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, FEBRUARY 17, 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; Zach Jones, High School Asst. Principal. Others present: Mandie Davis, DEA Co-President; Denise Hirsch, Recording Secretary; Matthew Benson, Attorney to the Board; Pete Spitler, Du Quoin Weekly; Ryan Summers, Elementary Dean of Students; Calen Campanella, Du Quoin City Attorney

Prior to the meeting, prayer was provided by Deacon Anthony Kellerman, Sacred Heart Church.

	Item	Info	Action
I.	**Call to Order** **The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.**		
II.	**Roll Call** Present: Rich Gossett, Tracy Fenton, Tracy Taylor, Jason Furlow, Jim Kowzan, Breeonna Williams Absent: Josh Williams		
III.	**Reports – The reports are linked for review.** A. Building Principals - Reasons We're Proud B. Assistant Superintendent Report C. Superintendent Update		
IV.	**Consent Agenda** A. The Board approved the minutes of the January 20, 2026 regular meeting.		
V.	**Public Hearing** A. DEA representative - None B. Public - None		
VI.	**Executive Session** The board entered into executive session at 6:34 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 8:08 pm.		

VII.	**Consideration of and Possible Action of the Executive Session** A. The Board approved of executive session meeting minutes from January 20, 2026 regular meeting B. The Board accepted the following resignations: a. Wayne O'Dell as high school janitor, effective February 13, 2026. b. Sadie Day as high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. C. The Board approved the following recommendations for hire/transfer: a. Joshua Heape as Middle School Physical Education Teacher, effective 2026-2027 school year, pending appropriate Illinois licensure. b. Madison Falkenburry as Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective 2026-2027 school year, pending appropriate Illinois licensure. c. Transfer of Olivia Fitch to High School Math Teacher, effective 2026-2027 school year D. The Board approved the FMLA maternity leave of Rebekah Diggins tentative beginning May 11, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year; E. The Board approved extracurricular coaches, conditional upon the satisfactory completion of all background and vetting requirement: a. Will Woodside as High School Assistant Baseball Coach b. Bailie James as High School Assistant Softball Coach c. Adam Croxton as High School Girls' Soccer Coach F. The Board approved extracurricular volunteer coaches, conditional upon the satisfactory completion of all background and vetting requirement: a. Sarah Phipps as High School Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach b. John Gross as High School Boys' Assistant Track Coach		
VIII.	**Financial Items** A. The Board approved the payment of bills for January 2026 B. The Board approved of the January 2026 financial reports		
IX.	**New or Unfinished Business** A. Tom Crabtree, Managing Director at Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Inc. provided an update on the General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2026 sale. The final sale was $1,955,300.00 as a working cash bond for facilities upgrades. B. The Board reschedule the March 2026 Regular Board Meeting date to Monday, March 16, 2026 beginning at 6pm in the K-8 building library. C. Each principal provided an overview of the tentative school handbook language changes for 2026-2027 D. The Board set the date for DHS Class of 2026 Graduation to Saturday, May 16, 2026 at 10 am at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. E. The Board approved the budget planning for 2026-2027 school year and authorized administration to begin budget preparation, advertise for bids of cafeteria/custodial items, and to post required budget hearing notice for September 2026		
X.	**Adjournment** The board adjourned at 8:27 pm.		