

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 9, 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: Mrs. Janet Smith, Board President, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Mrs. Millicent Roth, Mr. Michael Harrison, Mr. Joe Butcher, Dr. Steven Perry and Mr. John Dirks.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Jackson that the Regular Meeting adjourn sine die. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 9, 2008 6:34 P.M. Educational Services Center

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mrs. Janet Smith, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Mrs. Millicent Roth, Mr. Michael Harrison, Mr. Joe Butcher, Dr. Steven Perry, and Mr. John Dirks.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Perry that Mrs. Smith be appointed Temporary Chairman. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Dr. Perry that Ms. Gleason be appointed Temporary Secretary. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that Mrs. Jackson be elected President of the Board of Education for a one-year term. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mrs. Roth, that Mr. Dirks be elected Vice-President of the Board of Education for a one-year term. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that Mr. Wood be appointed Treasurer of the Board of Education. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ad Hoc committee assignments were tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Board approve the Calendar of Regular Board Meetings from April 23, 2008, through

April 22, 2009. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Perry that the Board approve all existing contracts and current Board of Education policies. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Jackson took her seat as President.

Mrs. Jackson stated that we are proud of Mrs. Smith's leadership throughout her tenure as President and thanked her for her participation in various events throughout the District. She presented a personalized gavel to Mrs. Smith.

Mrs. Jackson stated that we would have a Public Hearing for the Construction Bonds. She stated that, "In accordance with Section 105 ILCS 5/17-2.11 of the Illinois School Code, the Board of Education will now hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the proposed issuance of \$2,000,000 of Construction Bonds for the Bloomington Public Schools, District 87.

Public notice of the proposed issuance and this public hearing was published in The Pantagraph on April 1, 2008.

The District proposes to issue bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the District consisting of Limited Tax General Obligation Debt Certificates, Series 2008.

When all discussion has concluded, the public hearing will be adjourned.

Is there any discussion from the Board?

Is there any discussion from the public?

The Public Hearing is now concluded."

Mrs. Jackson presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 12, 2008, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Sue Silvey, BJHS Principal, introduced the BJHS Wrestling Team and Coach Jeremy Mozier. The wrestling team placed 1st in the IESA State Meet. Coach Mozier introduced the team members, and parents praised Coach Mozier's dedication to the wrestling program. Mrs. Jackson, on behalf of the Board, applauded their efforts and asked the team members and their parents to come forward and receive personal appreciation from Members of the Board.

Dr. Silvey introduced the BJHS 7th Grade Volleyball Team and Coaches Wait and Block. The volleyball team placed 1st in the IESA 7th Grade State Tournament. Mr. Block introduced the team members, and parents praised both coaches' dedication to the volleyball program. Mrs. Jackson, on behalf of the

Board, applauded their efforts and asked the team members and their parents to come forward and receive personal appreciation from members of the Board.

Mr. Dirks stated that the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation recently met to consider the 62 grant application requests from District 87 and 51 grant applications from Unit 5. Recommendations will be made to the Foundation, and final approvals will be forthcoming. Mr. Dirks attended the Achievement Gap Task Force's quarterly meeting on May 31, 2008. He stated that there may be possible additional funding available. Mr. Dirks attended the Band Extravaganza at BHS on April 8th. All six bands from BJHS and BHS performed; it was a very entertaining evening. Mr. Dirks also attended the Pre-Calculus class at BHS on April 9th and observed students studying and how to increase their performance on the Prairie State Achievement Exam given later this month.

Mr. Harrison - No report.

Mrs. Smith - No report.

Dr. Perry attended the Band Extravaganza at BHS and commented on the progression of band members through the grade levels. Dr. Perry visited the Bloomington Public Library to see the artwork of the students in our district. He encouraged others to attend.

Mrs. Roth - No report.

Mr. Butcher - No report.

Mrs. Jackson stated that the IASB Corn Belt Division Governing Board Committee Meeting will be held at McDonalds in Fairbury on May 13, 2008. This meeting provides an opportunity to meet with other Board members from other districts.

Dr. Nielsen presented Board Policy 2.156 (Citizens Advisory Council) for first reading.

Mr. David Wood presented information regarding the newly created Bloomington Public Schools District 87 Foundation. Outside individuals who are interested in making donations to the district will do so through the Foundation which has been modeled after a number of other school district foundations. The articles of incorporation were filed with the State in August 2007. Bylaws will be considered at the next Board meeting. We will make application for non-profit status once the Bylaws are approved. Bylaws allow the Foundation Board to consist of not less than three and not more than seven members. The proposed resolution creates the entire Board of Education as the Foundation Board as well. Bylaws require the Board to meet once a year. The proposed Foundation Board of Directors Resolution establishes the following Foundation Officers: President - Cheryl Jackson; Secretary - Wilma Gleason; Treasurer - David Wood. The Foundation Board must adopt an Investment Policy and Investment Committee. The proposed Foundation Board establishes a Policy and Committee similar to those of the Judge Scott Trust. The current Judge Scott Investment Committee is composed of Janet Smith, Steve Perry, Fred Drake and Jim Waldorf. Most donations will be for college scholarships. At the April 23rd meeting, The Board will approve the Resolution adopting Bylaws and Board members. The Foundation Board will then convene.

Mr. Tim Moore, BHS Principal, & Mr. Kirk Veitengruber, BHS Associate Principal, presented 2008-09 BHS Textbook Adoptions. These textbooks are a combination of both new and replacement textbooks. The textbook total is \$58,382.63.

Dr. Nielsen presented a letter from the Illinois State Board of Education recognizing District 87's Financial Recognition. This denotes District 87 in the highest category of financial achievement based upon the 2007 fiscal year financial statements and the 2008 School District Financial Profile. Mr. Dirks thanked the Administration and staff for bringing good recommendations and making sure we stay on budget.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, ROE Applications for Building Permits, and Group Medical Insurance Rates for 2008-09) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Nielsen stated that Oakland Elementary School is hosting their Health Fair on Thursday, April 10th, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. BHS is hosting "Barrage", a strings performance next Tuesday, April 15th, in the BHS auditorium. Tickets are \$15 per family and \$10 for individuals. Dr. Nielsen encouraged attendance at this concert.

It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the 2008-09 School Improvement Plans be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Dr. Perry, that the 2008-09 elementary Language Arts Materials be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the BJHS Social Studies Materials for 2008-09 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Roth, that SHOR Report 07-08-03 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mrs. Smith that SHOR Report 07-08-04 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Dr. Perry that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of 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; and 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.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary