

## Bond County Community Unit School District No. 2

### Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2024

The Board of Education of Bond County Community Unit No. 2 held its regular meeting on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the BCCU #2 High School Library, 1000 E. State Rte. 140, Greenville, IL.

Board President Randi Workman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present were board members Frey, Reavis, Wall, and Workman. Others present were Superintendent Wes Olson; Executive Director of Business Operations Robert Koontz; Student School Board Representatives CJ Jackson and Penelope Brunious; Principals Kara Harris, Gary Brauns, and Eric Swingler; Assistant Principals David Weller and Amy Jackson; PreK Director Kelley Hopwood; Special Services Director Terry Swalley; Athletic Director Chad Nelson; Comptroller/ Treasurer Angie Brentlinger; WGEL Jeff Leidel; The Advocate Rebecca Sponsler; and Board Secretary Emily Laesch. Members of the public who signed in were Erin Haake, Maggie Abendroth, and Heather Mueller.

Board Members Carr, Gerl, and Simmonds were absent.

#### RECOGNITION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

PreK Director Kelley Hopwood presented information on the Early Childhood program in Bond County CUSD #2. The program was audited in April, 2024 and they recently learned that it was awarded the Gold Circle of Quality, which is the highest recognition. The Bond County PreK Program is completely grant funded through both the Preschool for All and Preschool For All Expansion grants. Mrs. Hopwood shared a flyer with information on how the monitoring audit looked, adding that it is a very rigorous process that is stressful for those involved. She said that the Gold Circle of Quality shows our dedication to the students and families in Bond County. This was a huge team effort for everyone involved, from Paraprofessionals, to Teachers, to Instructional Leaders. Mrs. Hopwood said that families can have confidence in our program because this shows that we are providing an opportunity for all early learners to be successful.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

#### REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES

The Policy and Curriculum Committee met on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and completed the Second Reading of Press Plus Issue 115. Dr. Olson gave an update on a possible Strategic Planning program to take place this fall and winter. The next Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting has been scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.

The Facilities and Transportation Committee met on October 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. The committee discussed the damage to the High School Ag Building roof. The topic of replacing the temporary fence in the Softball outfield with a permanent one was brought up. The next Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting will be held on November 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The Finance Committee meeting was held at 5:00 p.m. on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Bills to Date for the month of October, 2024 and the Treasurer's Report for the month of September, 2024 were reviewed. Dr. Olson reported that the auditor has suggested we ask for an extension on the FY24 Audit. He has reached out to the Regional Superintendent, and the extension has been granted. Dr. Olson and Mr. Koontz met with Gary Wright from Hope Trust regarding the insurance renewal. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on November 13, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

#### STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Penelope Brunious introduced herself as the Junior Class Student Representative to the School Board. Miss Brunious serves as the Marketing Coordinator for The Factory Theatre Board of Directors, and is the Vice President of Culture Club at the High School. She spends her free time volunteering at the HSHS Thrift Store.

Senior Representative CJ Jackson announced the newly formed Comet Council which is a student-athlete leadership program to provide an environment for Comet Athletics to thrive under student leadership. Miss Brunious explained that the student-led Culture Club is aimed at introducing members to various cultures through field trips and cultural events. The student representatives shared the dates of many upcoming events at the high school. The Comet Shoutouts were to Coach Nelson for his introduction of the new Comet Council and Ms. Huber for her dedication to the Culture Club.

SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT

Dr. Olson thanked the Student Representatives for their report and welcomed Penelope to the Board. He thanked Mrs. Hopwood for highlighting everyone who made the Gold standard for the PreK possible. The superintendent then highlighted the October events coming up. National School Bus Safety Week is a time to recognize our school bus drivers who safely transport our students and sports teams thousands of miles every school year. National School Lunch Week is a great time to thank all food service employees. School lunches are a crucial part of students' learning and provide the nutritional values they need. October is Principal's Appreciation Month and they deserve to be honored. It is not easy, but our principals do a tremendous job leading our buildings and helping to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

Board members received proposals from two companies which outlined services and proposed costs for a Strategic Planning program. Dr. Olson said that he knew it was a short turn around, but would like to receive feedback from the Board by the end of the week so scheduling could begin. He added that he anticipates the program starting in November and going through early spring. There is a chance that the first meeting would take place either in lieu of committee meetings, or following committees on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The Student-Centered Services (SCS) proposal falls right in line with the cost of the planning we did in 2018. The OMT Consulting proposal would be a little higher priced. Dr. Olson noted that these are initial proposals and will most likely change when the final process is determined.

Board Member Wall said he understands the need, but does not agree with the timing of it. Elections will be coming up in the spring, and the majority of the Board of Education will be changing. He asked if we should wait and do a Strategic Planning process after the new board is in place.

Dr. Olson replied that it is actually a good idea to have it in place before a majority of the Board is different. If we have the process done by April, either company would provide additional help in planning and carrying it out. By having it completed by April, it would provide the Board to take steps and actions to set the goals for the following year.

Board President Workman commented that the Board of Education didn't really set the goals. They came from the community forums and surveys. The Strategic Plan isn't Board driven. It is what the people want.

Board Member Frey added that both proposals say one to two board members on the committee. The two board members to serve on the committee can be ones who are not going off the board in April.

Dr. Olson said that both companies would use the Thought Exchange as well as in-person meetings so people could share their thoughts even if they could not make it to a meeting. The stakeholders would be engaged throughout the entire process. We want people to be involved from the beginning to the end.

Mr. Koontz gave an update on the Ag Building roof. We received a quote from Joiner Roofing for \$65,000 to repair the roof. The insurance adjuster called the day of the meeting and asked for a second quote, so we are working on that.

Dr. Olson reported that there was no new news on the Audit.

CONSENT AGENDA Consent agenda items were presented to the board for its approval:

Motion by Frey, second by Wall, to approve the consent agenda items as follows:

- A. Open Minutes of the September 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting
- B. October Expense Reimbursements
- C. IASB Press Plus Issue 115 Policy Updates
- D. December High School Graduates
- E. Overnight Trip for FFA

Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

BILLS Motion by Reavis, second by Frey, that the bills for the month of October, 2024, in the amount of \$1,894,115.47 be approved as listed. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

FINANCE REPORT Motion by Reavis, second by Wall, that the financial report for the month of September, 2024 be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, that the board of education enter into executive meeting at 6:33 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, that the board of education return to open session at 6:59 p.m. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES Motion by Reavis, second by Wall, to approve the executive session minutes from the September 18, 2024 regular school board meeting. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

RESIGNATIONS Motion by Frey, second by Wall, to accept the resignation of Stephanie Kiffmeyer, Paraprofessional at Greenville Elementary School, effective September 27, 2024. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Reavis, second by Wall, to accept the resignation of Jennifer Holloway, Paraprofessional at BCCU #2 High School, effective October 10, 2024. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL NEW HIRES Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, to approve the transfer of Andrew Leetham from Mid-Shift Custodian at Greenville Elementary School and hire him as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian at BCCU #2 High School. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Reavis, second by Wall, to hire Logan Murphy as an Assistant (JV) Girls Basketball Coach at BCCU #2 High School for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, to hire Logan Timmermann as the Head Volleyball Coach at Pocahontas School for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Reavis, second by Wall, to hire Ashley Evans as Assistant Volleyball Coach at Pocahontas School for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Motion by Frey, second by Wall, to approve the leave of absence for Anna Brown, PreK Paraprofessional, from September 23, 2024 until September 30, 2024. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Frey, second by Wall, to approve the leave of absence for Teresa Heckman, PreK Food Service Employee, from October 15, 2024 until tentatively October 21, 2024. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Wall, second by Reavis, to approve the leave of absence for Mark Turok, School Bus Driver, from October 22, 2024 until tentatively December 3, 2024. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, to approve the leave of absence for Brooke Young, PreK Paraprofessional, from tentatively November 25, 2024 until tentatively April 1, 2025. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

VOLUNTEERS


Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, to approve the Volunteers as presented in Appendix A. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

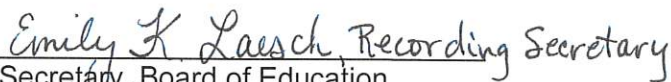
COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the Board.

ADJOURN

Motion by Frey, second by Wall, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Reavis, yes; Wall, yes; Workman, yes. Motion carried 4-0.

  
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