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, MAY 19, 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; Amanda Milam, Elementary Principal; Denise Woodsides, Middle School Principal; Eric Kirkpatrick, High School 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 members

Prior to the start of the meeting, Hank Fulk, Liberty Church pastor, lead the group in prayer.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM		
II.	**Roll Call** Present: Rich Gossett, Tracy Fenton, Tracy Taylor, Jason Furlow, Jim Kowzan, Breeonna Williams Absent: Josh Williams		
III.	**Reports** A. The building principals provided Reasons We Are Proud including student attendance rates, honors programs, athletic achievements and special projects. B. Mr. Engelmann provided the Assistant Superintendent Report including updates on projects, staffing, Summer Foods application, and insurance policy renewals. C. Mrs. Rea share in the Superintendent Report details of the teacher appreciation week, end of year recognitions for years of service, legacy employee recognition, and retirees. The report also included details about the summer program provided through the Full Service Community Schools grants, recognition of the social workers providing extra support to DeSoto School District and announcement of the dedication ceremony in memory of Sam Vancil.		
IV.	**Consent Agenda:** The Board approved the consent agenda as presented. A. Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting; B. Approval of the renewal of COPE/Safe Schools Program and Project SOAR Alternative Education program agreements with the Regional Office of Education #30; C. Acknowledgement of School Board member responsibilities to comply with ANCRA's requirement concerning the reporting of child abuse; D. Approval of Consolidate District Plan application to ISBE		

V.	**Public Hearing** A. DEA Representative - None B. Public – Dr. Steve Still provided an update on the number of youth playing soccer for the Perry County program in middle school grades and read a letter from Faith Still. James Denny, President of Perry County Soccer, provided information on the number of Du Quoin student playing in the program. Mr. Gossett thanked the community members and updated them on the actions being taken by the high school to gather data and research to program. The discussion will be added to the June board meeting. Abbigail Hammonds shared thought on setting clear, consistent community through approved apps. She did not identify an issue, but wanted to express her concern for her children's safety. Jason Furlow reported research and mentioned being thankful for the training opportunity on Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. Justin May, Du Quoin JFL president provided an update on leadership and new league group association. They will only have 5/6 and 7/8 games three times using the high school football field and are coordinating with the city to provide police support. Justin would like to have Diana Rea and Justin Engelmann's phone numbers for emergencies and will adopt the high school code of conduct and make a donation to the Du Quoin Educational foundation and game day sponsor.		
VI.	**Executive Session:** The board entered into executive session at 7:03 PM a. To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). b. To discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval or semi-annual review and to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, and performance of specific employees in accordance with 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). c. To discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5) d. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) The board exited executive session at 8:32 PM.		
VII.	**Action of the Executive Session:** A. The Board approved the April 21, 2026 executive session minutes B. The Board approved resignations as received, effective for the 2026-2027 school year a. Charles Montgomery as High School Varsity Boys Assistant Basketball Coach b. Susan Vaughn as Middle School Instructional Aide C. The Board approved the Summer 2026 Program Faculty and staff as presented D. The Board approved FMLA leave for Kallista Duppong beginning August 10, 2026. E. The Board approved salary 4% base salary increases for the 2026-2027 school year for the following positions: a. Assistant Superintendent b. Elementary Principal c. District Administrative Assistant d. District Bookkeeper e. District Payroll Clerk		
VIII	**Financial Items:** A. The Board approved of the payment of bills for April 2026 B. The Board approved the April 2026 financial report		

IX. **New or Unfinished Business**

A. The Board approved board policy updates as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards – 2nd 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

B. The Board approved consideration of Du Quoin JFL program facilities use and dates

C. The Board received the FY26 amended budget which will be posted on the website and made available to the public for 30 days prior to approving. Mrs. Rea will provide a detailed overview of the amended budget at the June board meeting.

D. The Board rescheduled the June 2026 Board of Education Meeting to Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the K-8 Media Center at 845 East Jackson Street, Du Quoin, IL 62832.

Adjournment

The board adjourned at 8:43 PM.