the recent Urban League dinner.

**Adjournment:**

At 8:30 p.m. a motion was made by Jill Bertels and seconded by Deb Pitts to adjourn the meeting. All members present (6) were in favor and the motion carried.

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President

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Secretary