

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 9, 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. Cheryl Jackson, Mr. John Hanson, Mrs. Millicent Roth, Mr. Keith Davis and Mr. Uvaldo Herrera, Vice-President. Mr. John Dirks, Board President, was absent.

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

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

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

Mr. Herrera presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hanson, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 2005 and the Minutes of the Closed Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 2005 be approved. Upon a roll call vote all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Cindy Helmers, Bloomington High School (BHS) Principal, introduced members of the Youth Impact Street Outreach Program: Mr. Greg Patton, Mr. Mike Harrison, Mr. Mike Donnelly, Ms. Adrenna Regan and Mr. Theo Eddins. This program is funded by the Bloomington and Normal police departments. Those involved work with students that meet their "at-risk" criteria. The program has been in existence for 10 years.

Mr. Patton thanked Mrs. Helmers for the opportunity to work in the school system with the students with the intentions of having some positive impact on their lives.

Mrs. Helmers thanked the group for the wonderful job that they are doing.

Mr. Herrera thanked the group for coming to the Board Meeting and sharing information about the work they are doing for the District and the Community. He asked them to come forward and let the Board personally thank them for their commitment and the work they are doing.

Mr. Hanson reported he attended the McLean County Regional Planning Commission meeting. As an advisory committee, the Commission voted to recommend the change in the connecting route on the east side of Bloomington. He stated that it will probably impact a lost less people and fewer communities that were in question previously.

Mrs. Roth reported that the Advertising and Marketing Sub-Committee for the Sesquicentennial Committee will meet tomorrow.

Mrs. Roth stated she received the feedback on the Back to School Party that she participated in this past August from the University of Illinois Extension. At this party volunteers are asked to pass out school supplies that have been collected to students. The only criteria for a student to be

eligible is that the student must be enrolled in a local school. There were 132 children served out of District 87, 198 from Unit 5 and 144 where the school district was unknown. Mrs. Roth stated that she was pleased that so many students were serviced through this program.

Dr. Nielsen asked that Item F on the Consent Agenda, BHS Baseball Field Fence Bid Recommendation, be moved to Item F under Board Action.

It was moved by Mr. Hanson, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that the Consent Agenda (Personnel Report, Bills, Payroll, Audit, Second Cycle Bill Payments-November and December, 2005, District's Passenger Van Bid Recommendation, District Maintenance Vehicle Bid Recommendation, and Food Service Agreement: Bloomington Public Schools and Regional Office of Education) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/1)

Dr. Nielsen stated that the work being done on Bloomington Junior High School is running ahead of schedule and is coming together very nicely.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Hanson that the Curricular Changes at BHS for 2006-07 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Roth that the HMO Premiums 80/20 rates, Option 2, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Roth and Mr. Herrera, voted "Aye". Mrs. Smith, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Davis voted "Nay". Motion fails.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Hanson that the HMO Premiums 70/30, Option 1, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Davis that the Resolution: Amendment to the Bloomington Public Schools Flexible Spending Plan be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/4)

It was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Jackson that the SHOR 05-06-3 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/5)

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Hanson that the Letter of Remedial Warning be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/6)

Dr. Nielsen stated that in the Board Packet there is a bid recommendation for a vinyl chain link fence for the new baseball field. He stated that with further information our final recommendation is not to accept that bid but to accept the lower bid of the galvanized chain link fence which will save us several thousand dollars.

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It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Roth that the BHS Baseball Field Fence Bid Recommendation for the galvanized chain link fence be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 11-9-05/7)

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Roth 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. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary