

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 9, 2006

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: Mr. Keith Davis, Mr. Joseph Butcher, Mrs. Cheryl Jackson, Mrs. Millicent Roth and Mrs. Janet Smith, Board Vice-President. Mr. Uvaldo Herrera, Board President and Mr. John Dirks were absent.

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

Present from the news media was Ms. Phyllis Coulter, The Pantagraph.

A Public Hearing for the Area Vocational Center/Regional Vocational System (AVC/RVS) Budgets was held.

Mrs. Smith stated "In accordance with Section 17-1 of the School Code, the Board of Education will now hold a public hearing on 2006-2007 budgets for the Area Vocational Center and the Regional Vocational System.

The AVC and RVS prepared a tentative budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 which this Board reviewed at its June 14, 2006, meeting.

The tentative budget has been on file for public inspection at the Educational Services Center for District 87 for over thirty days and public notice of the availability of the budget was published in The Pantagraph on June 16, 2006. The tentative budget is on display in the rear of the room.

During the public hearing, Mr. Tom Frazier, Director of the AVC and RVS, will summarize the budgets and the Board and members of the public will be given an opportunity to discuss the amended budget.

When all discussion has concluded, the public hearing will be adjourned. At this time, Mr. Frazier will present a summary of the 2007 budgets.

Mr. Frazier stated that no changes have been made to the AVC/RVS 2006-07 Legal Budgets since his presentation of the summary of the budgets to the Board on June 14, 2006. He stated both budgets are balanced.

Mrs. Smith asked "Is there any discussion from the Board?"

There was no discussion from the Board.

Mrs. Smith asked "Is there any discussion from the public?"

There was no discussion from the public.

Mrs. Smith stated "The Public Hearing is now concluded."

Mrs. Smith presented the Minutes for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on June 28, 2006 and the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on July 13, 2006 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mrs. Smith stated that she, Mrs. Jackson and Dr. Nielsen walked around Irving School the other day and that the changes were wonderful. She suggested that everyone should visit the schools and see all the changes that have been made and how nice everything looks.

Mrs. Roth stated that the Back to School Celebration, will be on August 18, 2006 at the Shirk Center on the Illinois Wesleyan University Campus. This event is a collaboration where area businesses collect school supplies and distribute them to area students. She stated that it is an excellent opportunity to see how excited area students are about going back to school.

Mr. Wood presented the Tentative 2007 Budget and Budget/Levy Calendars. Mr. Wood first reviewed the District's recent finances explaining the revenue and expenditure factors that lead to the 2002-2004 deficit of \$5.1 M and the 2005-2006 recovery. Mr. Wood then reviewed the financial assumptions behind the 2007 budget and finally reviewed what the revenue and expenditure trends might show for the next 2-3 years.

Dr. Nielsen stated that Board of Education Policy 7.193: Surveillance of Facilities and Grounds, states to the general public, that in common and public areas of our schools there is video surveillance equipment and any data recorded will be considered student files and remain confidential.

Mr. Davis asked that the word "should" in the second line of the policy be omitted.

Dr. Nielsen stated that we will strike the word "should" from that sentence and bring back this policy for Board consideration in two weeks.

Dr. Nielsen stated Mrs. Connie Mueller, Director of Food Service, presented the Board Policy 6.050: School Wellness, in June and the Board is asked to approve this policy in the Board Action section of this meeting.

Mrs. Hill presented a District 87 Student Assessment Overview. In summary:

GOALS OF DISTRICT-WIDE STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Gather accurate information about student achievement

- Individual, Overall, Subgroup
- By Subject, by Standard
- Identify strengths and needs in the curriculum and instructional program
- Identify students in need of additional intervention
- Select students for special programs
- Demonstrate student progress and growth

Test schedules are as follows:

Assessment Matrix:

Grade K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
PALS-K FALL	SAT-10 FALL* Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda	SAT-10 FALL Aprenda
PALS-K SPRING	SAT-10 SPRING Aprenda	SAT-10 SPRING Aprenda	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math Science	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math +Writing	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math Science	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math Science	ISAT/ IMAGE/ IAA Reading Math +Writing
DIBELS		Otis-Lennon Test** FALL			Otis-Lennon Test FALL	O-H Algebra Prog- nosis FALL	Otis-Lennon Test FALL	

*SAT-10 replaces Terra Nova in grades 1 - 8.
 +Writing will be added to ISAT in grades 5, 8 and 11 for 2006-07.
 **Otis-Lennon Test replaces Test of Cognitive Skills.

Assessment Matrix cont.

Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
EXPLORE - Fall		PSAT - Fall	
	PLAN - Spring	PSAE (Reading, Math, Science) - Spring +Writing	
GATES-MCGINITE Pre & Post Test	BHS Local Assessments (Reading, Writing, Math) Spring		

Data Collection & Management:

- Testing companies provide individual and group score reports.
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- Administrators and teachers analyze test data by school, grade level, class & by student.
- Teachers share score report information with parents.
- The technology department inputs score information into Skyward for record keeping and data analysis.

Changes in Assessment & Reporting:

- From Terra Nova to SAT-10
- From Stanines to Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE)
- To more predictive benchmark
- To more detailed information for teachers and parents
- Fall 2006 will start the new trend line.

Rationale for Changes:

- The 4th stanine is only a marginal predictor of meeting the state standards.
- The 4th stanine includes a wide range of scores (from the 23rd to the 39th percentile).
- Normal Curve Equivalents (NCE) significantly narrow the range of scores.
- NCEs provide a more accurate record of growth.

2006-07 Assessment Schedule:

- SAT - 10/Aprenda
 - September 11 - 22, 2006
 - April 16 - 27, 2007
- ISAT/IMAGE/IAA
 - March 12 - 23, 2007
- PSAE
 - April 25 - 27, 2007

Mrs. Smith presented the Consent Agenda for Approval. Mr. Davis asked that Consent Agenda A, Human Resources Report be moved to Board Action E.

It was moved by Mrs. Jackson, seconded by Mrs. Roth, that the Consent Agenda (Bills, Payroll, Financial Summary, Treasurer's Report, Tech Prep Grant, Construction Trade Contract, Food Service Agreement Between St. Mary's School and District 87, Resolution: Review of Minutes of Closed Executive Sessions, Letter of Understanding-BJHS Outdoor Education) be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 8-09-06/1)

Dr. Nielsen stated that all the updates to the District facilities, are in their final stages if not completed. He also commended Mr. Colin Manahan, Director of Facilities Management, and his crew in coordinating all the work done over the summer.

Dr. Nielsen stated that we have reached a tentative agreement to move our Varsity and Junior Varsity Soccer Program to the facilities on Ireland Grove Road for the fall season. Our current soccer field, which is the BHS football field, is not regulation width.

Mrs. Jackson stated that the city has indicated interest in investing in restroom facilities and a concession stand.

It was moved by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that the AVC/RVS 2006-07 Budgets be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present, voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 8-09-06/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that the Display of the Tentative 2006-07 Budget, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all

Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 8-09-06/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Jackson, that the Budget Calendars (2006-07 and 2007-2008); and the 2006 Levy Calendar, be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 8-09-06/4)

Mr. Davis asked that Board Action D, Resolution: Board of Education Policy 6.050: School Wellness, be pulled and brought back to the next Board Meeting, as he had not had time to review it.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Wood if the cell phone subsidy on page 2 of the Human Resources Report, is reflected in the ordinary line items for Verizon?

Mr. Wood stated that in order to help control cell phone expenses, we had the staff that needed cell phones for district use, get their own cell phones and the district would pay them a monthly subsidy of \$20.00. The District has no liability beyond that.

It was moved by Mrs. Roth, seconded by Mr. Butcher, that the Human Resources Report be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, Attachment 8-09-06/5)

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

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary