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 Tuesday, April 23, 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; Carey Francis, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Other administrators present were: Beth Crumbacher, Cornelia Smith, Tanya Patton, Mary Miller, Beth Jacobs, Adam Garrett, Kiersten Saenz, Allen Duncan, Vince Schlueter, Andrew Gipson, Jennifer Morgan, and Rich Fore.

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Monica Laurent welcomed visitors and guests.

**Board Member Recognition**

On behalf of the Administration and the Board of Education, Dr. Andre presented leaving Board member Monica Laurent with a commendation plaque for her dedication and service to District 7.

**Presentations**

The St. Cecilia’s Knights of Columbus were recognized for their continued support of students with special needs.

Tony Diaz, Great Knight, and members of the Knights of Columbus presented a donation to the Board of Education in the amount of $4,787.78 to support District 7’s Special Education Program.
Employee Recognition

Nancy Spina, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel, introduced the employees, and Dr. Andre and Jill Bertels recognized the recipients of the April “Good Employee” award.

Recognition of Those Wishing to Make Brief Statements

none

Minutes approved:

Deb Pitts moved for approval the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 8, 2019 and Lelan Olsen seconded the motion.

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

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 how District 7 is fortunate to have dedicated and professional certified staff members who contribute their expertise and talent on important projects that impact thousands of students each year. Approximately 120 teachers and other certified faculty members have been part of several curriculum study teams and have spent hundreds of hours aligning curricula to state standards and designing instructional programs and support services for our 7,500 students.

She provided an overview of the following:
- Social Emotional Programming and Services Study
- K-12 Science Curriculum Study Committee to be implemented during the 2019-2020 school year
- K-12 Math Curriculum Study Committee still monitoring the implementation of new instructional materials
- Schoology Trainers

Monica Laurent thanked teachers and staff for their dedication and continued hard work.
ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:

A.C. 18-89 - Approval of Personnel

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

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Elsie Belchik**: has been subbing as a Cafeteria Worker at Nelson Elementary School since January 28, 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.

2. **Justin Hill**: has been subbing as a Monitor at Liberty Middle School since April 2, 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. **April Thomas**: 8 hour, 12 month Evening Custodian, Albert Cassens Elementary School; effective April 4, 2019.

2. **Ronald Viere**: 8 hour, 12 month Evening Custodian, Lincoln Middle School; effective May 3, 2019.

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

1. **Kelly Wells**: from 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Edwardsville High School; to 7 Hour Roving Cafeteria Worker, District 7; effective April 2, 2019.

2. **Bonnie McCormick**: from 5.25 hour Cafeteria Worker, Hamel Elementary School; to 5.25 hour Cafeteria Worker, Goshen Elementary School; effective April 23, 2019.

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

1. **Elsie Belchik**: 6 hour Cafeteria Worker, Nelson Elementary School; Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective April 24, 2019.

2. **Justin Hill**: 7 hour Monitor, Liberty Middle School; Step 1, $9.36 per hour; effective April 24, 2019.

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

1. **Sarah McCready**: Special Education Teacher, Leclaire Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
2. **Brittany Schellhardt**: Special Education Teacher, Columbus Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

3. **Victoria Taverner**: Speech/Language Pathologist, Midway Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

4. **Jeffrey Lattimore**: Math Teacher, Lincoln Middle School; effective June 30, 2019.

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

1. **Marvin Battle**: Band Teacher, Edwardsville High School; to Assistant Principal, Edwardsville High School; effective July 1, 2019.

2. **Robert Anthony McNeill**: Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School; to Administrative Intern, Woodland Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School; effective August 12, 2019.

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

1. **Scarlett Kitchens**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Columbus Elementary School; effective April 19, 2019.

2. **Melody Kinzie**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Hamel Elementary School; effective April 8, 2019.

3. **Danyelle Vancil**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; effective May 3, 2019.


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

1. **James Hunt**: Track Coach, Liberty Middle School.

2. **Joe Brammeier**: Boys Volleyball Coach, Edwardsville High School.

3. **Michael Harley**: Tennis Coach, Edwardsville High School.

H. It is recommended that the following persons be approved for stipends for the 2019-2020 school year as indicated:

1. **Chelsea Guempel**: Assistant Dance Coach, Edwardsville High School.

2. **Baylee Hampton**: Fall/Winter Cheer Coach, Liberty Middle School
I. It is recommended that the following person be approved as a substitute teacher for the 2018-2019 school year:

Martha Richey
Cynthia Cassady

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

A.C. 18-90– Approval of April Bills

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Deb Pitts to approve the April bills in the amount of $607,265.30.

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

A.C. 18-91 – Approval of Executive Session Minutes to be Made Available to the Public

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Jill Bertels to approve the following executive session minutes from July 11, 2018 through March 25, 2019, be made available to the public:

July 11, 2018
July 16, 2018
August 13, 2018
September 10, 2018 - No meeting held
November 26, 2018 - No meeting held
January 14, 2019 - No meeting held

I would recommend that the following executive session minutes remain closed to the public (due to litigation, personnel, student discipline):

August 27, 2018 - Personnel
September 24, 2018 - Personnel
October 9, 2018 - Personnel
October 22, 2018 - Student discipline
November 13, 2018 - Student discipline
December 17, 2018 - Student discipline
January 28, 2019 - Personnel
February 11, 2019 - Personnel
February 25, 2019 - Personnel
March 11, 2019 - Student discipline
March 25, 2019 - Legal

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Bertels, Paul Pitts, Olsen, Deb Pitts, 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
Terri Dalla Riva thanked Monica Laurent for her outstanding service as Board President and wished her the best.

Monica Laurent thanked fellow Board members for their dedication and hard work.

Jill Bertels thanked Monica Laurent for her strength and service over the years.
Adjournment:

At 8:03 p.m. a motion was made by Paul 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