

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2016 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: Mr. James Almeda, Mrs. Kiasha Henry, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Jennifer Sedbrook, Board President.

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

The Board and Administration congratulated Oakland Elementary Student Kyra West who was selected as the winner of Oakland's individual and school Anti-Bullying campaign. Chris Bohne, Oakland's Media Center, was recognized for his work with helping Kyra enter the video into a national campaign where she won a drone.

The Board and Administration congratulated "Why I See You" award winners. For A Better Tomorrow celebrated its inaugural youth recognition service awards event for young leaders in McLean County. The dinner event awarded 10 future leaders from ages 12-22 in recognition of community service and leadership that they exhibited for the betterment of McLean County. YICU celebrates diverse youth who are impacting positive change both locally and globally. Every year 10 youth, regardless of race, gender and/or religious affiliations, will be selected for having demonstrated a significant level of innovation, leadership and achievement in their communities and abroad.

2016 District 87 YICU Awardees

Kaylin Richards, Bloomington Jr. High School

2016 District 87 YICU Nominees

Chloe Cope, Bloomington Jr. High School

Grace Gauley, Bloomington Jr. High School

The Board and Administration congratulated Nick Bussan, Bent Elementary teacher, on being named Central Illinois' Junior Achievement Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Sedbrook 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 2016 Tax Levy for the Bloomington Public Schools, District #87.

The District prepared a 2016 Levy Report which the Board reviewed at its October 26, 2016 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 2016 Levy in *The Pantagraph* on December 2, 2016.

David Wood, Chief Financial & Legal Officer for District #87, will summarize the 2016 levy and the Board and members of the public will then have an opportunity to discuss the budget."

Mr. Wood explained that the 2016 Levy funds the FY18 budget and that the most challenging issue is the structural deficit of over \$1M in the Education Fund caused by revenue dropping approximately \$5M over the last few years, including decreasing EAV and property tax revenues.

Specifically, EAV has dropped \$39M/4.5% resulting in the loss of \$1.1M in property tax revenues; GSA has dropped \$2.3M before recovering and is now down over \$1.1M, and other revenue dropped \$2.4M.

In response, the District has drawn the Education Fund balance down over \$5M to fund operations, instituted a deficit reduction plan that cut expenditures, and froze salaries for all employees for at least one year (including a negotiated freeze with teachers).

Mr. Wood explained that EAV grew approximately 1% over the last two years but is assumed to grow 2.5% this year based on information from the Township Assessor and other local taxing bodies. The actual extension and tax rate will not be known until EAV is finalized by the County in the spring. Assuming a 2.5% EAV increase, the tax rate will decrease by \$0.026 to \$5.13.

The Levy itself totals \$44.1M (\$38.7M for operations and \$5.3M for Bond & Interest). This is up approximately \$172,600/0.4% from last year.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 9, 2016 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Henry, that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on November 9, 2016 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Mr. Almeda attended a Policy Committee meeting where the committee reviewed the proposed Board member expenses policy. He attended the Boys & Girls Club breakfast and thanked Mrs. Sedbrook for working with the Club.

Mrs. Henry attended the IASB convention and participated in the collective bargaining session on how to negotiate. She attended Mrs. Helmers' workshop on the STEM initiative and appreciated how District 87 represented at the convention. She attended the Boys & Girls Club breakfast.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the IASB convention and participated in the Community Engagement seminar and the delegate meeting at the convention. She attended BHS boys' basketball games.

Mr. Wylie attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting and the IASB convention. He heard a speaker from Ethiopia who is an educator and writer. He attended a pre-negotiation workshop, a workshop on setting goals and another one on working/cooperating with colleges. He attended two BJHS basketball games and the Boys & Girls Club breakfast.

Mrs. Sedbrook thanked those who attended the Boys & Girls Club breakfast.

Mr. Wood presented Board Policy 2.125 (Board Member Expenses) for second reading. This will be brought back for a third reading on January 11, 2017.

Mrs. Helmers presented the Academic Achievement Goal Review.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mrs. Henry, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report,

Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Property Casualty Insurance Renewal, YWCA Memorandum of Understanding for Retired Senior Volunteer Program, New Health Life Safety Amendment (BHS Intercom), Irving HVAC Control Bid Recommendation, Oakland HVAC Control Bid Recommendation, Washington HVAC Control Bid Recommendation). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/1)

Dr. Reilly stated that the first semester ends, and the last day before Winter Break, is December 22, 2016. Dr. Reilly attended some of the same events as Board members including the IASB convention. As winter weather is upon us, Dr. Reilly sent out cold weather protocols.

It was moved by Mrs. Henry, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Resolution for Board Levy. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mrs. Henry, that the Board approve the State Farm Tax Abatement Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/3)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Judge John M. Scott Vocational Education Trust Annual Report. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/4)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mrs. Henry, that the Board approve the Resolution for Closed Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/5)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the Not in Our School Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 12-14-16/6)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mrs. Henry, 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 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