

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 12, 2004

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. Marianne Clancy, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mr. John Dirks, Mr. John Hanson, Mrs. Janet Smith, Mrs. Millicent Roth, and Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Board President. Mr. Uvaldo Herrera and Mr. Keith Davis were absent.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Robert Nielsen, Dr. Roger Kilpatrick, Mr. Barry Reilly and Mrs. Sally Tucker.

Ms. Linda Aschenbrener, Public Relations Facilitator, was also in attendance.

Present from the news media was Ms. Michelle Steinbacher, The Pantagraph.

Mrs. Jackson presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Hanson that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 28, 2004, and the Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on April 28, 2004 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Cindy Helmers, Bloomington High School (BHS) Principal introduced Dr. Steve Poznic, Bloomington Area Vocational Center (BAVC) Director, Mr. Michael Ripsch and Ms. Cathy Ponder of the BAVC. They introduced BHS/BAVC student, Reena Tandon. Reena recently competed in the SkillsUSA State Leadership competition and placed 2nd in the Job Interview category. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving vocational education students. The 1st place winner cannot attend, so Reena will be representing the State of Illinois at the group's national competition in Kansas City next month. Reena is a BHS student enrolled in the Criminal Justice and Law program at BAVC. Mrs. Jackson congratulated Reena and asked her, her parents and sponsors to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

BHS science teacher and Science Olympiad sponsor, Mrs. Mary Sutter, announced that the team recently finished 5th in the State. Jennifer and Janis Nix placed 1st in Experimental Design. Chris Kelly and Sawyer Campbell placed 2nd in the Bottle Rocket design. Jennifer Nix and Erin Jones placed 2nd in Qualitative Analysis. Jennifer Nix and Lindsey Titus placed 3rd in Science of Fitness. Chris Kelley and Sawyer Campbell placed 3rd in Storm the Castle. Team members also included: Drew Alfrey, Dustin Cain, Troy Earley, Anthony Filippini, Dustin Hill, Amruta Mate, Tabrez Mohammed, Jessica Nix, Chad Russell, Philip Shoaf and Max Weiss. Mrs. Jackson congratulated the team and Mrs. Sutter and asked them and any parents in attendance, to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

BHS science teacher and Scholastic Bowl sponsor, Ms. Deb Voorhees introduced members of the Junior Varsity (JV) and Varsity team. The JV team won Intercity and the Varsity team placed 2nd at Intercity, 1st at Regionals, and 2nd at Sectionals. JV team members included: Vikram Karandikar, Michael Lieder, Alexandr Paci, Jack Steinman, Peter Waldorf and Kristina Warren. Varsity members included: Tyler Apple, Shane Bohbrink, Ryan Clark, Sarah DeMeritt, Elizabeth Gros, Anthony Gardner, Michael Lieder, Vikram Karandikar, Bhavita Mandava, Josh O'Driscoll, Alexandr Paci, Jack Steinman, Reena Tandon, Peter Waldorf, Kristina Warren, Alex Whitworth and Katherine Wiley. Mrs. Jackson congratulated the teams and Ms. Voorhees and asked them and any parents in attendance, to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

Dr. Sue Silvey, BJHS Principal, introduced teacher Ms. Rhoby Hamblin, coach of the 8th grade girls' Volleyball team. The 14-member team finished the season with a

24-2 record and placed 3rd at the State Tournament. The team also won the Intercity and Lexington Tournaments. Team members present were: Hannah Maurer, Ashley Beyer, Paige Steffen and Katie Hynes. Mrs. Jackson congratulated the team and Ms. Hamblin and asked them and any parents in attendance, to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

Dr. Silvey introduced Coach Bryan Wolfe and members of the BJHS Wrestling squad. The team finished as the State Runner Up and earned their 3rd State trophy in a row. The team went 38-0 over the course of the regular season and currently have gone undefeated four straight years. This year's finishers include: Jacob Lehr 1st place at 126lb., Kenny Buchanan 2nd place at 126lb., Jacob Erdman 2nd at 65lb., Scott Miller 4th at 80lb., Marcus Johnson 4th at 112lb., and Tom Cole 6th at 70lb. Mrs. Jackson congratulated the team and Coach Wolfe and asked them and any parents in attendance, to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

Dr. Silvey introduced Ms. JoLynn Plato and Ms. Kim Hall, math teachers at BJHS. Ms. Plato and Ms. Hall recently received a \$10,000 Math SMART (Maximizing Achievement Through Home and School Mergings by Applying Research and Technology) grant from Toyota. The teachers developed a program designed to foster improved student achievement in mathematics through the incorporation of four components: an after school program, research based professional development for teachers, consistent parent outreach and the use of a SMART Board during instruction. Mrs. Jackson congratulated Ms. Plato and Ms. Hall and asked them to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

Mrs. Jackson announced that Dr. Nielsen received the *Van Miller Distinguished Practitioner-Scholar Award* from the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) and the University of Illinois' Department of Education Organizational Leadership. The award was created to honor someone who has made a significant, positive impact on public education in Illinois. Mrs. Jackson congratulated Dr. Nielsen on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Hanson reported he recently attended the McLean County Regional Planning Commission meeting where the 2004-2005 budget was presented.

Mr. Dirks reported he and Mr. Herrera met with members of the Citizens' Advisory Council's (CAC) leadership team regarding the group's mission. The final meeting will be on May 27.

Mrs. Jackson reported that she, Mrs. Roth, Mrs. Smith, and Dr. Nielsen attended the Cornbelt Conference Planning Meeting dinner last week, where we volunteered to host the Spring Governance dinner next year at BHS on March 8. Mrs. Jackson reported that she will be attending the Board of Directors' Meeting for the Illinois Association of School Boards this weekend in Springfield. The group has proposed to raise dues for next year and Mrs. Jackson stated that she will vote against the restructuring.

Mrs. Roth attended Sheridan School's "Freedom" musical celebration today and urged fellow Board members to attend the Thursday evening performance.

Dr. Nielsen presented a "First Reading" of the following Proposed Board Policies.

*The proposed policies include:*

- 5.010 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5.280 Educational Support Personnel

6.160 Bilingual Education  
7.015 Student and Family Privacy Rights  
7.100 Health Examination, Immunization, and Exclusion of Students - Mrs. Jackson stated that there is a typo in the second full paragraph, next to the last line, the word assistance should be assistant.

Dr. Nielsen stated these proposed policies will be posted on our website and they will be brought back at the next Board Meeting for a "Second Reading".

Dr. Kilpatrick presented the Amended Budget for 2003-2004. Dr. Kilpatrick explained that since we have sold \$20,000,000 in School Safety and Fire Prevention Bonds, and have started contracting for work to be done this fiscal year, we need to incorporate those revenues and expenditures within the Amended Budget. Also, we have received additional grant funds for supplies, equipment, and training primarily for technology that need to be incorporated within the budget.

The Amended Budget reflects a potential deficit of \$1,381,513 in the Education Fund, which is close to our original budgeted operating deficit last fall. Dr. Kilpatrick estimates that the final numbers will be even closer to our original budget after we allow for the tax amnesty funds. However, there are a number of uncertainties that remain for this year.

Dr. Nielsen presented a 2nd reading of the following Proposed Board Policies.

The proposed policies include:

2.100 Board Member Conflict of Interest  
2.105 Ethics and Gift Ban - Dr. Nielsen stated that this is a statutory requirement that all Boards and governmental bodies adopt this policy however the enforcement of it becomes an issue. There is no ability on the part of a school board to sanction its own members. Dr. Nielsen stated his interpretation of the policy is that it is trying to prevent any Board member from using school employees on school time to do campaigning, solicitation of funding, or anything of a political nature. If this would happen there would have to be an investigation. Several Board Members had issues with the policy and it will be put on hold until it is studied further and we are given direction by District attorneys.  
5.120 Ethics  
5.130 Limitations on Accepting Gift  
6.015 School Accountability  
6.145 Migrant Students  
6.170 Compensatory and Title I  
6.340 Student Testing and Assessment Program  
7.050 School Admission  
7.275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment - Dr. Nielsen stated we will have a three year old in our District next fall who will have a Do Not Resuscitate Order (DNR) on her. Mrs. Rebecca Francois, Special Education Director, reported that she attended a session at a recent conference entitled "Assisting the Medically Fragile Student Under the IDEA" where a legal framework of the responsibilities of schools in relation to DNR orders was presented. From a legal standpoint it appears that parents, in consultation with their physician, have a right to make a decisions to refuse medical treatment on behalf of their child and the school must honor that request. Mrs. Francois stated the following procedure to handle this situation was recommended:

- Review the order received by the school. Assure that it is very specific in what is prohibited i.e. cardiopulmonary resuscitation, intubation, defibrillation, cardiac medication. Delineate which prohibited actions a

school nurse can perform. These are the actions that will need to be addressed in the school response plan.

- Convene a Health Care Team - Parent, Physician (who wrote the order), Teacher, Nurse, and Administrator. If the physician is unable to attend the meeting, have the physician review and sign off on the procedures developed.
- Write a very specific health plan/protocol as to what would happen in the case of an event that would fall under the order. Define as clearly as possible what constitutes a health crisis that would be covered by the DNR.
- Provide training for staff to address the question - "How do we know this is an event covered under the DNR order?"

Mrs. Francois stated that what is required is that staff engage in a thoughtful process in developing and administering the policy. If staff is not comfortable that a medical crisis event is covered by the DNR, then CPR can be administered. If they were to proceed with life preservation measures for all medical crises they would not be considered to be acting in good faith.

Mrs. Francois recommended that any health plan developed in response to a DNR order be reviewed by the District attorney prior to implementation.

Mrs. Jackson presented the Consent Agenda for consideration. Mrs. Roth asked that the Bills be pulled and moved to Board Action D. It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hanson that the Consent Agenda (Personnel Report, Payroll, District Maintenance Vehicle Bid Recommendation, Bent School HVAC Bid Recommendation, Oakland School HVAC Bid Recommendation, Washington School HVAC Bid Recommendation, Custodial & Maintenance Supplies Bid Results Recommendation and O & M and Life Safety Building Permits) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 05-12-04/1)

Dr. Nielsen announced that 200 students are currently enrolled in the district's Summer School program and thanked Mrs. Vickie Slagell, Stevenson School Principal, and everyone involved with the program for their efforts.

Dr. Nielsen announced the BAVC Culinary Arts Cafe will be tomorrow from 11:00 until 12:45.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Roth that the Board approve the Amended Budget 2003-04 - Public Display and Notice of Hearing. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 05-12-04/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approve the Resolution of Support of the Coalition for School Funding Program. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 05-12-04/3)

It was moved by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approve the SHOR0304-2. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 05-12-04/4)

Mrs. Roth asked on page 7 of the larger packet of bills, what is the Child Support payment? Dr. Kilpatrick stated that it was a withholding from a paycheck of an employee. Mrs. Roth asked on page 11 what is the bus token payment? Mrs.

Francois stated that the payment is through a Homeless Grant. If we require those families to go somewhere and get records of their immunizations we provide those tokens for their transportation. If those families move outside of the District and it's difficult to arrange a school bus to pick them up, then on occasion the parents will ride on the city bus to school with the child because we need to maintain them in their school program.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board approve the Bills. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 05-12-04/5)

Mr. Jonathan Williams, a parent of a BJHS student, questioned the district's disciplinary policy as it relates to sexual harassment.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dirks that the Board go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of District 87, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Roth that the Board return to the Regular Meeting. Upon a roll call vote all members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary