

Hartem Community Unit District #21  
Board of Education Meeting  
Monday, July 21, 2014  
7:00 P.M.

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Call to Order:

Roll Call-

Aper-P	McAfee-P
Booth-P	O'Brien-P
Groth-P	Phillips-P
Lessen-P	

Introduction of Guests:

Persons Wishing to Address the Board:

Focus on Education:

Rachel Jordan addressed the Board regarding her new role as 6<sup>th</sup> grade Authentic Literacy teacher, as well as art and music at the Emden building. She also helped organize the talent show at the Emden Homecoming. She was pleased with how it turned out and is looking forward to the new school year.

Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve minutes from June 16, 2014 board meeting
- b. Approve payment of payroll and monthly bills
- c. Approve activity report
- d. Approve financial report
- e. Approve Treasurer's Report
- f. Approve Agenda

Motion by **Booth** to approve the Consent Agenda. Seconded by **Aper**.

Roll Call-

Booth-Y	O'Brien-Y
Groth-Y	Phillips-Y
Lessen-Y	Aper-Y
McAfee-Y	

Correspondence Received:

Administrative Report:

Central States Bus Sales dropped off the new buses. The transportation report is underway for the year. Summer preparations for the new school year are off to a good start. The buildings are looking good! Many hours were spent on sifting through resumes and interviewing potential candidates, but the effort was well worth it as we have three solid recommendations for new hires. Erika and Bethany are both proud mommies of healthy new babies. Congratulations to

them! The Hartem Community Club purchased two new Promethean Boards for use in the district. Much thanks to them! Fall sports will begin at the end of the month and the beginning of August.

Superintendent's Report:

The initial tax payments have been received from both Logan and Tazewell Counties. Housing for the IASB conference will be at the Sheraton Hotel this year. The conference will be November 21-23, 2014. The auditors from JM Abbott & Associates conducted our annual audit on July 14 and 15<sup>th</sup>. A full report will be given later this fall.

Old Business – Information:

a. Maintenance Project Update

Ameren-Illinois opted to not charge us for their part of the electrical upgrade work. This saved the district several thousand dollars. We appreciate their generosity. Both maintenance grant projects are now completed.

b. Negotiations Update

The Negotiations Committee and representatives from the HEA met on July 9. An agreement has been reached with the HEA on the terms and language of a 3 year contract pending approval by their general membership and subsequent full Board approval.

c. Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Summary

The final numbers for the FY 2014 budget showed positive improvement. Mr. Beard noted that this improvement was the product of some very hard choices made to cut costs in the preceding year.

d. Fiscal Year 2015 Update

FY looks good on paper for continuing the trend from last year of rebuilding the district's financial reserves. Lots of questions remain regarding the Legislature's intent for financing education in the coming months and years. This fall's Gubernatorial race could have other repercussions for school districts depending on the outcome and how the winner decides to approach educational spending.

Old Business Action:

a. Milk Bid

Motion by **Aper** to accept the milk bid from Greg Neaveill Distributing, Inc. for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Seconded by **McAfee**.

Roll Call-

O'Brien-Y  
Phillips-Y  
Aper-Y  
Booth-Y

Groth-Y  
Lessen-Y  
McAfee-Y

b. Commodities Bid

Motion by **O'Brien** to accept the food bid package from M.J. Kellner Company, Inc. for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Seconded by **McAfee**.

Roll Call-

Phillips-Y	Lessen-Y
Aper-Y	McAfee-Y
Booth-Y	O'Brien-Y
Groth-Y	

New Business – Information

New Business - Action

a. Resignations

Motion by **Booth** to approve the superintendent's acceptance of the resignation of Jake Bilbruck as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and coach effective immediately. Seconded by **Aper**.

Roll Call-

Lessen-Y	Aper-Y
McAfee-N	Booth-Y
O'Brien-Y	Groth-Y
Phillips-Y	

b.) Employment

Motion by **Booth** to approve Zachary Snyder as band/chorus/IVHS supervisor for the 2014-15 school year per salary schedule. Seconded by **Aper**.

Roll Call-

McAfee-Y	Booth-Y
O'Brien-Y	Groth-Y
Phillips-Y	Lessen-Y
Aper-Y	

Motion by **O'Brien** to approve Corey McNeil as 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2014-15 school year per salary schedule. Seconded by **Booth**.

Roll Call-

Phillips-Y	Lessen-Y
Aper-Y	McAfee-Y

Booth-Y  
Groth-Y

O'Brien-Y

Motion by **O'Brien** to approve Jessica Hartman as 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2014-15 school year per salary schedule. Seconded by **Booth**.

Roll Call-

Aper-Y  
Booth-Y  
Groth-Y  
Lessen-Y

McAfee-Y  
O'Brien-Y  
Phillips-Y

c. Meal Prices for 2014-15

Motion by **O'Brien** to establish meal prices for 2014-15 as follows: Student Breakfast - \$1.85, Student Lunch - \$2.35, Adult Breakfast - \$2.35, Adult Lunch - \$2.85. Seconded by **Aper**.

Roll Call-

Booth-Y  
Groth-Y  
Lessen-Y  
McAfee-Y

O'Brien-Y  
Phillips-Y  
Aper-Y

Motion by **O'Brien** to adjourn. Seconded by **McAfee**.

Yea – 7

Nay – 0

Adjournment

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Brad Lessen, President

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Greg Phillips, Secretary