

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 14, 2021 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. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Board President.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick that the Board approve the March 10, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ms. Mary Aplington, Dr. Jessica Nicholas (BJHS "Not In Our School" sponsor) and students presented information on "Not In Our Town/Not In Our School." There will be a NIOT/NIOS vigil on April 23rd @ 7:15 pm in Normal's Uptown Circle. This will celebrate and recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) lives. There will be a performance by the Chamber Orchestra and singers. The History Museum will add items people bring to the vigil (candles, flowers, tokens, etc.) to their collection.

ISU graphic design students created proposed yard signs, and NIOS students along with BN Welcoming committee chose the winner. Signs are available for purchase. Ms. Fox Anvick thanked the presenters for reminding us that things are not as bad as we read/hear in the news every day, and the future looks bright.

Mr. Almeda attended a BHS football game.

Ms. Fox Anvick stated that Beyond the Book grants are being read, and results will be forthcoming. The BTB website will be getting a complete overhaul. Ms. Fox Anvick attended the Corn Belt Division meeting.

Mrs. Gibson attended the Corn Belt Division meeting.

Mr. Irwin attended the Corn Belt Division meeting.

Mr. Wylie attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting. The Go Safe: McLean County Action Plan was presented. Since 2005, there have been approximately 3,500 traffic collisions resulting

in over 750 injuries annually in the urbanized area of McLean County. In the same period, over 170 people have been killed by traffic crashes – more than 12 people per year on average. The plan was drafted by Bloomington-Normal transportation system users, experts, and designers who volunteered their time, attention, and experience to envision the safe transportation system our community deserves (District 87's Director of Safety & Security Brian Evans worked on the plan). The Action Plan was adopted at the April 7, 2021 commission meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 4/14-21/1)

Superintendent's Report:

- Dr. Reilly introduced Montana Thompson (BJHS Choir Teacher) and Laura Delgado (Director of Elementary Education) both whose employment for 2021-22 were approved on the Human Resources report.
- Dr. Reilly stated that COVID numbers in the community continue to rise. Much of the focus in the nation is on the return of youth sports in the community and in schools. District 87 currently has 13 positive cases with 173 total quarantined across the district. This includes remote learning students who participate in athletics. BHS' football season is now done due to current COVID cases as this affected 32 students and six coaches. As districts move through the remainder of the school year, they are dealing with the COVID variants which seem to affect younger people. The Board and Administration are vigilant and paying close attention to this rise in cases.
- Administrative Professionals day is April 21st.
- Mrs. Sherri Thomas will be recognized by the NAACP on April 15th.
- Happy early birthday to Dr. Colin Manahan whose birthday is April 18th.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, to move into closed session for the purpose of:

- 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

and to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary