

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 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. Brigitte Beasley, 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, and Mrs. Cindy Helmers.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2017 Regular Board meeting. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Fox Anvick, Irwin, Wylie and Yount voted "Aye"; Houtzel abstained due to absence on December 13, 2017. Motion carried.

The Board and Administration congratulated Dr. Colin Manahan (Director of Facilities) and Ms. Julie McCoy (Director of Food Service) on the State of Illinois' Governor's Sustainability Award. Since 1987, the Illinois Sustainable Technology Center, a division of the Prairie Research Institute at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, has presented Illinois Sustainability Awards to organizations in Illinois that have demonstrated a commitment to environmental excellence through outstanding and innovative sustainability practices.

Illinois Sustainability Award winners are an elite group of committed leaders reducing environmental impact, contributing to the growth of a more sustainable Illinois economy. By prioritizing sustainability throughout their operations, programs, technology, products and company culture, they serve as a model within their industry and community.

Three years ago, a grassroots movement for sustainable practices in District 87 was initiated by the Facilities Management Department. As a result of their efforts and with the administration's support, along with bond support from the ISBE and grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to fund capital projects, facilities upgrades to

mechanical, control and lighting systems in school facilities have been implemented. Assisted by contractors and design professionals, they measured and analyzed each building's performance to prioritize which buildings received upgrades.

The upgrades reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 41% for the four facilities with a corresponding economic benefit of \$155,000 annually. The upgrades also made the buildings more thermally comfortable, creating the social benefit of a more productive and healthy learning environment.

A recycling program has been implemented to make students more mindful of their waste practices. In addition, sustainable activities are now part of the district's cafeterias. Older students mentor younger students in cafeteria waste management as they choose between landfill, recycle and compost bins. The compostable material is sent to ISU's Farm for furthering collegiate research opportunities. Cafeterias have eliminated the use of plastic utensils and students have the option of donating excess food to a share table, where it can be consumed by other students or donated to the local food pantry.

District 87 endeavors to create and lead sustainable practices in all facets of education as well as nurture its student body.

Ms. Beasley attended a BHS basketball game.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended Raymond's Christmas program and a Washington PTO meeting.

Mrs. Houtzel attended BHS basketball games.

Mr. Wylie attended BHS boys and BJHS girls basketball games and the ESC holiday lunch.

Mrs. Yount attended Raymond's Christmas program, Sheridan's Deck the Halls, Stevenson's 5th Grade Sing, ESC holiday lunch, and Bent's All School Sing. BHS Promise Council is kicking off their mentor group January 12th.

Commerce Bank representatives John Deffner and Chris Haas presented the investment reports for the Medical Trust, Judge Scott Trust, and District 87 Foundation.

Dr. Hannah presented the proposed 2018-19 School Calendar for first reading.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Irwin, 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, 1-10-18/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

1. The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards Program is Saturday, January 20th, at the Marriott Hotel.
2. Dr. Reilly attended many school holiday events.
3. Dr. Reilly will attend the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Board meeting in Naperville on January 11th. He is now a member of the Board of Trustees.
4. Dr. Reilly, Mr. Wood and Dr. Manahan will meet with the Illinois Association of School Boards to begin the process of reviewing District 87 Board policies. Mrs. Yount received a letter from a parent requesting that the Board eliminate out of school suspensions which would mean changing a Board policy. The parent has provided Dr. Reilly with research, and he will forward it to the Board. When policies are reviewed, this will be the time to review this request. Senate Bill 100 addressed student discipline and significantly reduced the length of time that students may be suspended along with reasons for suspensions.
5. The district has had a good start to 2nd semester.
6. If weather conditions are bad on a school day, Dr. Reilly takes many things into consideration when deciding whether or not to cancel school. If the district had been in session during the extremely cold days over Winter Break, the district would have been closed some of those days.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the Copy Services proposal. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-10-18/2)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Ms. Beasley, 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 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

President

ATTEST:

Secretary