

BOARD MINUTES
BEMENT COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 5
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the Bement Community Unit School District 5 Board of Education was held Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in the FACS room. The meeting was called to order by board president Jeanne Strack at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present were Todd Scott, Jeanne Strack, Janice Fogerson, Jodi Wright, Valerie Stoerger and Kyle Rogers.

Board member Jeff Funk was absent.

Mr. Kepley gave his middle/high school board report on athletics, marching band camp, 6-12 enrollment, areas of focus for the 2014-2015 school year (Common Core implementation and PARCC testing) and APEX Learning. Mrs. Witts told the board about the students summer trip to Washington DC. Parents, teachers, students, the administration and board members discussed weighted grades and the possibility of returning them to the high school handbook for the 2014-2015 school year.

Ms. Greenwood gave her elementary school board report on prek-5 enrollment, upcoming teacher institute day activities and the teacher induction/mentoring/orientation day.

In her superintendent's report Ms. Greenwood told the board that improvements were being made to meet the insurance companies standards. Needed improvements to the roof of the concession stand and locker room at the football field will not be done due to lack of finances. These buildings may have to be taken off the insurance. There will still be liability coverage on them. Ms. Greenwood told the board that the tentative budget that she will be presenting was not quite a balanced budget. If the amount levied had been received the budget would have been balanced. Ms. Greenwood told the board that the General State Aid was cut to 89% again this year. Only 22 of the 24 payments will be received. Ms. Greenwood gave an update on the baseball diamond. She told the board that the Foundation has been working for over a year on the project with all volunteer labor. The backstop is almost ready to install. Hopefully the diamond will be ready for use in the spring of 2015.

Presentation of the tentative 2014-2015 Bement CUSD 5 budget.

A motion was made by Rogers and seconded by Strack that the executive session minutes of the June 11, 2014 regular meeting of the board of education be approved as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Wright - yes, Strack - yes; Rogers - yes; Stoerger - yes; Scott - abstain; Fogerson - yes.

A motion was made by Stoerger and seconded by Rogers that the open session minutes of the June 11, 2014 regular meeting of the board of education be approved as presented. Motion carried by a 5-0-1 roll call vote. Wright - yes, Strack - yes; Rogers - yes; Stoerger - yes; Scott - abstain; Fogerson - yes.

A motion was made by Rogers and seconded by Strack that the executive session minutes of the August 6, 2014 special meeting of the board of education be approved as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Fogerson and seconded by Wright that the open session minutes of the August 6, 2014 special meeting of the board of education be approved as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

First reading of PRESS Plus policy updates.

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Strack that the board accept and pay all bills as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ms. Greenwood and the board reviewed the treasurer's report.

Board member Jeff Funk joined the meeting via cell phone at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Stoerger and seconded by Strack that the board adjourn to executive session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation and resignations of specific employees. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Wright and seconded by Scott that the board return to open session at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Fogerson that the board appoint Jani Hamilton as the district treasurer for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Strack and seconded by Funk that the board appoint the State Bank of Bement as the school depositor for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Strack and seconded by Wright that the board accept the resignation of Ryan Brittenham. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Wright and seconded by Stoerger that the board accept the resignation of Jared Wolf. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to hire a 5/8 time grade school physical education teacher was tabled.

A motion was made by Strack and seconded by Rogers that the board approve the hiring of Dr. Gary Lewis as the high school math teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to hire a middle school boys head basketball coach was tabled.

A motion was made by Funk and seconded by Rogers that the board approve the Birch Bus Service contract for the 2015-2016 school year as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Strack and seconded by Wright that the board approve the APEX Participation Agreement for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Rogers and seconded by Wright that the board approve the Macon/Piatt ROE Education Service Agreement for the 2014-2015 school year as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Wright and seconded by Fogerson that the board employ Lisa Glaze as the pre-k aide for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Fogerson and seconded by Wright that the board reinstate weighted grades to the high school handbook for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Strack and seconded by Scott that the board approve the Resolution providing for the issue of \$300,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2014, of the District, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Bond Fund of said School District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax

sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds as presented. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Funk and seconded by Stoerger that the board approve the Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Piatt, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers' occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes for submission to the electors of said County at the general election to be held on the 4th day of November, 2014. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Wright that the board adjourn at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

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