

Bond County Community Unit School District No. 2
Board of Education Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2021

The Board of Education of Bond County Community Unit No. 2 held a budget hearing and its regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, in the BCCU #2 High School Library, 1000 E. State Rte. 140, Greenville, IL.

Board President Randi Workman called the budget hearing to order at 6:45 p.m.

Those present were board members Frey, Gerl, Prater, Reavis, Simmonds, Workman, and Zeeb. Others present were Superintendent Wes Olson; Business Manager Dena Petrolina; Facilities Director Michael Wilhite; Board Secretary Emily Laesch; WGEL Jeff Leidel; Don A. Wall, and Don Wall.

BUDGET HEARING Board President Workman read the hearing introduction and acknowledgement of requirements for the FY21 Amended Budget. Dr. Olson stated that lot has changed since the budget was approved last September, which was to be expected. The most significant change in revenues came in the form of the Federal ESSER grant money. Last month's tentative amended budget had a slight surplus of \$140,000 projected. The finalized amended budget, there is a surplus of \$467,000. Dr. Olson said that is a good place to be at, having a little cushion built in for year-end expenses and the audit.

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS Board Member Simmonds clarified if the ESSER grant amount had not been included it would not be a surplus budget. Dr. Olson said he was correct.

Board Member Zeeb said this shows we need to be very cautious with our spending. Without the ESSER money, there would be a deficit budget. The ESSER money is only a short term fix.

PUBLIC COMMENT FOR BUDGET HEARING Don A. Wall asked if there were any restrictions on using the ESSER funds.

Dr. Olson answered that the guidance for ESSER funds is pretty broad. The grant has to be written first and then you wait for approval before using those funds. He added that one stipulation that first came out with the announcement of the ESSER grants is that 20% of the funds must be contributed to learning loss caused by COVID. The expenses from summer learning camp that just finished up counted towards that 20%.

HEARING ADJOURNED Motion by Zeeb, second by Simmonds, that the hearing be adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

CALL TO ORDER OF REGULAR MEETING The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Randi Workman.

Board members present were: Frey, Gerl, Prater, Reavis, Simmonds, Workman, and Zeeb. Others present are listed above.

PUBLIC COMMENT Don A. Wall welcomed the new members and thanked them for their service. He reminded the Board that there was an advisory question on the ballot in April, and the resounding answer was "No". He understood that it was just an advisory question, but he suggested that the Board listen to what the constituents of our district really want. The Board needs keep in mind the wishes of the people. After researching other districts and speaking with a CPA who does school audits, it is obvious that the district is much higher in debt than other districts comparable to ours. We sit here with roughly \$25 million in debt according to his calculations.

This debt has caused many struggles to the district and he urged board members that we cannot issue more debt. He suggested stretching out the timing of these projects that need to be done – Health Life Safety projects have a 10-year period before needing to be completed. If the district would spread out the spending, it will stop the debt from growing. Mr. Wall said that the current administration wants to borrow money as quick as possible and get everything done in 3-4 years. There is no reason that these projects have to be completed now. This is not good leadership on the part of the administration.

Don L. Wall stated that he came to this meeting not planning to repeat what his son said. He was pleased with Mr. Zeeb who said that the district needs to be fiscally responsible and conservative. Mr. Wall wanted to make sure that the entire Board was aware of his meeting with Dr. Olson this past spring. He gave Dr. Olson suggestions on a spending plan – how to get what he wants, by extending out a wish list and earmark sources of income as a way of paying for things. He added that he was not able to change Dr. Olson's way of thinking, and that was okay. He told the Board that it is not Dr. Olson who makes the decisions – it is the seven of them. Mr. Wall asked the seven board members to make wise decisions. He reminded the Board that the same people who voted on that advisory question with a resounding "No" are the same people who voted them into position. A good leader listens to the people and he asked that the Board will take the people's wishes into consideration.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION

Motion by Zeeb, second by Gerl, that the board of education enter into executive meeting at 7:11 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. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act; and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Zeeb, second by Reavis, that the board of education return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION MINUTES

Motion by Frey, second by Zeeb, to approve the executive session minutes from the May 17, 2021 regular board meeting. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Simmonds, second by Frey, to approve the executive session minutes from the June 14, 2021 special board meeting. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

RESIGNATIONS

Motion by Reavis, second by Gerl, to accept the resignation of Ryan Mueller, Boys Soccer Coach at BCCU #2 High School, effective June 18, 2021. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Gerl, second by Simmonds, to accept the resignation of Ashley Tripp, Special Education Life Skills Paraprofessional at Greenville Jr. High School, effective immediately. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

HIRE CUSTODIAN Motion by Zeeb, second by Gerl, to hire Rex Lappe as a Night Shift Custodian at Greenville Jr. High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0

REPORTS OF BOARD COMMITTEES The Policy and Curriculum Committee did not meet during the month of June, 2021. The next Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Information for the Facilities and Transportation Committee was discussed at a special board meeting held on June 14, 2021. Facilities Director Mike Wilhite shared a request to purchase some maintenance equipment. Laura Weber and Andrew Beiser from GRP|Wegman gave a report on current projects in the District, Jr. High Drive repair, and the GES Office and Library addition. The next Facilities and Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 4:45 p.m.

Information for the Finance Committee was presented at a special board meeting on June 14, 2021. Bills to date for the month of June, 2021 were reviewed. The Finance Report for the month of May, 2021 was presented. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT The Superintendent Report was skipped.

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

- A. Open Minutes of the May 17, 2021, Regular Board Meeting
- B. Open Minutes of the June 14, 2021, Special Board Meeting
- C. June Expense Reimbursements

Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

BILLS Motion by Zeeb, second by Frey, that the bills for the month of June, 2021 in the amount of \$928,582.96 be approved as listed. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT Motion by Frey, second by Gerl, that the financial report for the month of May, 2021, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

FY21 AMENDED BUDGET Motion by Frey, second by Simmonds, to adopt the FY21 Amended Budget as presented to the Board. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND DISTRICT FUND 7-1-21 Motion by Zeeb, second by Reavis, to authorize the school treasurer and fiscal agents to expend District funds commencing July 1, 2021 and until such time as the Board approves the FY22 Budget. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

COMMERCIAL
INSURANCE
RENEWAL

Motion by Simmonds, second by Zeeb, to approve the PSIC Commercial Insurance renewal for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

WORKER'S
COMPENSATION
INSURANCE

Motion by Reavis, second by Zeeb, to select Imming Insurance (PSIC) as the District's Worker's Compensation Insurance carrier beginning July 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

INCREASE IN HIGH
SCHOOL OFFICIALS
COMPENSATION

Motion by Simmonds, second by Zeeb, to approve the increase in pay for High School Athletic Officials as presented, beginning in August, 2021. Roll call vote: Frey, yes; Gerl, yes; Prater, yes; Reavis, yes; Simmonds, yes; Workman, yes; Zeeb, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

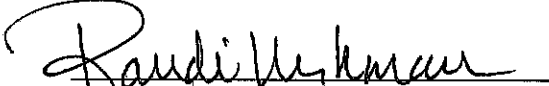
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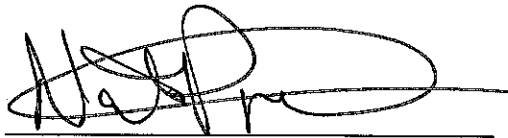
Board Member Prater said he saw some of the projects from summer school. It looked like they did a lot of fun things and he was happy that the district was able to offer that for students.

Board President Workman was also pleased with the way summer camp turned out. She appreciated everyone who worked on it. Ms. Workman referenced a comment made by Mr. Wall regarding spending and the facility projects taking place. She wanted to clarify that none of the projects the Board is talking about or are being completed will take away from paying teachers or raise taxes. They do not come from the same sources of revenue.

ADJOURN

Motion by Frey, second by Reavis, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried 7-0.


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