

Bulletin

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING AGENDA
DU QUOIN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #300
CENTRAL OFFICE - 845 EAST JACKSON ST.
DU QUOIN, ILLINOIS 62832
MEETING HELD IN K-8 MEDIA CENTER
TUESDAY, October 17, 2023
6:00 P.M.**


Amy Rose - President
Steve Still - Vice President
Tracy Taylor - Secretary
Trent Waller - Member
Tracy Fenton - Member
Josh Williams - Member
Rich Gossett - Member

Administrators present: Steve Mayerhofer – Superintendent, Eric Kirkpatrick – High School Principal, Justin Engelmann – Elementary School Principal, Zach Jones – Assistant Principal, Denise Woodsides, Du Quoin Middle School Principal, Cory Robbins, Business Manager

Others present: Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Donna Lively –DEA Co-President, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, several students, Scott Satterlee – White & Borgognoni, Dane Porter - Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Benson - Attorney for the Board of Education

Before the meeting was called to order; Mr. Williams, representing the Du Quoin Ministerial Alliance, offered a prayer.

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	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order → Start Time: 6:02 p.m.		
II.	Roll Call		
III.	Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation/review of FY 23 district audit as presented by Rice, Sullivan & Co. → Tabled b. Building principals <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>Du Quoin High School</u> Leah Winter was nominated by a student and was selected a Nobel Educator of Distinction from the National Society of High School Scholars. </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> 	X X X X X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DHS Attendance is up from last year (92.35% from 91.85%) 		

- The DHS September Student of the Month was Greyson Benson
- The Magnavox is back in print after a 4-year absence. It is currently the longest running student newspaper in the state of Illinois.



- Over 100 students provided approximately 350 hours of community service to the city of Du Quoin on October 4th.



Du Quoin Middle School

- Mrs. Casey was chosen as teacher of the month for September by students.
- We started a new award for staff member of the month that allows faculty and staff to nominate one another for the great things they are doing. September's staff member of the month was Sarah Loyd.



- Students of the month are nominated by each of the grade level teachers. September students of the month are: 5th grade - Naomi Davison, 6th grade - Khloe Clapp, 7th grade - Zoey Swenson and 8th grade - Rylie Asbury.

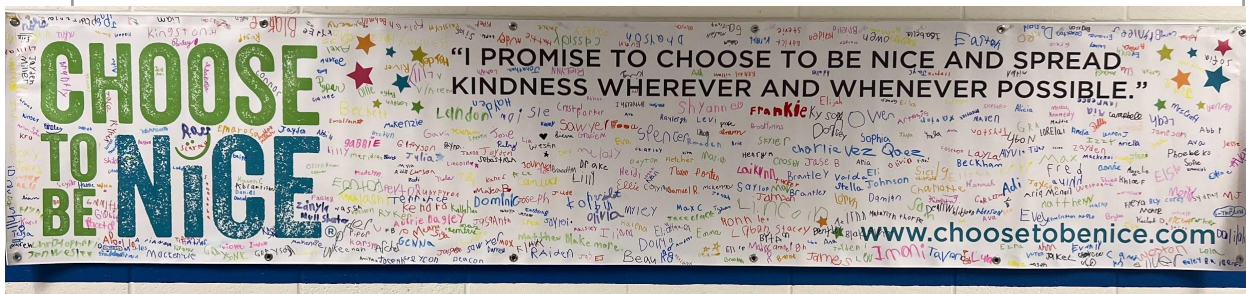


- Congratulations to Susan Szymcek, Sarah Loyd, Mary Smith, Tara Pyron, Kathy Pfeiffer and Susan Ross for being chosen as the Football teacher of the month.
- Congratulations to our softball Warriors who placed 3rd in the state and our Baseball Warriors placing 4th in the state.
- Girls Cross country won regionals and will be heading to state with Max Vancil and Oakley Jones.
- We implemented a new attendance incentive program. 20 names were drawn from those that had 90% attendance or better for a prize. We had 312 students that obtained 90% attendance.



Du Quoin Elementary School

- This month the elementary school will be celebrating kindness as our core value for our Choose to be Nice promise.



- I want to thank the community for all their support of our staff and students. Fairview nursing home bought candy for the teachers, Jean Provart for putting together the hustle and heart cart, farm fancy for delivering coffee and lunches, and the many city facilities that allowed the 1st grade to visit and explore.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PBIS team has started a student of the month. They will select a student from each grade and invite their parents in to have breakfast to celebrate. The PBIS team is also working with Pizza Hut to give each winner a coupon for a free pizza. <p>c. Business manager d. Curriculum director</p> <p>ISBE is in the process of releasing data and information as part of the annual school report card report. We are currently reviewing and analyzing the preliminary data to verify the information. A school's annual summative designation describes how well an individual school is meeting the needs of all its students. IL has five summative designations: Exemplary, Commendable, Targeted Support, and Comprehensive Support, and Intensive Support with schools with greatest need receiving the more support. In reviewing the preliminary information, we are anticipating Commendable designations for the elementary and high school and Targeted Support status for the middle school. Later this month we will receive official summative designations for each school and next steps for the school improvement process, if required. School report cards will be released Oct. 30 to the public.</p> <p>e. Superintendent report</p>		
IV.	<p>Consent Agenda</p> <p>a. Approval of the minutes of the September 19, 2023 regular meeting</p> <p>→ The board approved the consent agenda as presented.</p>		X
V.	<p>Public Hearing</p> <p>a. DEA representative</p> <p>The Board of Education welcomes the audience to make public or employee comments. The Board has set aside time in the agenda specifically for this purpose. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of comment, and pursuant to Board Policy 2.230, the Board has provided this time to hear appropriate comments from anyone attending the meeting.</p> <p>School board meetings are business meetings which are held in public, but we value and welcome civil, respectful statements. We may or may not respond to questions. We use the public comment period as an opportunity to listen to citizen concerns, but not to debate issues or enter a question-and-answer session. If a matter of public comment warrants discussion or action of the Board of Education, such discussion or action will be added to the agenda of a future meeting.</p> <p>No person addressing the Board should initiate charges or complaints about District employees or students. Such charges or complaints should be presented directly to the Superintendent.</p> <p>Speakers are asked to limit comments to no more than 5 minutes and to begin by stating your name so that it may be included in the meeting minutes. We appreciate your cooperation.</p> <p>b. Public</p> <p>→ None</p>		

VI.	Executive Session <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). To discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 		X
VII.	Consideration of and Possible Action of the Executive Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The board approved the executive session meeting minutes from September 19, 2023 regular meeting. → The board approved the hire of Song Yanjun as an EOC aide. → The board approved the classification of executive session minutes from April 2023 - September 2023. → The board approved the following winter sports volunteers; Joshua Heape. → The board approved Branden Morris DHS cross country assistant coach. 		X X X X X
VIII.	Financial Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The board approved the payment of bills for September 2023. → The board approved the September 2023 financial report. 		X X
IX.	New or Unfinished Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The board tabled the FY23 district audit. → The board approved the surplus property. → The board approved HSG mechanical to complete the high school boiler replacement project. 		X X X
XII.	Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The meeting adjourned at 9:03 P.M. 		X