

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District #7
District Administrative Unit Office Annex
510 West Elm Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
February 27, 2017**

The regular meeting of Community Unit District #7 School Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hayes at the Administrative Unit Office Annex, 510 West Elm Street, Gillespie, IL 62033.

ROLL CALL: Bernot, present; Dobrino, present; Hayes, present; Schmidt, present; Griffel, present; Alepra, present; Carter, present

Superintendent Tieman, Principals Rosentreter and Turcol attended the meeting. Dave Ambrose, Rick Fulton, Micki Romanus, Jan Dona, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team, Coaches, and Parents, Kim Link, Kalli Baker, Tina Gibson, Susan Tiburzi, Michelle Tucker, Kevin Wills (Bonding Agent), and Dennis Tiburzi also attended the meeting.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Griffel to approve the agenda as presented. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

District Focus centered on recognizing the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team for placing 4th in the IESA State Girls Basketball Tournament. The Board of Education presented them with a plaque to be displayed in the trophy case at the Gillespie Middle School. Congratulations were extended to the players, their coaches, and their parents.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Griffel for Roll Call Vote to adjourn to closed meeting at 6:08 p.m. for the following:

- A. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the District, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. Discussion of probable or imminent litigation, pursuant to 105 ILCS (120/2(c)(1)
- C. Discussion of student disciplinary cases, pursuant to 105 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Carter for Roll Call vote to return to open session at 7:52 p.m. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was repeated.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Schmidt to amend the agenda. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Action on Closed Session Matters

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Alepra to post for a High School English Teacher Position. Griffel, no; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carter, seconded by Schmidt to expel an Identified High School Student for one (1) calendar year (February 28, 2017 – February 27, 2018). In lieu of expulsion, said student will be transferred to Safe Schools to continue education. If said student fails to complete said Program, the remainder of the expulsion will go into effect. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the closed session minutes dated January 18, 2017, the regular and closed Special Meeting minutes of January 23, 2017, and the regular Special Meeting minutes of February 15, 2017. Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Alepra to approve payment of the February 2017 bills as follows:

Education Fund	\$ 34,094.52
Building Fund	15,012.06
Transportation Fund	<u>13.73</u>
Grand Total of all Funds	\$ 49,120.31

Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Requests

No Freedom of Information Requests was received.

Recognition of the Public

No one from the Public addressed the Board.

Superintendent's Report

Susan Tiburzi and Kimberly Link, Title I Teachers, presented a power point presentation on "Route 66 Reading Program" which they had presented at the "Every Student Succeeds Act" Conference.

Kalli Baker, MS/HS Guidance Counselor, with the assistance of her secretary Tina Gibson, distributed documents illustrating the services of the school counseling program. Miss Baker explained and reviewed the handout information.

Union President Michelle Smith stated that there was no Union Report at this time except to convey to the Board of Education and the Administration that the Teaching Staff appreciated the Special Board meeting held February 15th which gave them a voice in their concerns.

Principal Rosentreter submitted the Gillespie Middle School Report. Congratulations were extended to the 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning their Regional. Trenton Gill was selected to represent GMS for the 2017 IESA Scholar-Athlete Award. GMS staff has been preparing for PARCC assessments to be held March 21-31. Each grade will test 3 days. Preparation includes students practicing in the labs, change in scheduling, entering and uploading accommodation information, computer preparation, incentives and curriculum changes. PTO sponsored a Valentine's Day Dance February 10th and sponsored Nachos & Cheese Sale at lunch February 24th. Volleyball Team completed the regular season with 2/23 record and will move on to post season. GMS completed their shoe collection to raise money for drilling wells and cell phones to provide calling minutes for active

military. GMS data collected for 17 school days from 2/1-2/24 was provided to Board members. During content team meetings this month, teachers are most concerned with the trends they observe with student motivation, organization and responsibilities of completing and turning in assignments.

Principal Turcol submitted the Ben-Gil Elementary School Report. Skill Based Learning was implemented across grade levels, and students are responding well to the instruction. Data concerning effectiveness of the Skill Based Learning will be available after the spring testing. February Attendance was submitted to Board members. Colleen Favre and Mindy Savant, Pre-K Teachers, attended the conference "Developing & Using Child Portfolios in Preschool Settings". Sharon Wernle attended the conference "Writing Matters". Susan Tiburzi & Kimberly Link attended the conference "Turning Point – Every Student Succeeds Act". The following students were participants in the Olympiad: 3rd Grade – Carter Sies, Kori Petersen, Maris Brill, Marshall Garwood, Sean Roach, Madyson Grogg, Annalee Johns, Kayden Koelker; 4th Grade – Ellie Wilson, Leo Li, Owen Schweppe, Landen Emelander, Bailee Borrer, Shane Martin, Gabe Montano, McKenna Montoro; 5th Grade – Leo Page, Billy Heyen, Erika Gill, Hudson Garwood. "Hit It Out of the PARCC Night" will be March 15th at 6 p.m., a PARCC Family Night Activity.

Principal Emmons submitted the Gillespie High School Report. Zack Carr was chosen as GHS representative to the Illinois Principal Association Student Recognition Breakfast. Maxx Fritz placed 4th in the State Wrestling Tournament, finishing the season with a record of 41/6 which ties the school record of most wins in a season. Michelle Smith attended "New Generation Science Standards Conference January 26th & 27th and the "Best Instructional Practices" Conference February 8th. Kelly Bulla attended the conference "Individual Education Plan Development". February 28th Mark Goldasich attended conference on "On-line Portfolio", and Michelle Smith attended "Newsela" – Academic Articles to Support Curriculum Initiatives. March 3rd for School Improvement training Mary Kirk presented "On-line Rubric and Assessment Development, Andrea Williamson presented "Differentiated Instruction", and Mr. Tieman presented "Discipline/Legal Review". High School Musical "Back to the 80's" will be held March 10th-12th at Ben-Gil Elementary. March 16th is the National Honor Society Banquet. April 2nd is the Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony. April 5th is SAT testing. April 20th is the Silver Medallion Banquet.

Old Business

There were no "Old Business" agenda items.

New Business

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Dobrino to adopt the Resolution abating the Working Cash Fund of Community Unit School District Number 7, Macoupin County, Illinois. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Alepra to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of \$2,000,000 of Taxable General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2017A, and the General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017B, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Hayes, yes; Schmidt, no; Griffel, no; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Hayes to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,765,000 of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017C, of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to

the purchaser thereof. Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alepra, seconded by Griffel to approve the new 42 month contract with Mike Grimes providing electricity to the district as presented. Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes. Motion carried.


Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Carter to approve the new 48 month contract with Mike Grimes providing natural gas to the district as presented. Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bernot, seconded by Carter to adopt the Resolution to join the Class Action Lawsuit against the State of Illinois relative to financing public education and to pay the related \$1000 retaining fee to Depres, Schwartz and Geoghegan, Ltd. Carter, yes; Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes. Motion carried.


Motion made by Dobrino, seconded by Griffel to approve Prairie Farms Milk Bid as presented and to approve Flowers Baking Company Bread Bid as presented for the 2017-2018 School Year. Bernot, yes; Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes. Motion carried.

The agenda item "Car Charging Station Donation" was tabled.

Motion made by Griffel, seconded by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 p.m. Dobrino, yes; Hayes, yes; Schmidt, yes; Griffel, yes; Alepra, yes; Carter, yes; Bernot, yes. Motion carried.



Mark, Hayes, President



David Griffel, Secretary