	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, APRIL 21, 2026** **6:00 P.M.**

Rich Gossett - President Tracy Fenton - Vice President Tracy Taylor - Secretary Jason Furlow - Member Jim Kowzan - Member Breeonna Williams - Member Josh Williams – Member
Administrators present: Diana Rea, Superintendent; Justin Engelmann, Asst. Superintendent; Cory Robbins, Business Manager; Amanda Milam, Elementary Principal; Denise Woodsides, Middle School Principal; Eric Kirkpatrick, High School Principal; Zach Jones, High School Asst. Principal. Others present: Mandie Davis, DEA Co-President; David Sheehan, DEA Co-President; Denise Hirsch, Recording Secretary; Matthew Benson, Attorney to the Board; Pete Spitler, Du Quoin Weekly; Ryan Summers, Elementary Dean of Students; Jeremy Cornett, Middle School Dean of Students; Community member
Prior to the meeting Tony Kellerman provided prayer.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:06 pm		
II.	**Roll Call** Present: Rich Gossett, Tracy Taylor, Jason Furlow, Jim Kowzan, Breeonna Williams, Josh Williams Absent: Tracy Fenton		
III.	**Reports** A. The building principals provided Reasons We're Proud includine student celebrations, updates on state testing, attendance rates, and community projects. B. Mr. Robbins provide the Business Manager Report including information on summer foods program being submitted and offer in the district for over 30 years, upcoming group health insurance discussion in collaboration with the DEA, summer work list projects and projects for award. C. Assistant Superintendent Report included Chamber of Commerce nominees for teacher of the year, including Amanda Casey, Sammy Morris, Teresa Stacey with the Du Quoin CUSD 300 Teacher of the Year awarded to Amanda Casey. Mr. Engelmann read the speech Chamber president, Jessica Holder with the President's Award for Diana Rea. Mrs. Janet Wolfe, Chamber Board member was present to make the award and comments. D. Mrs. Rea shared in the Superintendent Update the employees who have received perfect attendance 3rd quarter, an update on the school improvement focus group meeting, calendar items and a memorial for Jane Minton who served as a board member from 1995 – 2003.		

IV.	**Consent Agenda** The Board approved the consent agenda as presented. A. Approval of the minutes of the March 16, 2026 regular meeting; B. Release of executive session minutes from October 2025 through March 2026 and disposal of closed meeting audio recording from October 2023 through September 2024; C. Approval of Interagency Working Agreement between Archway, Inc. and Du Quoin CUSD 300; D. Summer food service program application to ISBE; E. Authorize changes in signatory for Du Quoin State Bank account to remove Business Manager Cory Robbins and add Assistant Superintendent Justin Engelmann on relevant accounts; F. Authorize changes in signatory for Banterra Bank account to remove Business Manager Cory Robbins and add Assistant Superintendent Justin Engelmann on relevant accounts; G. Authorize changes in signatory for Regions Bank account to remove Business Manager Cory Robbins and add Assistant Superintendent Justin Engelmann on relevant accounts; H. Approval of removing Business Manger Cory Robbins as District Treasurer and; I. Approval of naming Assistant Superintendent Justin Engelmann as District Treasurer		
V.	**Public Hearing** A. DEA representative – None B. Public – Several community members requested for the board to consider adding high school boys' soccer program. Those who spoke to the board on the matter included Faith Still, Dr. Steve Still, Harrison Still, Amanda Ashley. Tim Davis, DHS baseball coach, requested for the board to retire Don Stanhouse's jersey #15. Jason Furlow mentioned others also worthy of the jersey retirement.		
VI.	**Public Hearing – 2026-2027 Calendar** A. The board held a public discussion, as needed, on flexibility for student attendance on Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Monday, March 1, 2027 by honoring the day through the use of School Activities on a School Holiday, in accordance with Section 24-2 of the School Code B. The board approved student attendance on Casimir Pulaski's Birthday, Monday, March 1, 2027 in the FY27 school calendar.		
VII.	**Executive Session** The board entered into executive session at 7:16 pm. A. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). B. To discuss security procedures school building safety and security. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) C. To discuss student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (9) D. To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (21) The Board motioned to leave executive session at 9:24 pm		

VIII.	**Consideration of and Possible Action of the Executive Session** A. The Board approved the executive session meeting minutes from March 16, 2026 regular meeting; B. The Board accepted the following resignations as received: a. Rebekah Dunavan as High School pep club co-sponsor b. Coleman Fitch as the High School Head Boys’ Basketball Coach c. Kaylee Kloster as Middle School Social Worker C. The Board approved extracurricular coaches, conditional upon the satisfactory completion of all background and vetting requirement: a. Sophie Miller as High School Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year b. Nolan Kellerman as the High School Head Boys’ Basketball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year D. The Board approved extracurricular volunteer coaches, conditional upon the satisfactory completion of all background and vetting requirement: a. Middle School Volunteer List as presented b. High School Volunteers: Lauren Bauman and Denise Woodsides (Indianettes); Mark bullock, Eli Furlow, Chandler Harrison, John Jones, Bob Karnes, Matt Schaub, Aaron Smith, Kevin Spain, Ryan Uhe, Dee Williams (Football); Time Davis, Brenda Green (Cheerleading); Tim Davis (Girls Basketball); Matelyn Fred, Erin Scronce (Color Guard); Jason Hill (Softball); Zach McPherson, Alicia Van Zandt (Golf) E. The Board approved Summer Food service program workers: Erin Kroeger as Summer food Service supervisor; Danielle Swayne, Chelsey Emrich, Hannah Hollis Stephanie gates and Amber Crawford, Summer Food Program cooks; Kara Dearmond, Denise Thompson, Angie Harper, Crystal Winters, Sara Vaz and Debra Moss – Summer Food Program substitute cooks.		
IX.	**Financial Items** A. The Board approved the payment of bills for March 2026 B. The Board approved the March 2026 financial reports		
X.	**New or Unfinished Business** A. The Board awarded the bid/proposal for the press box project to Bruce Unterbrink Construction, Inc – Greenville, IL for base bid to include alternate bid #2 deduction for $312,595.00 (2026 Working Cash Bond) B. The Board awarded bid/proposal for parking lot sealing project to Sesser Pave & Seal, Inc. for $285,126.84 (2026 Working Cash Bond) C. The Board adopted the 2026-2027 school calendar with the first day of student attendance of August 12, 2026 D. The Board reviewed board policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards – 1st Reading: a. 2:200, Types of School Board Meetings b. 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure c. 2:250, Access to District Public Records d. 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure e. 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure f. 4:40, Incurring Debt g. 4:165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors h. 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria i. 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol- Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition j. 5:250, Leaves of Absence k. 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves l. 6:50, School Wellness m. 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development n. 6:100, Using Animals in the Education Program o. 6:145, Migrant Students p. 6:170, Title I Programs		

	q. 6:180, Extended Instructional Programs r. 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited s. 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools t. 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students u. 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited v. 7:220, Bus conduct w. 7:230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities x. 7:260, Exemption from Physical Education y. 7:280, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases z. 7:300, Extracurricular Athletics aa. 8:90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs E. The Board approved board policy 7:60 Residence to include IASB recommended language for nonresident student who is the child of a District employees: F. The Board approved the retirement of Don Stanhouse's baseball jersey		
XI.	**Adjournment** The Board adjourned at 9:38 pm		