

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 12, 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, Mr. John Dirks, Mr. Uvaldo Herrera, Mr. John Hanson and Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Board President. Mrs. Millicent Roth and Mr. Keith Davis were absent.

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

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

Present from the news media was Ms. Sharon Wolfe, The Pantagraph and Ms. Jayme Monicelli from WJBC Radio Station.

Mrs. Roth joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Mrs. Jackson presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mr. Dirks, seconded by Mrs. Smith, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 8, 2004 be approved. Mrs. Jackson stated that on page 5, in the third paragraph, line 5, food should be changed to foot.

Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Nielsen introduced six teachers who recently achieved National Board Certification. This is the most rigorous, self-reflective process that an educator can go through. It takes several months and several hundred hours to complete. District 87 currently has 15 National Board Certified Teachers, which ranks 7th in the State. Recognized at the meeting were: Ms. Amanda White - 4th grade teacher at Stevenson; Mr. Doug Fillmore - 6th grade teacher at Bloomington Junior High School (BJHS); Mr. Bill Wetzell - 8th grade at BJHS; Mr. Matt Willey - P.E. at BJHS; Mr. Mike Gebhard - Science at Bloomington High School (BHS) and Ms. Nancy Powell - Math at BHS.

Mrs. Jackson congratulated the group on their achievements and asked them to come forward and receive congratulations from the Board.

Mr. Hanson noted that the McLean County Regional Planning Commission will not meet in January.

Mr. Dirks reported that the Beyond the Books Educational Foundation Board is currently planning publicity projects.

Mr. Bill Payne, from Fanning/Howey Associates, Inc. provided the final report on the proposed building addition options for BJHS.

The classrooms are proposed to be added to the southeast corner of the current building (near the softball field) and will consist of two stories.

Option 1:

10 classrooms 15,400 square feet (\$2,235,156) Arts for Life (\$268,946)
Discipline Office (\$185,260) Gym (G2) 15,200 square feet

Total: \$5,828,162

Option 2

10 classrooms 15,400 square feet (\$2,235,156) Arts for Life (\$268,946)
Discipline Office (\$185,260) Larger Gym (G3) 24,500 square feet
Total: \$7,604,062

Option 3

12 classrooms 15,400 sq. ft. (\$2,548,800) Arts for Life (\$268,946)
Discipline Office (\$185,260) Gym (G2) 15,200 square feet
Total: \$6,141,806

Option 4

12 classrooms 15,400 square feet (\$2,548,800) Arts for Life (\$268,946)
Discipline Office (\$185,260) Larger Gym (G3) 24,500 square feet
Total: \$7,917,706

If approved, construction will begin before August 2005 and will be completed by Fall 2006. The gymnasium may take longer, but should be completed by the second semester.

Mr. Kevin Hyde, of First Midstate reported that funding for the construction could be financed by releasing bonds. Property taxes will not be affected.

Dr. Nielsen, announced that the District received a grant in the amount of \$33,000 from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) to support the Summer Bridges program at both Irving and Sheridan Schools.

Mr. Reilly, presented a draft of the 2005-2006 school calendar.

- School is proposed to begin on August 22nd.
- Winter Break is scheduled for December 21 through January 3.
- Spring Break is proposed for the final, full week in March (27th through 31st)

The calendar will be brought back at the next Board meeting for consideration.

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dirks, that the Consent Agenda (Personnel Report, Bills, Payroll, Financial Summary, Treasurer's Report, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Business Associate Agreement, Chestnut Health Systems Agreement and Time Extensions for Life Safety Work) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 1-12-05/1

Dr. Nielsen announced that the 7th annual Illinois State Scholar's Banquet will be held on February 7th at BHS. There are 37 Illinois State Scholars at BHS this year. He reminded the Board to RSVP to Ms. Clancy if they will be attending.

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary