

## Regular Board Minutes October 16, 2023

The Community Unit School District #2 of Scott and Morgan Counties met in regular session, Monday October 16, 2023.

Gary Westermeyer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett, Drew Barnett, Matt Bangert and April Coats.

Suzanne Steckel, Dana Rahe and Sara Ogden were in regular session attendance.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the consent agenda which included approval of previous month's minutes, monthly bills, financial reports and payroll. April Coats seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Matt Bangert, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Suzanne Steckel presented the FY23 audit including the school district's specifications, findings and elaborated on how the federal funding affected this year's single audit. Action will be taken to adjust findings moving forward to the best of our abilities. Dr. Blankenship reverberated in regards to the finding -002. Suzanne provided future steps in the final completion of the FY23 audit. No questions were raised. Suzanne departed at 7:22p.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the FY23 Audit Report. Roger Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Matt Bangert, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

Terry Kunkel arrived at 7:22p.

### Committee Reports

**Athletic:** Decision was made to amend the current coop agreement in regards to employment/dismissal of coaches. The committee also recommends extending the agreement through June 30, 2030. The committee also supports the continuation of each school district hosting events equally as much as feasible.

**Building:** High school project, 90% complete, one unit needs to be redone for proper function, web based training on the controls of the HVAC will be administered and finishing touches should be completed over Christmas break as students will not be in attendance. The ballfield was wiped down to a clean slate within the last few weeks with the assistance of in house help. Which included the fencing being removed, removal of light poles and dirt work prep for the delivery of the lime and turface that arrived within the last few days. Currently reviewing bids, funding and organizing the build sequence for a smoother reconstruction.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Blankenship spoke on the mentioned committee reports and commended the in house help. He also provided funding options for the recent project of the ballfield renovations. In addition, he spoke of the recent success of the parent teacher conferences that took place over the last couple of weeks.

### Principal's Report

Dr. Blankenship presented the principal report with Mr. Range being unavailable due to attending the Illinois Principal Association annual conference in Peoria.

- Successful homecoming activities took place within the last month. The dance was well attended and Bluffs students represented Bluffs well. Bluffs Homecoming royalty were King Zack Magelitz and Queen Alexis Surratt.
- Parent Teacher conferences had a good turnout.

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- First quarter completed on October 13th.
- Book Fair coming up 10/26-11/3.
- Veterans Day activities will be held on November 10th.

### New Business:

Dr. Blankenship provided information in regards to the FY24 Maintenance Grant including an estimated prospective bid from Veregy for the construction of the security entrance on the east side of the campus, including secure foyer, video camera and buzz in system.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the FY24 Maintenance Grant. Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: April Coats, Matt Bangert, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Terry Kunkel, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the Athletic Coop Renewal. This agreement will be effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2030

DeWayne Hart made the motion to approve the Athletic Coop Renewal. Roger Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: Terry Kunkel, April Coats, Matt Bangert, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve the disposal of the 2016 Dodge Caravan previously used for driver's education and transporting smaller groups of students and acceptance of a local bid to purchase said vehicle.

April Coats made the motion to dispose of the 2016 Dodge Caravan by way of an \$8000 bid by a Peg Ratliff. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: Terry Kunkel, April Coats, Matt Bangert, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

The proposed motion to approve payment #4 to Veregy.

Matt Bangert made the motion to approve the 4th payment to Veregy. DeWayne Hart seconded the motion. Yea: Terry Kunkel, Matt Bangert, April Coats, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

A discussion was held in regards to revising the graduation requirements for the purpose of sharing courses/classes with Winchester High School. Additional information and discussion will be provided after continuing research for freshman through senior class students to have equal opportunities.

The proposed motion to move to closed session for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, evaluation and/or dismissal of staff @ 8:23p.

DeWayne Hart made the motion to move to closed session and April Coats seconded. All in favor. Motion Carried.

All visitors left the meeting at this time.

Multiple personnel issues were addressed.

At 8:30p DeWayne Hart made the motion to reconvene as a regular meeting. Roger Barnett seconded. Yea: All in favor. Motion carried.

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DeWayne Hart proposed to approve the personnel report containing the following; Drew Barnett seconded the motion. Yea: Terry Kunkel, Matt Bangert, April Coats, Drew Barnett, DeWayne Hart, Roger Barnett and Gary Westermeyer. Motion carried.

- Bill Jacquot - WC Assistant Boys Basketball coach
- Kevin Cadwell - WC Assistant JH Boys Basketball coach
- Michelle Weber - WC JH Girls Volleyball coach
- Rene Chapman - WC Assistant JH Girls Volleyball coach

DeWayne Hart made the motion to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Matt Bangert seconded the motion. Yea: all in favor.

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary