

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 22, 2018

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: Ms. Brigette Beasley, Ms. Fox Anvick, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, Mrs. Mary Yount, and Mr. Jim Almeda, Board President.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the August 8, 2018 Regular Board Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Houtzel, Irwin and Wylie voted "Aye"; Fox Anvick and Yount abstained due to absence on August 8, 2018. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the August 8, 2018 Closed Session Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, voted "Aye"; Fox Anvick and Yount abstained due to absence on August 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Almeda attended the BHS' Freshman Connection, new teacher lunch, and the all staff breakfast/meeting where he led a session on mindfulness. Mr. Almeda also attended the "Welcome Back" for BJHS teachers.

Ms. Beasley attended the new teacher lunch. She was very pleased with the energy and diversity.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the new teacher lunch, all staff breakfast/meeting, the "Welcome Back" for students at BJHS, and Washington's Kindergarten orientation.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the all staff breakfast.

Mr. Irwin attended STEM Camp, the new teacher lunch, and the all staff breakfast/meeting.

Mr. Wylie attended the new teacher lunch, all staff breakfast/meeting, "Welcome Back" for students at Irving, and BHS' Freshman Connection.

Mrs. Yount toured the BHS Fine Arts facility and gave kudos to Dr. Manahan and the contractors. She attended the new teacher breakfast, all staff breakfast/meeting, "Welcome Back" for students at Irving and BJHS. She attended the BHS marching band's show and tell concert this summer and is looking forward to their show this season. The band was excited to practice on the multi-purpose field this summer.

Dr. Wolf presented a 2018-19 Beginning of the Year presentation.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-22-18/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- He attended many of the same events as Board members. It has been a good start to the school year. Julia Perez has capitalized on improving the district's social media presence (over 10,000 views on facebook alone; does not include Twitter and Instagram). Dr. Reilly encouraged those in attendance to "like" the social media pages.
- The welcome back events for students and staff at Irving and BJHS were great examples of how excited people are across the district as the 2018-19 school year begins.
- Our class sizes are, on average, at 20-21 students. Overall enrollments are 361-455 at elementary schools; Raymond 225; BJHS approximately 1100; BHS is approximately 1550 (highest in several years). Overall, enrollment is at 5150 (approximately 100 fewer students than last year).

Dr. Reilly stated that the district has "hard-to-fill" positions at the BACC because employees have to have work hours along with getting their teaching credentials. Typically, these people have been in a career for a long time, and the current BEA contract does not allow them to be paid a comparable salary with private employment. The proposed letter of understanding will allow them to be paid what those with a teaching certificate are paid (this language will allow an employee to get experience for

up to 10 years and start at Step 11 of the contract). The district may explore this with other areas in the future as well.

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mrs. Yount, to approve the Letter of Understanding - Bloomington Area Career Center Career and Technical Education Endorsement. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-22-18/2)

Jessica Bruin, Chiropractor at Eastland Chiropractic and part of Leadership McLean County, addressed the Board to explain that, as part of Leadership McLean County, she attended the Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, 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 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary