

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 10, 2010

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. Joe Butcher, Mr. Michael Harrison, Dr. Steve Perry, Ms. Judith Webster, Mrs. Mary Yount, Mrs. Millicent Roth, and Mr. John Dirks, Board President.

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

Mr. Dirks presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Dr. Perry, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on February 24, 2010, be approved. Mrs. Yount asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that tuition is not charged for the extended school year. She also asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that the transition program is not a pilot program. Mr. Dirks asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that on page 2 in the last paragraph, the minutes be changed to reflect that Mrs. Roth asked if the program is for retention of students (not retainment). He also asked that the minutes be changed to reflect that on page 3, Dr. Hill stated that when students have to pay for summer school, far fewer students ended up attending summer school (instead of needing summer school). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present except Mr. Butcher voted "Aye." Mr. Butcher abstained. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Harrison, seconded by Ms. Webster that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on February 24, 2010 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present except Mr. Butcher voted "Aye." Mr. Butcher abstained. Motion carried.

Mr. Butcher - No report.

Ms. Webster attended the Illinois State Scholar dinner held on March 1st at Bloomington High School. She also attended the Illinois Association of School Board's Corn Belt dinner and meeting at Olympia North Elementary School in Danvers on March 4th. Ms. Webster attended the state dance team association's state finals held at Bloomington Jr. High School on March 6th and commented that this event was well run and organized, and a student from BJHS sang the National Anthem beautifully.

Mrs. Roth stated that renovations are underway at BHS' football field and track. Mrs. Roth also attended the Illinois State Scholar dinner.

Mrs. Yount attended the Illinois State Scholar dinner as well as the Illinois Association of School Board's and Corn Belt dinner and meeting. She attended the breakout session on student discipline.

Mr. Harrison - No report.

Dr. Perry attended the musical, "Annie" recently at Bloomington Jr. High School and commented that this was a well done performance. Dr. Perry

has been appointed to the Education Committee of the Executive Committee of the McLean County Republican Party.

Mr. Dirks attended the Illinois State Scholar dinner as well as the Illinois Association of School Board's Corn Belt dinner and meeting. He also attended the breakout session on student discipline. Mr. Dirks was pleased to hear the speaker validate a number of student discipline practices currently in use in District 87. Mr. Dirks attended the IMEA music contest at BHS on March 6th.

Dr. Nielsen presented Board Policy 2.250 (Access to District Public Records) for 2nd reading.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Mrs. Yount that the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, District Renovations Bid Recommendation) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 03-10-10/1)

Dr. Nielsen reminded the Board of the following upcoming events:

1. "Thoroughly Modern Millie", BHS' spring musical will be held Thursday - Saturday, March 11-13, 2010, at 7:30 pm each evening. Mrs. Susan Cortesi does a phenomenal job with the productions at BHS.
2. Spring Break is March 22-26, 2010.
3. The next Board meeting is April 14, 2010.

It was moved by Mr. Butcher, seconded by Ms. Webster, that the Reduction in Force be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 03-10-10/2)

It was moved by Dr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Webster, that the 2010 Summer School proposal be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 03-10-10/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that the Board go into Closed Session for the purposes of considering 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; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary