

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 10, 2021                      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: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Ms. Kiasha Henry, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Board President.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the January 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Irwin, Wylie and Gibson voted "Aye"; Henry abstained due to absence on January 27, 2021. Motion carried.

Mary Aplington was recognized for her years of volunteering with the Bloomington High School Promise Council.

Mr. Almeda attended a Wellness Committee meeting.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books meeting.

Ms. Henry thanked everyone for the support she has received from Board members over the past couple of months.

Mr. Wylie attended the McLean County Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Ms. Gibson attended the Diversity Inclusion Committee meeting.

Mrs. Sherri Thomas presented the third draft of the 2021-22 school calendar.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-10-21/1)

Dr. Reilly reported on the following:

1. Approximately 50% of the D87 staff have received or scheduled the first COVID vaccine. Two dates have been

set for 200 individuals to receive the two COVID vaccines on March 1st and March 29th. Staff members are encouraged to sign up when appointments open up throughout the community.

2. Dr. Reilly addressed returning students to school. Currently, most D87 students are in a hybrid model; many are in 100% remote learning. Guidelines coming from the CDC have not changed; however, we are expecting an update soon. We are taking other steps including special education students, ELL students, and students who are struggling with remote learning returning to in-person more days. This is an ongoing conversation.
3. We are aware that we will have to provide additional supports for students, which could conceivably continue for several years. We may receive \$5-\$10M or more through CARES money to offset funds already spent as well as support services for students. Conversations and planning are ongoing.
4. Dr. Reilly participated in a call with Congressman Rodney Davis with other Superintendents in Central Illinois. CARES money was discussed, and Dr. Reilly advocated for maximum flexibility in that the funds could be used for supports for students as well as the timeframe for when the money has to be spent. A waiver for state assessments was already discussed. Tony Sanders, Aurora Superintendent, is leading this charge. Over 600 Superintendents signed a letter which was sent to the state and federal governments. Superintendents also gave an update on hybrid and remote learning in their respective districts.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the 2021-22 School Calendar. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-10-21/2)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board 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, 2-10-21/2)

It was moved by Ms. Henry, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to move into closed session for the purposes 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent; and
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body or the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated

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 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary