

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 23, 2019

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: Ms. Brigette Beasley, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, Mrs. Mary Yount, and Mr. Jim Almeda, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Herschel Hannah, Dr. Colin Manahan, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the January 9, 2019 Regular Board Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Irwin, Wylie, Yount and Almeda voted "Aye". Houtzel and Beasley abstained due to absences on January 9, 2019. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Yount, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the January 9, 2019 Closed Session Board Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Irwin, Wylie, Yount and Almeda voted "Aye". Beasley and Houtzel abstained due to absences on January 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Sheridan Elementary Principal Mrs. Jen McGowan, several students, and staff members highlighted Sheridan's Fine Arts program.

Ms. Beasley attended a Beyond the Books meeting. She attended the ESC Holiday lunch, Bent Elementary Sing-a-Long, several BHS basketball games, BHS dance competition, and a BJHS volleyball game.

Mrs. Houtzel attended BHS basketball games and dance competitions.

Mr. Irwin attended several BHS basketball games.

Mrs. Yount met with Promise Council; they are working with the Laborer's Union to develop a partnership with them.

Dr. Wolf and Mrs. Sherri Thomas (Bloomington Jr. High School Principal) presented the 2019-20 6th grade team proposal. BJHS has piloted a 4-5 teacher team for the past three years and is going to return to 2-teacher teams. Discipline issues have increased over the three-year trial period, easier transition for students, and smaller student load for teachers are the rationale for 2-teacher teams. The next steps are to evaluate teachers' licensure and content level, pair teachers, provide professional development on co-teaching and collaboration, inform parents and community, and celebrate Class of 2026.

Dr. Hannah presented the 1st draft of the 2019-20 school calendar. Ms. Beasley asked about moving the teacher institute day in March on Good Friday in April. Mr. Irwin commented on parent/teacher conference days. Mr. Almeda thanked Dr. Hannah for his work on the calendar. Dr. Reilly stated that school improvement days and teacher institute days are both professional development and they may be called something different on the calendars in the future. The calendar will again be presented in draft form at the February 13, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

Dr. Reilly presented the Board Policy Manual for 6th reading.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Serious Safety Hazard Locations, Audit Engagement Letters). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- The potential for weather cancellations in the next few days is likely. We have a communications plan in place, and the hope is to make the decision the night before cancelling if possible. SchoolMessenger, social media, and the news media will be used to communicate a closing.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Board Policy Manual. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mrs. Yount, to approve the 2019 District Renovations Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/3)

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, to approve the 2019 ESC Roof Skylights Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/4)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the 2019 ESC Conference Rooms Buildout Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/5)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the New Health/Life Safety Amendment - ESC School Fire Alarm Panel Replacement. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/6)

It was moved by Mrs. Yount, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Title 1003A Plan. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-23-19/7)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Beasley, 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 review closed session meeting minutes

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 7:32 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary