

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 9, 2017

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.

The following Members were present: Ms. Brigette Beasley, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Mary Yount, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Herschel Hannah, Mrs. Cindy Helmers and Mr. David Wood.

A public hearing was held on the ACC/RVS 2017-18 budgets. Mr. Frazier presented the budgets on June 14, 2017. There is level funding for the year. Enrollment is projected to be 563 students; student tuition is \$1300. Both budgets are balanced, and the Illinois State Board of Education has approved grant applications and budgets.

A public hearing was held for the issuance of funding bonds for the purpose of paying claims against the district.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on June 28, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Besley, Fox Anvick, Houtzel, Wylie and Yount voted "Aye"; Irwin abstained due to absence on June 28, 2017. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on June 28, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. Irvin abstained due to absence on June 28, 2017.

Ms. Beasley attended two negotiation meetings and a Beyond the Books meeting. The Beyond the Books annual fundraiser will be held on October 12, 2017, at ISU's Hancock Stadium. Let Ms. Beasley know if you are interested in tickets (\$30 each). The committee is also planning to provide 10 tickets to the District for teachers to encourage their participation at the event. Entertainment for the evening is Science Bob who will also make an appearance at BJHS. Ms. Beasley also volunteered at the backpack event on August 8th.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Minority Recruitment planning meeting. She attended the backpack event. 400 students are attending STEM camp this week; she has heard great reviews. STEM Camp Expo will be August 11th from 1-3 pm at Stevenson Elementary.

Mr. Wylie attended a facilities subcommittee meeting and a McLean County Regional Planning Commission meeting. He attended the West Side Block Party sponsored by CHARM on August 4th.

Mrs. Yount attended a facilities subcommittee meeting. She toured the facilities with Dr. Reilly and Dr. Manahan to see the work that has been done over the summer; kudos to Dr. Manahan and his staff. She has received many emails about the new entrance to BHS and BJHS. She attended the backpack event. Kudos to the online registration team. BHS band camp was held, and the band is ahead of schedule. They were fitted in the new uniforms and look sharp! If you are interested in attending Triple I pre-conference workshops, let Wilma know.

Mr. Wood presented the District's tentative FY18 budget. He explained the uncertainty of each major state and federal funding source. The greatest uncertainty is with state funds and, specifically, the general state aid program. The budget requires an "evidence based" formula; however, the Governor vetoed the only version of this to pass and the chance of the General Assembly having the votes to approve or override the veto is uncertain. In addition, the veto took out major provisions protecting school funding over time (inflation on cost of "evidence," accounting for TIF and other funds the District cannot access, including pension funds in the adequacy target, district hold harmless, etc.). Further, state cash flow is uncertain given recent court decisions to prioritize Medicaid payments and the Governor's reluctance to borrow to pay the bill backlog. Mr. Wood explained that FY17 ended with a deficit of \$755,965 and FY18 is expected to end with a deficit of \$965,555. The deficit will increase when BEA negotiations are complete and salary increases are added. Finally, Mr. Wood explained that the Education Fund balance was at approximately \$8M and should not be drawn down further. He recommended using the Working Cash Fund balance to cover any deficits going forward to protect the Education Fund balance and cash flow for teacher payroll each June.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report,

Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-9-17/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

1. This is the first year District 87 has had on-line registration. Dr. Hannah, Lisa Baermann, and a team worked on the registration, and it has gone extremely well. Parents have been very complimentary of the process.
2. STEM camp is amazing; 400 students are attending this year. Students have commented they would like to do more of this during the school year. Kudos to Mrs. Helmers and the staff.
3. The new District 87 website went live July 1st and looks great. Kudos to Mrs. Helmers and the staff who worked on the websites.
4. Mr. Wood and Mrs. Keller have done a great job in preparing the budgets each year. Prior Boards of Education have been fiscally responsible and prepared us for the tough times the District is now in with state funding.
5. Dr. Manahan and his staff have done a great job over the years with our facilities. Dr. Reilly has received many compliments for the work done this summer on Locust Street (entrance to BHS/BJHS). Dr. Reilly wants our families and students to know that our programs, people and facilities are top notch. The District is doing its part for the City's economic development. One of the pieces of the governor's veto for school funding is TIF's. Dr. Reilly has a meeting scheduled on August 22nd with City, District 87 Administration, and Board representatives to discuss this issue.
6. New teachers return on August 14th; luncheon is at 11:30 am at BJHS.
7. All staff return on August 15th; the all staff breakfast is August 16th from 7:15-8:15 am at BHS.
8. School starts August 18, 2017.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Beasley, that the Board approve the 2017-18 Tentative Budget Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 8-9-17/2)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Legal 2018 RVS/ACC Budgets. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 8-9-17/3)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Ms. Beasley, 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 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary