

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, November 21, 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, Amanda Milam - Dean of Students

Others present: Denise Hirsch – Recording Secretary, Donna Lively & Mandie Davis – DEA Co-Presidents, Pete Spitler – Du Quoin Weekly, several district faculty/staff, several students, community members, Matt Benson - Attorney for the Board of Education

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

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	Item	Info	Action
I.	Call to Order → Start Time: 6:01 p.m.		
II.	Roll Call		
III.	Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Presentation/review of FY 23 district audit as presented by Rice, Sullivan & Co. → Sara Kary presented the annual audit. b. Building principals; reasons we are proud DES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This month the elementary students will be celebrating acceptance as our core value for our Choose to be Nice promise. 	X X X X X	

- Congratulations to our Choose to Be Nice Kindness winners from October. Their parents were invited in and the students were given a special



- Congratulations to our Papoose Pride winners Kindergarten: Garrett Gilliam 1st Grade Rayna Bebout, 2nd Grade Brynleigh Ingersoll, 3rd Grade Rylan Wolfe, 4th Grade Shianna Freund.



- I want to thank all the high school clubs that came to the elementary school to give out candy on Halloween. The elementary students had a great time being able to trick or treat each club as well as trick or treating the Fairview and Fair Acres nursing homes.
- 2nd Grade Spooktacular and 1st grade Veterans day performances were a success. Mrs. Jones and both grade levels performed in front of over 200 parents, guardians, and community members. Mrs. Jones was also given an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for celebrating veterans and inviting veterans to be recognized for their achievements.

DMS

- We have started a new initiative for November-December called Tis the season to get caught doing something good. Students caught doing something good without being told or calling attention to themselves are given a ticket to place their name on. When the ticket is turned in to the office the student is given a small prize and entered in the grand prize drawing for a tv that will take place on December 21.

- We had 316 students achieve 90% attendance or better to be entered in October's drawing. We saw an increase of 4 students from last month entered. We had 5 students improve their attendance rate by 30% or more from last month as well.



- Ms. Higgerson was chosen as teacher of the month for October by students.



- Faculty and staff chose Nicole Bauman as October's staff member of the month.

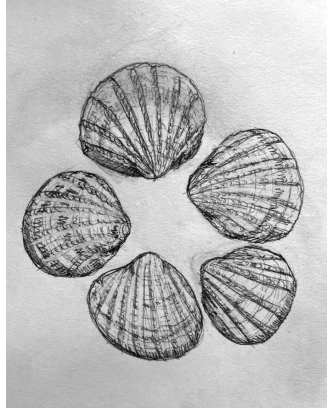


- Students of the month are nominated by each of the grade level teachers. September students of the month are: 5th grade -Lennon Thompson, 6th grade - Carter Wilson , 7th grade - Aubrey Waller and 8th grade - Darius Pate.



DHS

- Freshman Anna Phipps was chosen as a finalist for the Artsonia Artist of the Week. Students submit their work straight from the classroom to the Artsonia platform.



- 51 students participating in Band, Color Guard, Cross Country, Golf, Football, and Volleyball were recognized during senior night on October 20th at Van Metre. That is approximately 12% of our student body!



- We had 13 state scholars selected this year
- For only the second time in school history, both the boys and girls cross country teams have qualified for the state meet.



- Our October Student of the Month was Aubrey McKinnies



- On November 2nd the National Honor Society inducted 18 new members into the Du Quoin Chapter.



- Mrs. Woodsides and I worked together, along with Matt Hickam from ROE 30 to locate an aide, Song Yanjan, for two Mandarin Chinese speaking students. We have created a plan to split her between the two buildings to help both students.



- c. Curriculum director - 2023 school report card presentation
- d. Business director - 2023 tax levy presentation
- e. Superintendent report - 2023 tax levy presentation

- IV. **Consent Agenda**
- a. Approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2023 regular meeting
 - b. Approval of risk management plan
 - c. Approval of clinical agreement with Marshall Browning Hospital
- The board approved the consent agenda as presented.

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- V. **Public Hearing**
- a. DEA representative

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.

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.

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.

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>b. Public</p> <p>→ Donna Lively presented public comments.</p> <p>c. Public Hearing: District E-Learning Plan</p> <p>→ Tabled until the December 19 board meeting.</p>		
VI.	<p>Executive Session</p> <p>a. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).</p> <p>b. 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).</p> <p>c. 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 (C8).</p>		X
VII.	<p>Consideration of and Possible Action of the Executive Session</p> <p>→ The board approved the executive session meeting minutes from October 17, 2023 regular meeting.</p> <p>→ The board approved the resignation of Kate Hoffman, elementary EOC aide.</p> <p>→ The board approved the maternity leave of Robin Yancey Beginning April 2, 2024.</p> <p>→ The board approved the retirement of Mrs. Jean Ann Mathis effective May 2027.</p> <p>→ The board approved Saddie Day as DMS special education teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>→ The board approved Rebecca Diggins as 2nd grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>→ The board approved Jamie Brown as 3rd grade teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.</p> <p>→ The board approved Kevin Piper, David Hopkins, Luke Koehn and Matt Foster as DHS baseball coaches for the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>→ The board approved Ballie James as assistant girls softball coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>→ Motion to approve Erin Kuhnert as DMS girls track coach for the 2023-2024 school year.</p> <p>→ Motion to approve the contract extension for Mrs. Rea, district curriculum director.</p>		<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>
VIII.	<p>Financial Items</p> <p>→ The board approved the payment of bills for October 2023 to First Mid-State Bank and Trust;only.</p> <p>→ The board approved the payment of bills for October 2023.</p> <p>→ The board approved the October 2023 financial report.</p>		<p>X</p> <p>X</p> <p>X</p>

IX.	New or Unfinished Business → The board approved the 2023 district audit and annual statement of affairs FY 2023. → The board approved the tentative 2023 tax levy. → The board approved the Du Quoin District #300 Hall of Fame Policy with amendment. → Motion to approve the administration to apply for the FY24 maintenance grant.		X X X X
XII.	Adjournment → The meeting adjourned at 9:06 P.M.		X