

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 14, 2018 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. 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 moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Minutes of the January 24, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board congratulated Mrs. Karen Monhardt, District 87 orchestra teacher. Mrs. Monhardt received the 2018 Mary Hoffman Award of Excellence from the Illinois Music Education Association on January 25, 2018. This award recognizes teaching excellence of Illinois Music Educators. The nominee must be an ILMEA member in good standing; must have taught for at least 10 years; must be a current music educator from any level in a school, college, and/or university in Illinois; and must have demonstrated continued teaching excellence. Congratulations, Mrs. Monhardt!

The Board congratulated BHS senior Nathaniel Parson. Last semester, Nathaniel tried out for the Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps in Canton, Ohio and was offered a contract to march with the band. Music is Nathaniel's passion, and his plan is to double major in college - Music Education and Music Performance for french horn. Bluecoats Drum & Bugle Corps is a top notch Corps that travels around the country performing and competing against other Corps; they have consistently placed in the top 12 since 1987. They were crowned Drum Corps International World Champions in 2016. Congratulations, Nathan, for being chosen to be a part of such a prestigious organization!

Mr. Almeda attended the Wellness Committee meeting.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended an Insurance Committee meeting. She also met with Dr. Reilly, Mrs. Yount, Mr. Wood, Dr. Manahan, Mayor Tari Renner and two city council members to discuss tax incentives and the effects of them on the district. She attended Washington's "Love and Logic" seminar.

Mrs. Houtzel attended several BHS basketball games. The BHS dance team's state competition was last weekend; they placed 9th. Mrs. Houtzel donated items for the February 10th apartment fire victims. The community outpouring was amazing.

Mr. Irwin attended the Wellness Committee meeting. He also attended two BHS boys' basketball games, and the winter orchestra concert.

Mr. Wylie attended a Facilities Committee meeting and the McLean County Regional Planning Commission meeting. He attended three BHS boys' basketball games and the winter orchestra concert.

Mrs. Yount attended a Facilities Committee meeting, Insurance Committee meeting, and the meeting mentioned above with Ms. Fox Anvick. She also attended the winter orchestra concert.

Dr. Hannah presented the proposed 2018-19 School Calendar for third reading. Mr. Irwin asked why the non-attendance day on April 20, 2019 was removed from this draft of the calendar. Dr. Hannah explained that the Bloomington Education Association expressed their desire to attend school that day and have the last day of school before Memorial Day as opposed to having that day as a non-attendance day and having to return after Memorial Day for one day of school.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-14-18/1)

Dr. Reilly attended many events as Board members. He attended the BHS boys' basketball game on February 13th; BHS scholar athletes were recognized at halftime) as well as the SIT Conference.

The fire at Gettysburg Apartment on Saturday, February 10th, impacted several families at Stevenson and BJHS, and the community's response was overwhelming. Many teachers were there on Sunday to accept donations and to serve dinner for the families affected. The district has now turned everything over to Eastview Christian Church who will coordinate with the families affected by the fire and also other families in need.

The Illinois State Scholar dinner will be held at BHS on February 26th.

As mentioned by Ms. Fox Anvick, Dr. Reilly met with the Mayor, et al, to discuss tax incentives and partnerships between the district and city. This was also discussed at the City Council meeting this week. Dr. Reilly has scheduled additional meetings with city council members to talk individually about the district's perspective.

The traffic box on Locust Street by the new signage has been painted. As part of the Empire Street TIF, it is the district's desire that some of these funds be used to move the traffic box to the other side of the street.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the 2018-19 School Calendar. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Houtzel, Wylie and Yount voted "Aye"; Irwin voted "Nay." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-14-18/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the Bent Elementary New Health/Life Safety Amendment. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-14-18/3)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Wylie, to approve the 2018 Orchestra and Choir Renovations Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-14-18/4)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the Application for Building Permit - BHS Band Room Addition. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 2-14-18/5)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, 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 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
- student disciplinary cases

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 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary