

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 24, 2007 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 (arrived at 6:40 p.m.), Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Dr. Steve Perry, and Mrs. Janet Smith.

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

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

Mrs. Smith presented the Minutes for approval and stated that she had read and verified that the minutes of the Closed Executive Session on October 16, 2007, were correct. It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 10, 2007, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 16, 2007, and the Minutes of the Closed Executive Session on October 16, 2007, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Dr. Nielsen stated that there will be a closed session for the purpose of discussing building security.

Mr. Dirks reported that he attended a Beyond the Books Foundation meeting. The foundation is trying to reach a goal of \$1,000,000 by 2010 which benefits District 87 and Unit 5 Schools.

Mrs. Jackson informed the Board that she and Mr. Harrison attended a meeting of the Insurance Committee on October 24, 2007, and that information was presented and discussed. The relative age of the participants in the program were discussed and how that affects the wellness benefits currently offered under the insurance program. She further stated that Mr. Reilly will be conducting research for the next meeting.

Dr. Perry informed Board members that they would be receiving an invitation from Dr. Perry and Illinois State University to attend a reception at the State Board Convention next month in Chicago. A reply is requested. Dr. Bowman from ISU and other dignitaries will be in attendance.

Mr. Dirks attended the high school band competition at ISU on October 20, 2007, and reported that the BHS marching band did a great job.

Dr. Nielsen presented the following Board of Education Policies for Second Reading: 7.011 (Student Transfers).

Ms. Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz & Associates, reported on the District 87 Audit for 2006-07. In summary:

Total cash received: \$52,901,314, up \$4,215,394 over 2006
Total cash expenditures: \$47,933,174, up \$2,461,237 over 2006
Excess cash revenue received: \$4,968,140, up \$1,754,157 over 2006

Sources of Operating Revenues:

Real Estate Taxes -	59%
Federal & Flow Through -	9%
General State Aid -	8%
Other Local Sources -	16%
Other State Sources -	8%

Total Operating Funds: \$47,933,174

Ms. Ramsey stated the audit went very well. District 87 has a good administration and staff. She stated there is very good internal control. She also congratulated the Board for exhibiting concerns that make things go forward.

Ms. Ramsey said the opinion on the Audit Report is an unqualified opinion under the regulatory basis of accounting. It is adverse under the general accepted accounting principal because we do not have the GASB 34 reporting in it. Under the regulatory basis, from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE), the District has an unqualified report which is the best report the District can have.

Mrs. Smith thanked Ms. Ramsey for her report and stated the Board appreciates the hard work that Mr. Wood and Mrs. Beverly Keller, Director of Accounting, do.

Mr. Reilly and Ms. Cindy Helmers presented the Fall Housing Report ([See Fall Housing Report](#)) which included current enrollments as of 9/30/07. In summary:

- Total enrollment this fall is 5,437 students.
- Current enrollment at the elementary level is 2,460 students; BJHS enrolls 1,191 students and BHS enrolls 1,550 students.
- Bent School currently enrolls 374 students.
- Irving School currently enrolls 356 students.
- Oakland School currently enrolls 482 students.
- Sheridan School currently enrolls 409 students.
- Stevenson School currently enrolls 462 students.
- Washington School currently enrolls 377 students.

Mrs. Helmers presented the district's economic status and ethnicity as of 9/30/07. In summary:

- Free/reduced students have increased to 49% for 2007.
 - BHS has 40% free/reduced students.
 - BJHS has 50% free/reduced students.
 - Bent School has 67% free/reduced students.
 - Irving School has 73% free/reduced students.
 - Oakland School has 25% free/reduced students.
 - Sheridan School has 79% free/reduced students.
 - Stevenson School has 47% free/reduced students.
 - Washington School has 19% free/reduced students.
 - Sarah Raymond has 76% free/reduced students.

▪ Ethnicity numbers are as follows:

- District
 - White - 58%
 - Black - 23%
 - Hispanic - 9%
 - Asian - 4%
 - Multiracial - 7%
- BHS
 - White - 65%
 - Black - 23%
 - Hispanic - 6%
 - Asian - 2%
 - Multiracial - 4%
- BJHS
 - White - 60%
 - Black - 23%
 - Hispanic - 8%
 - Asian - 2%
 - Multiracial - 7%
- Bent
 - White - 44%
 - Black - 16%
 - Hispanic - 40%
 - Asian - 1%
 - Multiracial - 10%
- Irving
 - White - 45%
 - Black - 37%
 - Hispanic - 9%
 - Asian - 1%
 - Multiracial - 7%
- Oakland
 - White - 67%
 - Black - 8%
 - Hispanic - 5%
 - Asian - 15%
 - Multiracial - 5%
- Sheridan
 - White - 36%
 - Black - 47%
 - Hispanic - 8%
 - Asian - -1%
 - Multiracial - 9%
- Stevenson
 - White - 55%
 - Black - 24%
 - Hispanic - 4%
 - Asian - 9%
 - Multiracial - 9%
- Washington
 - White - 79%
 - Black - 7%
 - Hispanic - 3%
 - Asian - 6%
 - Multiracial - 4%
- Raymond
 - White - 33%
 - Black - 28%
 - Hispanic - 16%
 - Asian - 5%
 - Multiracial - 17%

Mr. Colin Manahan presented the district's Five-Year Maintenance Plan. The presentation included New Health/Life Safety Amendments and 2008 Summer Construction Projects (See [New Health/Life Safety Amendments & 2008 Summer Construction Projects](#)). New Health/Life Safety Amendments included \$8,245,200 for the following:

- Bent School - \$150,000 to structurally repair the east exterior wall.
- Irving School - \$312,000 to replace the existing roof.
- Oakland School - \$528,000 to replace the existing roof.
- Stevenson School - \$960,000 to replace the existing roof and boiler.
- Washington School - \$1,020,000 to replace the existing boiler and associated steam piping.
- BHS - \$5,275,200 to replace asbestos floor tile, lighting and suspended ceilings in the upper and lower purple wing classrooms and corridors, art rooms, cafeteria and kitchen, the north and south band corridors, media center and guidance offices, and the AVC classrooms and corridors; replace all classroom, corridor, restroom and office interior doors, replace bathroom plumbing fixtures throughout the building, repair and/or replace exterior doors, replace athletic field bleachers, replace athletic field fencing, replace the heat exchangers in the boiler room.

2008 Summer Construction Projects included the following:

- Bent - Structural repair of east wall; replace damaged brick walls by stairs; replace office carpeting; new first floor east end classroom; widen existing cafeteria serving window; power wash south front of building.
- Irving - Renovate classrooms 106, 107, 108, nurse's office, and office conference room (paint, new lights and new ceilings); replace ceiling and lights in first floor northeast kindergarten hall; replace boiler room exterior door; paint first floor boys and girls restrooms; paint strip around first floor hall; replace carpet in principal's office.
- Oakland - Repair/replace exterior siding final phase; replace roof.
- Raymond - Repair parking lot drive.
- Sheridan - Reconstruct north playground, south main entrance and south playground; replace playground fencing; landscaping; renovate second floor hallway (paint, new ceilings and lights); replace first floor old hallway carpeting; new lights and paint.
- Stevenson - Renovate rooms 108, 109, 110, 131, 132, 133 and 134 (paint and new ceilings, reuse existing lights); new cabinetry and sinks in rooms 132 and 134; replace north hall floor tile; replace classroom temperature controls phase one; renovate office complex (paint, new ceilings and lights).
- Washington - Renovate cafeteria (new ceilings and lights).
- BJHS - Replace classroom temperature controls; carpet replacement; reconstruct doorways for camera access.
- BHS - Renovate classrooms 200 through 213 to include new vinyl flooring; new cabinetry; painting of walls; new marker boards; and new ceiling mounted projection units; renovate two upper and two lower gold restrooms to include new ceramic tile for floor and walls; new ceilings and lights; and new plumbing fixtures;

add new mens' and womens' restrooms in the old AVC offices; renovate upper purple wing corridors to include new ceilings and lights, painting of all walls, new vinyl flooring, and new doors; renovate the band corridors to include new ceilings and lights, painting of all walls, new vinyl flooring and new doors; replace all classroom and office interior doors with new doors similar to the new doors in the student center; finish landscaping the southeast and southwest detention areas; replace athletic field bleachers; replace athletic field fence; rebuild athletic field concessions and bathrooms; rebuild athletic field entrance; replace the boiler room heat exchangers.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Consent Agenda (Human Resource Report, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, New Health/Life Safety Amendments, Applications for Occupancy Permits, Chestnut Health Systems and District 87 Public Schools Agreement, and List of Board and Superintendent Appointees) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Dr. Nielsen stated that Mr. Dirks and Mrs. Smith will be attending a meeting on November 14th at 4:00 p.m. at Sheridan to discuss site mapping of the building and also be convening at some point to talk about the proposed projects at the high school. Parent/teacher conferences are occurring this week, and Dr. Nielsen encouraged parents/guardians to meet with their child's teacher.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Audit Resolution be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all members voted "Aye." Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Dirks, to 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 security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff or public property. 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