

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 22, 2005

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: Mrs. Janet Smith, Mrs. Millicent Roth, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Mr. Keith Davis and Mr. John Dirks, Board President. Mr. Uvaldo Herrera and Mr. John Hanson were absent.

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

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

Present from the news media was Ms. Sharon Wolfe from The Pantagraph and Mr. Erik Stock, WJBC Radio Station.

Mr. Dirks stated that "At this time, the Board of Education is holding a Public Hearing on the Bloomington Public Schools' Amended Budget for 2005.

In accordance with Section 17-1 of the School Code the Board of Education prepared a Tentative Amended Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, and reviewed it at its May 11th meeting. The Amended Budget has been on file for public inspection at the School District's Educational Services Center for more than 30 days. Public Notice of the availability of the Amended Budget and this Public Hearing was published in *The Pantagraph* on May 13, 2005. The Amended Budget is on display on the table at the rear of the room tonight.

During the Public Hearing, the District's Chief Financial and Legal Officer, Mr. David Wood, will provide a brief summary of the Amended Budget; the Board will have the opportunity to discuss the Amended Budget; and members of the public will have the opportunity to discuss the Amended Budget.

Mr. Wood, will you briefly summarize the Amended Budget?"

Mr. Wood stated that the only changes since the last time we discussed the amended budget are:

- One change in the Education Fund revenue estimate to reflect the actual Corporate Personal Property Replacement tax receipts (\$278,224).
- Four changes in the Education Fund expenditure estimate to reflect increased spending in ERO (\$5,000), Workers Compensation (\$27,620), Technology Equipment (\$42,008), and Other Dues and Refunds (\$8,683).
- One change in the Fire Prevention and Safety Fund (Health Life Safety) revenue estimate to reflect additional interest (\$57,000) as well as one change in the expenditure estimate to reflect the progress in moving construction projects (\$1,000,000).
- One change in the Site and Construction Fund revenue estimate to reflect additional interest on the fund balance and from the investment of the Debt Certificate for the Construction Bonds (\$61,525). Three changes in

the expenditure estimate to reflect interest paid on the original Debt Certificate for the Construction Bonds (\$67,700), Professional Services (-\$100,000), and actual construction (-\$400,000). The latter two are due to the delay in the BJHS project.

Mr. Dirks asked "Is there any discussion from the Board?" There was no discussion from the Board.

Mr. Dirks asked "Is there any discussion from the public?" There was no discussion from the public.

Mr. Dirks stated "The Public Hearing is now concluded."

Mr. Dirks presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 21, 2005, the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 21, 2005, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 25, 2005 and the Minutes of the Closed Meeting held on May 25, 2005 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson reported that the Negotiations Committee met yesterday with the Bloomington Education Association (BEA) and that all sessions up to this point have gone well.

Mr. Dirks reported that the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Committee annual meeting was held in early June. A new District 87 Board member, Mr. David Beasley, was elected to a three year term. The officers will remain the same for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Roth reported that she has been asked to be a member of the Stars of Life Foundation, a not for profit organization that donates to charities, primarily to the charity of the education of children who have lost their parents in construction related accidents. The dance is July 14 and she will be representing District 87 and invited everyone to attend or support it financially.

Mr. Dirks stated that he, Dr. Nielsen and Mrs. Jackson met with Mr. Tim Welsh, representative from McKinsie Consulting, the company who is helping District 87 with the Achievement Gap Task Force. He reported on the 28 interviews that McKinsie has conducted with community and business leaders discussing the issue and gathering information.

Dr. Nielsen stated that we are making progress on the Achievement Gap issues, but it is slower than we had first projected. We will have a meeting on this group in September.

Dr. Nielsen stated that the School Improvement Day Waiver Renewal came out of an agreement with the negotiations with the BEA asks the State to significantly change the structure of how we conduct Parent/Teacher conferences. He stated that we have to have a Special Meeting of the Board, which has been scheduled for August 15, 2005 to have this approved. This will be a Public Hearing where we will solicit input from the Committee on this waiver, as well as, a School Improvement Waiver extension. After the

15th we will submit these to the Illinois State Board of Education who will then submit them to the General Assembly who will act on it in November.

Mr. Wood stated that The AVC/RVS Tentative Budget 2005-06 was prepared by Dr. Steve Poznic before he left the District. Mr. Wood stated that Mr. Tom Frazier, the Bloomington Area Vocational Center (BAVC) Director effective July 1, 2005, and I will have conversations about these. I think they are self-explanatory.

Mr. Davis asked what the projected enrollment at the BAVC is for the 2005-06 school year.

Mr. Reilly stated that it is up slightly over last year.

Mr. Dirks presented the Consent Agenda for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Davis, that the Consent Agenda (Personnel Report, Bills, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Resolution: Review of Minutes of Closed Executive Sessions, Bread Bid for 2005-06 School Year, Payment of Bills, May 2005-August 2005, and Resolution: Intervention in 2004 Appeals to the Property Tax Appeal Board) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 6-22-05/1)

Dr. Nielsen reminded the Board of the Triple I Conference and asked them if they are planning to attend the Conference to please tell Ms. Clancy.

Dr. Nielsen also told the media that our next Board Meeting will be on July 13, 2005 at the Bloomington Junior High School and we expect to have the Board approve the specs for the new BJHS addition followed by a groundbreaking ceremony. The bid opening for this project will be next Thursday.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Roth that the Board approve the Resolution: Board Policies - 5.035 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act (NEW); 5.200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5.270 Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment; 5.280 Educational Support Personnel; 5.290 Employment Termination and Suspensions (NEW); 6.300 Graduation Requirements; 7.060 Residence; 7.070 Attendance and Truancy; 8.030 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 6-22-05/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board approve the SHOR 0405-4. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 6-22-05/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mrs. Jackson that the Board approve the Amended 2005 Budget. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 6-22-05/4)

It was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board go into Closed Session for the purpose of considering 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; and to consider collective negotiating

matters between the district and the Bloomington Education Association (BEA), or deliberations concerning salary scheduled for one or more classes of employees; and to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Dirks adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary