

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 25, 2006

6:30 P.M.

Bloomington Junior High School

The Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87, McLean County, Illinois, met in Regular Session.

Mrs. Janet Smith, Board President, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mr. Joseph Butcher, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Mr. John Dirks, Mr. Keith Davis, Mr. Michael Harrison and Mrs. Millicent Roth.

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

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

Present from the news media was Mr. Greg Cima, The Pantagraph and Mr. Eric Stock, WJBC Radio.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that Mr. Reilly be appointed Secretary Pro Tem. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Ed Brady, Bloomington Junior High School (BJHS) Cross Country Team Coach, introduced members of the BJHS Cross Country Team who placed 4th in the State this year.

Mrs. Smith congratulated Mr. Brady and the team members and asked them and any parents present to come forward and receive personal congratulations from the Board.

Ms. Debbie Aurelius-Muir, BJHS Vocal Music Instructor, introduced the BJHS Show Choir, who performed a song which thanked the Board for the new addition to BJHS.

Mrs. Jackson stated that Mrs. Roth is the District 87 Board Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) at the Annual Conference in November.

Mr. Butcher stated that he attended the Area Vocational Center (AVC)/Regional Vocational System (RVS) Board Meeting recently.

Mrs. Roth and Mr. Harrison stated they were impressed with the BJHS students at the Ambassadors' Breakfasts last week.

Mr. Dirks echoed the comments about the BJHS students at the Ambassadors' Breakfasts. He also had positive comments about the Smart Boards in the new classrooms.

Mr. Dirks stated he attended the Academic Achievement Banquet at BHS recently and was very impressed with the BHS students and their accomplishments.

Dr. Nielsen presented the following Board of Education Policies for Second Reading: 4.060, Purchases and Contracts; 4.170, Safety Program; 5.090, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5.100, Staff Development Program; 5.186, Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity.

There were no comments or changes suggested by the Board concerning these policies.

Dr. Nielsen recognized and shared his appreciation for those who helped in the completion of the BJHS addition.

Dr. Nielsen reviewed the history of how the project of the BJHS addition came about. He mentioned Mr. Jeff Solberg and the Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) Facilities Sub-Committee which made the recommendation to refinance the District debt to provide funding for the addition.

Dr. Nielsen also recognized Ms. Mary Current and Mr. Stan Geison, also on the CAC Sub-Committee who were instrumental in helping to get the project approved.

Mr. Geison thanked the administration and the Board for their commitment to building the addition. He also recognized Mr. Solberg who was unable to attend this evening.

Dr. Nielsen stated that Mr. Colin Manahan, Director of Facilities Management, has overseen the building of the addition along with Mr. Jay Smithson, Maintenance Supervisor. Dr. Nielsen commended the two for their work on the project.

Dr. Nielsen thanked Dr. Susan Silvey, BJHS Principal, the BJHS administration and staff for their patience and attitude during the construction.

Dr. Nielsen thanked Mayor Steve Stockton and State Representative Dan Brady for attending the Board Meeting tonight.

Mayor Stockton recognized the Board, tax payers and the administration for their work on the addition.

Representative Brady congratulated and recognized the Board for doing this project without State assistance.

Dr. Nielsen recognized Fanning Howey for their work and their commitment to keeping the students and staff in mind while completing the project.

Mr. Bill Payne, Fanning Howey, introduced Mr. Rob Kemp from BBA Engineering and Mr. Gary Alexander, Fanning Howey, who assisted in the completion of the project.

Mr. Payne recognized Johnston Construction who finished the project two months ahead of schedule.

Mr. Payne thanked the Board, Mr. Manahan, Dr. Silvey and her staff for their assistance in helping to complete the project.

Mr. Payne presented a plaque to Mrs. Smith dedicating the new addition.

Dr. Nielsen recognized Mr. Bill Johnston, Johnston Contractors, who in turn introduced his team: Mr. Colin Logue, Mr. Eric England, and Mr. Dale Kelly.

Dr. Nielsen recognized Mr. Rob Kemp from BBA Engineering and Mr. Davie Leonatti, from Melotte-Morse-Leonatti.

Dr. Nielsen described the dedication plaques that will go up at BJHS.

Mr. Dirks commended the architects and companies for meeting the time line.

Mrs. Smith thanked all involved with the addition for their work.

Mrs. Smith presented the Consent Agenda for Approval. It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Dirks, that the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary and the Bid Recommendation for Southeast Practice Field) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 10-25-06/1)

Mrs. Smith presented the Resolution: Amending Board of Education Policies Manual: 2.030, School Board Elections; 2.040, School Board Membership; 2.200, Regular Meetings; 2.202, Closed Meetings; 2.210, Organizational School Board Meetings; 2.224, Minutes: Regular, Special, Adjourned, Emergency, Closed; 4.010, Fiscal and Business Management; 4.150, Facility Management and Building Programs for consideration.

Mr. Davis asked that Board Policy 2.030, School Board Elections, be moved to Board Action Item C.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that Resolution: Amending the Board of Education Policies Manual: 2.040, School Board Membership; 2.200, Regular Meetings; 2.202, Closed Meetings; 2.210, Organizational School Board Meetings; 2.224, Minutes: Regular, Special, Adjourned, Emergency, Closed; 4.010, Fiscal and Business Management; 4.150, Facility Management and Building Programs be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 10-25-06/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Dirks, that the Agreement with U.S. Cellular Coliseum be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Dirks, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Smith voted "Aye". Mr. Davis voted "Nay". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 10-25-06/3)

Mr. Davis expressed concern for Board Policy, 2.030 School Board Elections, in that it is poorly worded.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Harrison, that Board Policy 2.030 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Roth, Mr. Dirks, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Smith voted "Aye". Mr. Davis voted "Nay". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 10-25-06/4)

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary Pro Tem