

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 9, 2020

6:30 P.M.

via Zoom

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, Ms. Kiasha Henry, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigitte Gibson, Board President.

A public hearing was held on the 2020 Tax Levy. Dr. Manahan explained that the 2020 tax levy was presented at the October 28, 2020 Board meeting. A notice of public hearing was published in *The Pantagraph* on December 1, 2020. There have been no changes since the presentation. Assumptions for the 2020 tax levy are as follows:

- Estimated EAV growth of 3%;
- Estimated tax levy rate of 5.14%;
- Estimated tax levy of \$44,951,000;
- Estimated tax collection rate of 99.4%.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the October 28, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Fox Anvick, Henry, Irwin, Wylie, and Gibson voted "Aye"; Almeda and Houtzel abstained due to absence on October 28, 2020. Motion carried.

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

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

Dr. Wolf and Ms. Katy Hansen (Assistant Director of Special Education) informed the Board that District 87 received an Illinois Aware Grant. This is a federal grant through the Illinois State Board of Education amounting to \$1.5M over the next five years as

well as a \$50,000 grant from the McLean County Board of Health. These grants are for mental health services for students and families in District 87.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books meeting. Donation requests were mailed for the Fall fundraiser. Grant applications are being accepted online until March 1, 2021. The Beyond the Box grant in the amount of \$7,500-\$10,000 will be awarded for an exceptional proposal.

Mrs. Gibson attended the IASB Virtual Summit on November 20, 2020.

Mr. Irwin attended the IASB Virtual Summit.

Mr. Wylie virtually attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Mr. Tony Bauman, Mr. John Szabo, and Mr. John Pratt presented a proposal to name the BHS swimming facility the *Bob Loy Natatorium*. Coach Loy graduated from Bloomington High School in 1973 and was a longtime coach and teacher at BHS since 1978 (retired from teaching in 2017). Mr. Loy passed away unexpectedly on October 9, 2020 after completing his 41st season coaching the BHS girls' swim team and preparing for the upcoming boys' swim season. Mr. Loy is a member of the BHS Hall of Fame. The Board will vote on this proposal at the January 13, 2021 regular Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Reilly presented the following Board Policies:

5-year review:

5.270 (Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment) and 6:135 (High School Credit for Students in Grades 6, 7, and 8) for 5-year review.

First reading:

3:40 (Superintendent Duties & Authority)

4:80 (Accounting and Audits)

4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds)

6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day

6:300 (Graduation Requirements)

6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences;
Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students)

6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 6, 7, and
8)

6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)

6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)
7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations;
and Exclusion of Students),
7:140 (Search and Seizure)
7:300 (Extracurricular Activities) for first reading.

Third reading:

4:180 (Pandemic Preparedness; Management and Recovery)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Property Casualty Insurance Renewal, 2021 Dental Rates). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-9-20/1)

Dr. Reilly gave a shout out to BJHS Counselor Michelle Rothwell, one of five panelists for the United Way of McLean County's virtual 3-part series regarding mental health and the impact of the pandemic on the community. Ms. Rothwell did a phenomenal job discussing programs and initiatives being done at BJHS to help students and staff. She also presented information regarding services provided all across the district.

Second semester plans are on the district website's page dedicated to COVID. 40% of 7-12 grade students have chosen in-person for 2nd semester. Twelve staff members have tested positive for COVID since Thanksgiving and we anticipate the same will happen after Winter Break. The first two weeks following Winter Break will be remote only.

Dr. Wolf continues to work on the diversity and inclusion plan for the district. Board members will be asked to serve on the task force as well as subcommittees after the first of the year.

It was moved Ms. Henry, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Resolution for Board Levy. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-9-20/2)

It was moved Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve Board Policy 4.180 (Pandemic Preparedness, etc). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-9-20/3)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to moved into Closed Session for the purpose of:

- the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body

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 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary