

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 13, 2017 6:30 pm 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: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Brigitte Beasley, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, 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.

Mrs. Yount stated, "In accordance with the Truth in Taxation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-60), the Board of Education will now hold a public hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy for the Bloomington Public Schools, District #87.

The District prepared a 2017 Levy Report, which the Board reviewed at its October 25, 2017 meeting. The Board also approved a resolution estimating the amount necessary from the property tax for the next fiscal year and approved publication of Notice of a Public Hearing on the 2017 Levy in *The Pantagraph* on December 1, 2017.

David Wood, Chief Financial & Legal Officer for District #87, will summarize the 2017 levy and the Board and members of the public will then have an opportunity to discuss the budget."

Mr. Wood indicated the levy had not changed since it was presented in October. He explained that the overall levy was \$44.5M (\$38.7M for operations and \$5.8M for bonds and interest). This is \$0.4M/0.97% more than the Levy last year and \$0.7M/0.7% more than the Extension. Mr. Wood described the overall financial context including:

- Structural deficits due to significant revenue reductions since 2012, including property tax and GSA;
- Expenditure reductions have occurred but are unlikely to be enough to balance the budget;
- Potential for state legislation to shift pensions to Districts, increase property tax exemptions or freeze the property tax each of which could increase the deficit by \$2.0-\$2.5M;

- New state GSA formula assumes the District can increase property tax by \$3M to achieve adequacy, this will require an additional \$0.35 in tax rate or \$110M in EAV;
- District87 is effectively tax capped and property tax increase will increase only as EAV grows; and
- Manage the tax rate through refunding bonds and not levying for health life safety.

There was no discussion from the public or Board; the levy hearing was concluded.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 8, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Irwin, and Yount voted "Aye"; Beasley and Wylie abstained due to absence on November 8, 2017. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on November 8, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Irwin, and Yount voted "Aye"; Beasley and Wylie abstained due to absence on November 8, 2017. Motion carried.

Dr. Mary Kay Scharf (Director of Principal Leadership) introduced the 2017 Principal Interns (Jennifer Mangruem, Messina Lambert, Lyndsay Gloede, Aimee Oxarart, Ashley Schnittker). The Board and Administration thanked Dr. Scharf and the building principals who have worked with the interns during the first semester and congratulated the interns.

Mr. Almeda attended the Triple I Conference and was the district's resolutions/proposals delegate. He attended the Economic Development Council's community leaders' dinner, Irving scholarship luncheon, and 8th grade orientation at BHS. His son had an opportunity to audition and participate in the Illinois Music Education Association's (ILMEA) competition held at Olivet Nazarene University.

Ms. Beasley attended several BHS boys' basketball games, a BHS girls' basketball game, and the Triple I Conference.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the Triple I Conference.

Mr. Irwin attended the Irving Scholarship luncheon, BHS boys' basketball game, Holiday Choir & Orchestra Concert, and the Triple I Conference.

Mr. Wylie attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting. He also attended the Triple I Conference, several BJHS 8th grade girls' basketball games, and the Economic Development Council's community leaders' dinner.

Mrs. Yount attended an insurance committee meeting. She also attended the Triple I Conference, BHS Promise Council meeting, the Chorus and Orchestra concert, and 8th grade orientation at BHS. The BHS band trip to Disneyworld was very successful.

Mrs. Lynn Shook (BJHS Assistant Principal) and Ms. Michelle Rothwell (BJHS Social Worker) introduced the BJHS therapy dog, Sir Lambeau, showed a video, and explained the work that Lambeau does with the BJHS students.

Mrs. Helmers presented a proposal for 2018 Summer School. All summer opportunities are either grant funded, required by IDEA, or tuition funded.

- June 4-29, 2018 - BJHS & BHS Credit Recovery & Extension (\$250 per virtual course; core courses and extension courses)
- June 4-29, 2018 - Extended School Year
Required special education services for students whose IEP indicates additional supports beyond the regular school year (no cost to students)
- June 4-8, 2018 - Irving Camp Mustang
Math & reading intervention through an engaging camp experiences for K-2 students (no cost to students)
- June 4-8, 2018 - English Alive program for EL students will be an Immersion and Excursion Program (no cost to students)
- July 9-20, 2018 - BHS Raiders 101 transition program
- August 6-10, 2018 - BJHS UKnighted transition program
- August 6-10, 2018 - STEM Camp for elementary students which will be held at Sheridan Elementary School (\$50/scholarships available)

Funding sources are Title I, III, IDEA; Federal and State Grants; State Farm Grant; United Way Grant; EDC/Chamber Grant; For Better Tomorrow Grant; and local Scholarships (NAACP, 100 Black Men, Local Donors).

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Property Casualty Insurance Renewal, City of Bloomington Road Salt Agreement). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/1)

The Board congratulated Dr. Colin Manahan who will replace Mr. David Wood and Dr. Diane Wolf who will replace Mrs. Cindy Helmers upon their retirements in 2018.

Dr. Reilly attended many of the same events as Board members. Winter Break is December 23 - January 7 with the next Board meeting to be held on January 10, 2018.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Resolution for Board Levy. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/2)

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the Judge John M. Scott Vocational Education Trust Annual Report. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/3)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017B, of the District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/4)

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the 2017 State Farm Tax Abatement Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/4)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the 2018 BHS HVAC Controls Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13-17/5)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Resolution for Closed Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-13/17/6)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, 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 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary