

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 27, 2021 6:30 P.M. Bloomington High School Auditorium

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, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Board President.

The district held a public hearing for a waiver of school improvement days for the 2021-22 through 2025-26 school years. There was no discussion, and the public hearing was concluded.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the January 13, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books meeting.

Mr. Chris Haag from Commerce Bank, reported on the Investments Reports for District 87 Medical Trust, Judge Scott Trust, and District 87 Foundation.

Mrs. Thomas presented the second draft of the 2021-22 school calendar. Proposed changes are that October 11, 2021 will be a non-attendance day, and February 18, 2022 will be parent teacher conferences. Columbus Day is a state holiday according to the School Code. Approximately five years ago, the District 87 school board waived it as a school holiday, so there is no need to do anything now. The City of Bloomington will now recognize this day as as Indigenous Peoples' Day. The reason this will be a non-attendance day is that District 87 hosts a statewide music competition, and the schools are used for competition.

Dr. Reilly presented the following Board Policies for third reading.

3:40 (Superintendent Duties & Authority)  
4:80 (Accounting and Audits)  
4:90 (Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds)  
6:20 (School Year Calendar and Day  
6:300 (Graduation Requirements)

- 6:310 (High School Credit for Non-District Experiences;  
Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students)
- 6:315 (High School Credit for Students in Grade 6, 7, 8)
- 6:320 (High School Credit for Proficiency)
- 6:340 (Student Testing and Assessment Program)
- 7:100 (Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations;  
and Exclusion of Students),
- 7:140 (Search and Seizure)
- 7:300 (Extracurricular Activities) for first reading.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Financial Summary, Treasurer's Report, Serious Safety Hazard Locations). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-27-21/1)

Dr. Reilly reported on the following:

- Diversity Equity Inclusion work has begun in the district. This consists of approximately 75 people who represent the district along with community members. Committee work will begin in the next several weeks.
- District 87 will continue with the hybrid plan currently in place at this time. The ultimate goal is to get all students back into school five days/week. At the beginning of the school year, decisions were made based on the safety of our students, staff, and families. IDPH and CDC have not changed their safety guidance including wearing masks and 6' social distancing. We cannot socially distance students given these guidelines. One of the difficulties in moving to different methods of instruction (in-person learning while also providing remote learning) is the scheduling of students. Making changes to this now would throw things into a bit of chaos when you think about students having to possibly change teachers. We do not have any plans to move beyond what we are doing now for the foreseeable future. As we move through this pandemic, we will make adjustments as necessary in collaboration with our staff and Board of Education.
- Vaccines have become available on a limited basis in Bloomington-Normal. It is important that our staff members, especially those who are in close contact with students, have the opportunity to get the vaccine. As soon as we are confident that all staff have had a reasonable opportunity to get vaccines, future decisions will be made on returning to in-person school. Ms. Beasley asked if the district is planning to survey

families. Dr. Reilly stated that as we move closer to moving to in-person, we will survey families at that time.

Anonymous staff surveys will be sent on January 28, 2021 to inquire as to vaccines received, scheduled vaccines, and whether or not staff plan to get the vaccine.

- District 87 is the recipient of an R3 (Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program) grant funded through the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA). Through this grant, Project Oz will have three Restorative School Specialists in D87 schools (BJHS, Irving, and Sheridan).

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve Board policies as follows:

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Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-27-21/2)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, 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 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary