REGULAR MEETING
May 13, 2019

The Board of Education of Community Unit School District No. 7 Madison County, Edwardsville, Illinois met in regular session at 7:31 p.m. at Woodland Elementary, 59 S. State Rte. 157, Edwardsville, IL 62025 on Monday, May 13, 2019. President Jill Bertels presided over the meeting. The following members answered roll call: Terri Dalla Riva, Lelan Olsen, Deb Pitts, Jennifer Brumback, John McDole and Katie Robberson. Also in attendance were: Nancy Spina, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel; Bill Miener, Director of Technology; Craig Bosomworth, Technology; Channel 10 technician; Julia Biggs, Reporter for The Intelligencer; and Carey Francis, Secretary to the Superintendent.

Other administrators present were: Rich Fore, Lori Compton, Cathie Wright, Cindy Steele, Adam Garrett, Cornelia Smith, Steve Stuart, Vince Schlueter, Dennis Cramsey, Curt Schumacher, Matt Sidarous, Andrew Gipson, Jasen Foster, Tanya Patton, Julie Matarelli, Beth Crumbacher, and Ryan Ketchum.

Welcome to Visitors

President Jill Bertels welcomed visitors and guests.

Presentations

Dr. Dennis Cramsey, Edwardsville High School Principal, introduced Heather Haskins, Edwardsville High School English Teacher and Scottlynn Ballard, EHS junior. Miss Ballard was recognized for her second place finish in the National Poetry Out Loud competition held in Washington D.C. in April. Miss Ballard was named runner-up from a field of 275,000 entries from across the United States. She recited one of her poems.

Dr. Dennis Cramsey, Edwardsville High School Principal, introduced Amanda Thrun, Edwardsville High School English teacher and the EHS Journalism team. Ms. Thrun recognized her team for their first place finish in the IHSA state competition finals held on April 26, 2019 at the Heartland Community College in Normal, IL.

District 7’s School Lunch Debt Solutions Team presented their donation from this year’s fundraisers.

Lucas Siron, Board member of Painting the Town Gold, introduced Todd Schultz, President and founder of the committee. Todd thanked District 7 for their continued support of his
committee and presented a brief overview of activities planned for the September 2019 fundraising campaign to support pediatric cancer research.

**Student Recognition**

Cathie Wright, Director of Curriculum/Instruction, introduced the students, and Dr. Nancy Spina, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Deb Pitts recognized the recipients for the May “Do the Right Thing” award.

**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 April 23, 2019 and Deb Pitts seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Pitts, Olsen, Bertels 
Abstain – Brumback, McDole, Robberson 

Carried 4-0

John McDole moved for approval the minutes from the special meeting held on April 29, 2019 and Deb Pitts seconded the motion.

Roll Call:
Ayes – McDole, Pitts, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Brumback, Robberson, Bertels 

Carried 7-0

**Board Committees, Special Committees**

Lelan Olsen, 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.

Deb Pitts, Facilities Committee Chair, reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier this evening to approve the Edwardsville High School rooftop units replacement bid, to approve the 2019 miscellaneous summer projects bid, to approve the Edwardsville High School student parking lot reconstruction bid, to discuss and approve other 2019 summer facility projects, and to discuss other pending facility issues.
Terri Dalla Riva, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier this evening to approve the display of the 2018-2019 amended budget.

**Superintendent’s Announcements:**

none

**ACTION CONSIDERATIONS:**

**A.C. 18-92 - Approval of Personnel**

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

I. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. **Cameron Ellsworth:** has been subbing as a Cafeteria Worker at Hamel Elementary School since May 6, 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. **Rita Love:** has been subbing as a Cafeteria Worker at Liberty Middle School since May 7, 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. **Shanna Bing:** has been subbing as a Cafeteria Worker at Midway Elementary School since May 13, 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 probationary employee’s employment be terminated:

1. **Justin Hill:** 7 hour monitor, Liberty Middle School; effective May 7, 2019.

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

1. **Maria Coscia:** 6.5 hour School Safety Officer, Midway Elementary School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

2. **Duane Hahnenkamp:** 8 hour Evening Custodian, Woodland Elementary School; effective May 31, 2019.

C. It is recommended that the following classified retirements be approved:

1. **Ann Pratte:** 7 hour Program Assistant, Leclaire Elementary School; effective May 24, 2019.

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

1. **Cameron Ellsworth**: 5.25 hour Cafeteria Worker, Hamel Elementary School; Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective May 14, 2019.
2. **Rita Love**: 7 hour Cafeteria Worker, Liberty Middle School; Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective May 14, 2019.
3. **Shana Bing**: 5.25 hour Cafeteria Worker, Midway Elementary School; Step 1, $10.03 per hour; effective May 14, 2019.

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

1. **Corrie Laux**: Language Arts Teacher, Liberty Middle School; effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

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

1. **Kim Robeza**: School Nurse, Liberty Middle School; effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

G. It is recommended that the following certified paid and unpaid leaves be accepted:

1. **Josephine Kirschenmann**: First Grade Teacher, Nelson Elementary School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately September 6, 2019; returning approximately October 21, 2019.
2. **Faith Robinson**: Special Education Teacher, Midway Elementary School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately October 7, 2019; returning approximately January 6, 2020.
3. **Ellen Fox**: Third Grade Teacher, Albert Cassens Elementary School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately July 7, 2019; returning approximately September 24, 2019.
4. **Julie Presswood**: Special Education Teacher, Edwardsville High School; Maternity/Child Care Leave beginning approximately June 18, 2019; returning approximately September 3, 2019.

H. It is recommended that the following certified candidates be employed:

1. **Amelia Mierzwa**: Family and Consumer Science Teacher, Edwardsville High School; Step 1, $37,830 Annual Salary; effective April 29, 2019.
2. **Erin Meyer**: Social Science Teacher, Lincoln Middle School; Annual salary to be determined; effective August 12, 2019

3. **Kyle Lask**: Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School; Annual salary to be determined; effective August 12, 2019.

4. **Marcie Dixon**: Speech/Language Pathologist, Building to be determined; Annual salary to be determined; effective August 12, 2019.

5. **Tyler Slaby**: Math Teacher, Liberty Middle School; Annual salary to be determined; effective August 12, 2019.

6. **Rondilynn Smith**: Elementary Teacher, Building to be determined; Annual salary TBD; effective August 12, 2019.

7. **Adria Stapleton**: Special Education Teacher, Liberty Middle School; Annual salary to be determined; effective August 12, 2019.

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

1. **Sierra Seper**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Columbus Elementary School; effective April 26, 2019.

2. **Mariah Literski**: Kid Zone Site Coordinator, Albert Cassens Elementary; effective May 9, 2019.

3. **Abigail Martin**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Goshen Elementary School; effective May 24, 2019.


6. **Shamarqus Chambers**: Kid Zone Site Counselor, Glen Carbon Elementary School; effective May 9, 2019.

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

   Tecumshea Holmes, Sr.
   Kevin Danaher
   Andrea Luce

Roll Call:
Ayes – **Dalla Riva, Pitts, Olsen, Brumback, McDole, Robberson, Bertels**  Carried 7-0
A.C. 18-93 – Approval of May Bills

A motion was made by John McDole and seconded by Katie Robberson to approve the May bills in the amount of $958,383.39.

Roll Call:
Ayes – McDole, Robberson, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Pitts, Brumback, Bertels  Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-94 – Edwardsville High School Rooftop Units Replacement Bid

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Deb Pitts to award the Edwardsville High School Rooftop Units Replacement bid to Trane Company and accept their base bid of $253,090.00.

Three (3) bidders responded (Trane Company, GRP Mechanical, and ICON Mechanical) with base bids ranging from a high of $257,852.00 to a low of $253,090.00. The lowest responsible bidder was Trane Company with a base bid of $253,090.00.

The work to be performed under the bid includes the replacement of two rooftop units at Edwardsville High School. For the last several years, the District has been replacing individual rooftop units each summer. The installation of these two rooftop units will complete the replacement of the nine oldest and largest rooftop units at the high school.

The bid was within budget estimates and will be funded with approved and collected Health/Life Safety Funds.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Pitts, Olsen, Brumback, McDole, Robberson, Bertels  Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-95 – 2019 Miscellaneous Summer Projects Bid

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by John McDole to award the 2019 Miscellaneous Summer Projects Bid to Tindall Construction and accept their base bid of $449,385.00.

The 2019 Miscellaneous Summer Projects Bid was publicly advertised on April 6, 2019. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on April 12, 2019. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on May 3, 2019.

Three (3) bidders responded (R & W Builder's, Tindall Construction and Evans-Mason, Inc.) with base bids ranging from a high of $475,073.00 to a low of $307,984.00. The lowest responsible bidder was deemed to be Tindall Construction with a base bid of $449,385.00.
The work to be performed under the bid primarily includes masonry tuck pointing, roof parapet repairs and sealing at Columbus Elementary School, Leclaire Elementary School and Lincoln Middle School.

The bid was within budget estimates and will be funded with approved and collected Health/Life Safety Funds.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, McDole, Olsen, Pitts, Brumback, Robberson, Bertels Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-96 – Edwardsville High School Student Parking Lot Reconstruction Bid

A motion was made by Katie Robberson and seconded by Jennifer Brumback to award the Edwardsville High School Student Parking Lot Reconstruction bid to Keller Construction and accept their base bid of $669,000.00.

The Edwardsville High School Student Parking Lot Reconstruction project was publicly advertised for bid on April 11, 2019. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held on April 23, 2019. Bids were publicly opened and read aloud on May 1, 2019.

Eight (8) bidders responded (Stutz Excavating, Kamadulski Excavating, Keller Construction, Turman Contracting, Byrne and Jones Construction, Rooters Asphalt, L. Keeley Construction and T R and L Contractors) with base bids ranging from a high of $997,000.00 to a low of $669,000.00. The lowest responsible bidder was Keller Construction with a bid of $669,000.00.

The work to be performed under the bid primarily includes the pulverization of the existing EHS student parking lot asphalt pavement adding a new cement modified base with asphalt pavement over the new base.

The bid was under the budget estimate ($800,000) and will be funded from the surplus fund balance in the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Robberson, Brumback, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Pitts, McDole, Bertels Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-97 – Display 2018-2019 Amended Budget

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Lelan Olsen to grant permission to display the proposed amended budget for the 2018-2019 school year and sign the attached Notice of Public Hearing.

The original budget for the 2018-2019 school year was adopted by the Board of Education on September 24, 2018. The reasons for amending the 2018-2019 budget are as follows:
1. To reflect changes in revenue and grant allocations from the Illinois State Board of Education, to reflect changes in revenue and grant allocations from Federal sources, and to adjust local revenues received during the 2018-2019 school year and

2. To adjust expenditure budgets for changes in grant allocations, increased/decreased costs and minor changes in dollar allocations between various budget accounts.

Amending the budget is an annual process. This process requires that the proposed amended budget be placed on display for at least 30 days prior to adoption.

Two public hearings on the amended budget have been scheduled as follows:

   Monday, June 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hadley House Board Room
   Monday, June 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Hadley House Board Room

The Finance Committee will be asked to review and approve the amended budget at its May and June Finance Committee meetings. It will be recommended that the Board adopt the amended budget at the June 17, 2019, board meeting.

Roll Call:
Ayes – **Dalla Riva, Olsen, Pitts, Brumback, McDole, Robberson, Bertels** Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-98 – School Bus Diesel Fuel Bid

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Jennifer Brumback to approve the school bus diesel fuel bid from Energy Petroleum Company effective from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

In November 2012, the District began the direct purchase of diesel fuel for its contracted school buses in an effort to reduce costs.

The District made available and advertised for the school bus diesel fuel bid in the *Edwardsville Intelligencer* on April 9, 2019. Bids were publicly opened on May 2, 2019.


Roll Call:
Ayes – **Dalla Riva, Brumback, Olsen, Pitts, McDole, Robberson, Bertels** Carried 7-0
A.C. 18-99 – Lunch Price Increase for the 2019-2020 School Year to Comply With The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010

A motion was made by Jennifer Brumback and seconded by Terri Dalla Riva to approve a $0.10 increase in lunch prices at the elementary, middle and high school levels for the 2019-2020 school year to comply with The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

Under the provisions of the Act, school nutrition programs are required to move towards charging paid meal category students at a price that is on average equal to the difference between free meal reimbursement and paid meal reimbursement.

Schools that charge less than this amount are required to gradually increase their prices over time until the requirement is met. The amount of the per meal increase mandated for the 2019-2020 school year is 3.7%.

In order to comply with this provision of the Act, District 7 will raise its lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school year by $0.10, from $2.70 to $2.80 at the elementary, middle and high school levels. It is expected that the District will also be required to raise lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year.

To not comply with the provisions of the Act would jeopardize the District’s participation in the free and reduced lunch program and could result in a loss of federal revenue of over $700,000 annually.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Brumback, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Pitts, McDole, Robberson, Bertels Carried 7-0

A.C. 18-100 – Increase to Required Treasurer Bond Coverage

A motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva and seconded by Katie Robberson to approve an increase to the required Treasurer Bond coverage for the 2019-2020 school year from $9,000,000 to $12,000,000.

Illinois School Code requires that a Treasurer's Bond be provided in the amount of 25% of the total of all bonds, notes, mortgages, moneys and effects of which the District Treasurer is to have the custody, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/8-2. The School Board of Edwardsville Community Unit School District No. 7 has the bond which renews annually in July. Due to the expected increase of funds in custody as a result of the projected reduction in Education Fund debt and increase in 2019-2020 tax revenues, it is recommended to increase the amount carried on the Treasurer Bond.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Dalla Riva, Robberson, Olsen, Pitts, Brumback, McDole, Bertels Carried 7-0
A.C. 18-101 – District 7 Treasurer

A motion was made by Deb Pitts and seconded by Terri Dalla Riva to appoint David N. Courtney, Jr. as Treasurer for District 7 to be effective Monday, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The Illinois School Code (105-ILCS 5/8-1 (b)) requires that the Board of Education either “…elect one of its members to serve as treasurer for one year or appoint someone who is not a member of the school board as its treasurer.” According to the Illinois School Code, the requirements for the Treasurer’s position are as follows:

- Must be 21 years of age
- Must have approved integrity
- Must not be a member of the State Board of Trustees
- Must have a financial background or related experience, or at least 12 credit hours of college accounting classes.

Roll Call:
Ayes – Pitts, Dalla Riva, Olsen, Brumback, McDole, Robberson, Bertels    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 8:40 p.m. a motion was made by Terri Dalla Riva 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