

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 8, 2020

6:30 P.M.

via Webinar

The Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87, McLean County, Illinois, met in Regular Session via Webinar due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent closing of schools and shelter-at-home order from the Governor of Illinois.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Kiasha Henry, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Chuck Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Ms. Brigitte Beasley, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Herschel Hannah, Dr. Colin Manahan, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the March 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call Almeda, Fox Anvick, Henry, Wylie and Beasley voted "Aye"; Houtzel and Irwin abstained due to absence on March 11, 2020. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Henry, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the March 11, 2020 Closed Session Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call Almeda, Fox Anvick, Henry, Wylie and Beasley voted "Aye"; Houtzel and Irwin abstained due to absence on March 11, 2020. Motion carried.

Dr. Reilly thanked Cabinet members, administrators and directors, food service employees, custodians, and all faculty and staff for all of their work during this time of school closing and remote learning.

In the upcoming weeks, school supplies, books, hygiene products, and learning packets from other community organizations will be distributed to students along with food.

Ms. Beasley thanked Dr. Reilly for his leadership, communication, D87 COVID-19 website, and email updates to staff during this time.

Mr. Almeda attended the Illinois Association of School Board's Corn Belt dinner meeting and BHS' performances of Cinderella.

Ms. Beasley participated in a District 87 video urging families to complete the 2020 census. She also attended Cinderella.

Ms. Fox Anvick gave a shout out from parents for the proactive stance the district has taken regarding remote learning during this time.

Mrs. Houtzel thanked Dr. Reilly and everyone for the District's handling of school closings and all that is associated with taking care of students and their families.

Mr. Wylie stated that the 2020 census committee is still working and urged everyone to complete the census if they haven't already done so. Door-to-door census taking has been pushed back two weeks if not a month, and the final date for the census to go to Congress is December 2020. Mr. Wylie attended the Corn Belt dinner meeting, Cinderella, and helped distribute food at BHS and Sheridan.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, to approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-11-20/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- Dr. Reilly attended BHS' Cinderella. Everyone involved was appreciative they were able to perform right before everything was shut down due to COVID-19.
- There is a webinar on April 9th with entire D87 staff.
- As remote learning is wrapping up the first unit, we are discovering ways to help families, taking into account social distancing.

It was moved by Ms. Henry, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the Reduction in Force Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Elizabeth Fox Anvick commented that she was impressed at how elementary school children were incorporated into BHS' production of Cinderella. Her daughter was a participant, and she felt this was an amazing experience for the elementary students in District 87.

Mark Wylie commented that Carl Lauer, a long-time educator at Bloomington High School (English Department Chair and teacher for approximately 20 years) recently passed away.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Henry, 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 6:51 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary