

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 27, 2008 6:30 P.M. Educational Services Center

The Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87, McLean County, Illinois, met in Regular Session.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following members were present: Mr. Joseph Butcher, Mr. John Dirks, Mr. Mike Harrison, Mrs. Millicent Roth, and Mrs. Janet Smith.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Robert Nielsen, Mrs. Teresa Hill, Dr. Barry Reilly and Mr. David Wood.

Present from the media was Ms. Sharon Wolfe, The Pantagraph.

Mrs. Smith presented the February 9, 2008 and February 13, 2008 Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Dirks that the Minutes be approved. Mr. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Mr. Kirk Veitengruber, BHS Associate Principal, and Mr. Tom Frazier, Bloomington Area Vocational Center, introduced Ms. Nancy Powell, Ms. Melissa Brown & Ms. Suzanne McDowell, Golden Apple winners for the State of Illinois.

Mr. Veitengruber introduced Ms. Lisa Thomas, Ms. Marcia Hirst, & Mr. Ken Cowdery, and several BHS English students who recently received the National Council of Teachers of English highest award for the BHS Voices magazine. Voices was one of 20 magazines nationally to win this highest award. Board members and administrators were given a copy of the magazine.

Mr. Veitengruber introduced BHS Boys' Swim Coach Bob Loy who introduced four members of the BHS Boys Swim Team. The team finished 20th in the State Meet. Out of 13 possible records, the team broke nine this year. Steven Lust, Shawn Wolfe, Jared Brad, and Justin Wolfe were recognized for their accomplishments. Justin Wolfe placed 1st in the 100 Butterfly.

The administration and Board congratulated all of these individuals.

Dr. Nielsen stated that the Board would go into closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and litigation.

Mr. Dirks reported that he recently attended a Beyond the Books Foundation meeting and continues to work with the Achievement Gap Task Force committee in planning for the District 87/Unit 5 Data Warehouse.

Mr. Harrison - No report.

Mrs. Smith - No report.

Mrs. Roth reported that she and Mr. Dirks attended an event at State Farm on February 14, 2008. Tim Moore was a guest speaker. Mrs. Roth stated that

Mr. Moore did an excellent job of representing District 87 and his passion for helping students achieve was very evident.

Mr. Butcher - No report.

Dr. Nielsen presented the following board policies for 2nd reading:

- 2.260 (Uniform Grievance Procedure)
- 4.060 (Purchases and Contracts)
- 4.110 (Transportation)
- 5.010 (Equal Employment Opportunity & Minority Recruitment)
- 5.100 (Staff Development Program)
- 5.290 (Employment Termination & Suspensions)
- 7.020 (Harassment of Students Prohibited)
- 7.070 (Attendance & Truancy)
- 7.220 (Bus Conduct)
- 7.340 (Maintenance of Student Records)

In Dr. Perry's absence, Dr. Nielsen expressed some of Dr. Perry's concerns related to policy 5.290, 7.020 and 7.070. Mr. Butcher stated that the Policy Review committee approved the language as presented. Board members agreed that the policies will remain as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Consent Agenda (Human Resource Report, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Elementary School Renovations Bid Recommendation, District Floor Coverings Bid Recommendation) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Dr. Nielsen attended Ms. Kathy Benner's wake. Ms. Benner is a teacher at BJHS and was involved in the band program. On behalf of the administration and Board, Dr. Nielsen extended his condolences to Ms. Benner's family and daughter, a junior at Bloomington High School.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Roth, that the [2008 Summer School](#) proposal be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Bonds to Pay Debt Certificate be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Dirks, that the Vince Beggs/BHS Scholarship Memorandum of Agreement be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Mr. Harrison moved to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Dirks for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and litigation. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Smith adjourned the meeting.

Approved:

Attest:

President

Secretary