

MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 12, 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.

1.0 Pledge of Allegiance

Board President Mrs. Janet Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Smith asked for a motion to appoint Mr. Reilly as Secretary Pro Tem. It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that Mr. Reilly be appointed as Secretary Pro Tem. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted “Aye”. Motion Carried.

2.0 Roll Call

Board members present: Mr. Joseph Butcher, Mr. John Dirks, Mr. Mike Harrison, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Dr. Steve Perry, Mrs. Millicent Roth, and Mrs. Janet Smith.

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

Present from the media was Sharon Wolfe, The Pantagraph.

3.0 Approval of the Minutes

Mrs. Smith stated that no minutes were available for tonight’s meeting from August 22, 2007. The minutes from that meeting will be presented at the September 26, 2007 Regular Board of Education meeting.

4.0 Recognition

Dr. Nielsen introduced Sandra Holt, Dan Leifel, and Paula Leifel from the Sesquicentennial Committee. Sandra, Dan, and Paula presented each Board Member and Dr. Nielsen with the new hardcover Sesquicentennial book. Sandra, Dan, and Paula signed each book.

Dan thanked Sandra, Paula, the Board, Dr. Nielsen, and Linda Aschenbrener for their work on the sesquicentennial planning.

Dr. Nielsen and members of the Board thanked Sandra, Dan, and Paula for their work on the book and complimented them on the results.

5.0 Call for Closed Session

Mrs. Smith stated there would be no call for closed session this evening.

6.0 Board Committee Assignments/Reports

Mrs. Jackson announced that there would be a Corn Belt Division meeting on Tuesday October 9, 2007 in Streator.

Mr. Butcher discussed the information from the Regional Planning Commission meeting including property tax relief from the Agency on Aging.

7.0 Special Business Schedule with the Superintendent or Secretary at Least 24 Hours before the Meeting

Dr. Nielsen announced that there was no special business scheduled.

8.0 Communications and Information

Mr. Butcher commended Mrs. Danel Harr, Principal at Raymond School, and Mr. Jeff Lockenvitz, Principal at Washington School, for their efforts in helping the children and family who recently experienced a fire that destroyed their home and many personal belongings. Mr. Butcher was impressed that Mrs. Harr and Mr. Lockenvitz personally escorted the students home to make sure they were safe.

Mrs. Roth thanked the Pantagraph for allowing ads at a great discount for the Sesquicentennial celebration. She also mentioned that our local politicians as well as the Governor have provided proclamations and resolutions regarding the District 87 Sesquicentennial celebration.

Dr. Perry announced that Bent School would be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground on Friday.

Mr. Dirks reported that the BHS Booster Club Steak Fry was another success and a well attended event.

Mrs. Jackson attended a leadership conference that reminded her of the importance of trust and open communication. She appreciated that Dr. Nielsen operates this way with the Board members.

9.0 Administrative Reports

A. Budget Information Update – Mr. Wood

Mr. Wood presented an updated budget. Mr. Wood has planned for a balanced budget for the 2007-08 school year in the operating funds. Adjustments were made from the previous Board meeting due to additional information. Mr. Wood announced that the budget implementation bill has not passed. He further indicated that several funds (GSA, ADA, and Personnel) depend on the budget implementation bill.

B. Sesquicentennial Schedule of Events – Dr. Nielsen

Dr. Nielsen announced the following schedule of events for the Sesquicentennial celebration:

Friday, September 14, 2007 – Sesquicentennial Book Event at Central Station.

Monday, September 17, 2007 – Homecoming week begins and the Academic Monogram program will be held at BHS.

Thursday, September 20, 2007 – Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held at BHS. Over 200 are expected to attend. We will unveil the display of plaques for those inducted in the Hall of Fame.

Friday, September 21, 2007 – Homecoming football game and tailgate at BHS.

Sunday, September 23, 2007 – Sesquicentennial Parade – Dr. Nielsen announced that there are over 1,000 participants expected. The parade will start at 2:00 p.m. at Oakland school but everyone should park at BHS and ride the shuttle bus to Oakland. The shuttles begin at 12:45 p.m. The parade will end at BHS on the football field or in the North Gym if the weather is poor.

Dr. Nielsen commended the Sesquicentennial Committee for all of the work they have put in over the two years of planning for the events.

10.0 Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Consent Agenda (Human Resource Report, Bills, Payroll, Recognition of Schools Application, and Treasurer's Report) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried.

11.0 Superintendent's Report

Dr. Nielsen indicated there would be no report.

12.0 Board Action

There was no Board Action taken.

13.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

14.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Approved:

Attest:

President

Secretary