

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 25, 2017 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.

The following Members were present: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Brigitte Beasley, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Mark Wylie, Mrs. Mary Yount, and Mrs. Jennifer Sedbrook, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Herschel Hannah, Mrs. Cindy Helmers and Mr. David Wood.

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 11, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Houtzel, Sedbrook and Wylie voted "Aye"; Yount voted "Nay" due to absence on January 11, 2017. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Yount, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on December 21, 2016 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Houtzel, Yount and Wylie voted "Aye"; Sedbrook voted "Nay" due to absence on December 21, 2016. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on December 21, 2016 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Houtzel, Yount and Wylie voted "Aye"; Sedbrook voted "Nay" due to absence on December 21, 2016. Motion carried.

Mr. Almeda attended the MLK Jr. Awards banquet.

Ms. Beasley attended the Beyond the Books meeting. She attended several BHS boys' basketball game and the MLK Jr. Awards Banquet.

Mrs. Houtzel attended a BHS boys' basketball game.

Mr. Wylie attended a Facilities Committee meeting.

Mrs. Yount attended a Facilities Committee meeting and a Beyond the Books meeting. There will be a 25th anniversary event, "Celebrate Learning", on February 25th, from 1:00-4:00 pm at Evans Jr. High School which will showcase teachers' grant projects including a rock climbing wall. Board members are invited. Mrs. Yount also attended the MLK Jr. Awards banquet.

John Deffner and Chris Haag from Commerce Bank Investments reported on the Medical Trust, Judge Scott Trust and District 87 Foundation's investments.

Mr. Max Chernick, BHS Band Director, presented a proposal to purchase 250 new Bloomington High School band uniforms. The band continues to grow, and the current uniforms are 11 years old (they were guaranteed for 6-8 years. The Band-Aids Booster Club has been raising money the past few years and has raised over \$90,000. The band has also received donations from State Farm's matching grants. Mr. Chernick asked the Board for \$20,000 to assist with the purchase of 250 uniforms and help in the future as needed. The Board will vote on this at the February 8, 2016 Board meeting.

Mr. Wood and the District's Insurance Consultant Hal Gray presented the District Risk Management Plan. Mr. Wood outlined the concept of risk management, including the statutory context, the process required by various court decisions, the specific risk management techniques the District was engaged in, and FY16 funding. Mr. Gray outlined some of the underlying data which the District has used to analyze its risks and determine appropriate techniques to respond to and mitigate such risk. Mr. Wood explained that the Board should review the plan every few years to understand how data trends, evaluate the effectiveness of the chosen techniques and what improvements and changes were necessary.

Dr. Hannah presented the proposed 2017-18 school calendar for second reading.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Beasley, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, Serious Safety Hazard Locations, ISU Graduate Practicum Placement Agreement, Intergovernmental Agreement with City of Bloomington for Road Salt). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 1-25-17/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

1. Dr. Reilly attended a BHS boys basketball game where former player Ron Curry was recognized.
2. John Meek, the President of Felmley Dickerson, spoke with Dr. Reilly recently and was very complimentary of the Excel publication which goes out to community members.
3. Dr. Reilly attended an OSF Community Advisory Board Meeting where Dr. Lamont Tyler was a guest speaker. He has two children who graduated from BHS, and he thanked Dr. Reilly for all that District 87 has done in preparing his daughters for post high school.
4. At the Facilities Committee meeting, a number of projects were discussed including:
 - Demolition of the former maintenance building, grading the property, and putting up a fence and sign for the BHS/BJHS campuses.
 - Space for the ever growing band program.
 - Our community is working hard to get developers and businesses to come to Bloomington. BHS and BJHS are in the Empire Street TIF District, and Dr. Reilly will send a letter to Mayor Renner and David Hales this week asking the City what the district needs to do to request these funds to help offset some of our facility costs. Our students and staff deserve great facilities, and Dr. Reilly appreciates the work that this Board, former Superintendent Dr. Robert Nielsen, and prior Boards of Education have done to put us in a position to work on these projects.

It was moved by Mrs. Yount, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Bus Transportation Contract Extension with Illinois Central School Bus Company. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. See with Original Minutes, 1-25-17/2)

Tanya Blumenshine, 510 Beechwood, Normal, has been a teacher in the District for 28 years. She stated that teachers and staff are very appreciative for Board members' volunteerism and the responsibility they have for the schools and students. She shared some areas she feels the Board may explore which could be helpful in decision making (climate survey, grievances, absenteeism, transfer requests, and accident reports). She welcomed Board members to visit the schools.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, 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:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary