

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 12, 2020

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, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Ms. Brigette Beasley, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Colin Manahan, Ms. Sherri Thomas, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

A public hearing was held on the Area Career Center/Regional Vocational System budgets. Mr. Frazier presented the budgets on June 10, 2020. There is level funding for the year. Projected enrollment is 680 students; student tuition is \$1360/student. Both budgets are balanced, and we are awaiting grant application results from the Illinois State Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the June 24, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

Dr. Reilly stated that all staff will return on Monday, August 17th. Teachers will have one week of in-service to prepare for remote learning. The district will send information to parents on August 13th as to guidelines, expectations, etc., for the 2020-21 school year.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books directors' meeting.

Mr. Wylie attended a policy review committee meeting. He urged those in attendance to encourage friends and neighbors to complete the 2020 census.

Dr. Manahan presented the District's tentative FY21 budget. Dr. Reilly explained the expenses associated with COVID-19. He also explained that District 87 has the lowest tax rate in the county; this has been kept low because of the Board's budget-related decisions. It is projected that the tax rate remain flat.

The \$15M working cash bonds are not reflected in these budget balances.

Dr. Reilly presented Board policies 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:30 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities), and 8:80 (Gifts to the District) for five-year review.

Dr. Reilly, Dr. Manahan, Mrs. Thomas, and Dr. Wolf presented the Return to Learn plan and the processes used to develop the plan.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/1)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Wylie, to approve the Return to Learn Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/2)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, to approve the 2020-21 Tentative Budget Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/3)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, to approve the 2020-21 Legal RVS/ACC Budgets. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/4)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the Bloomington Education Extension 2020-21. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/5)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, to approve Board Policies 4:50 (Payment Procedures), 7:130 (Student Rights and Responsibilities), 7:40 (Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students), 7:325 (Student Fundraising Activities), 8:80 (Gifts to the District). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-12-20/6)

David Sturgill, 1 Prenzler Drive, Bloomington, addressed the Board regarding the decision to have remote learning for the beginning of the 2020-21 school year. He stated that he understands the anxiety and fear of going back in-person and wondered if the district had consulted medical professionals on how to help teachers, parents and students with these fears. He stated he felt it would be in the district's best interest to do so. Dr. Reilly stated that he will follow up with Mr. Sturgill.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of:

- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and
- 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 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary