

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 10, 2021 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: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Board President.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the February 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the March 3, 2021 Special Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ms. Fox Anvick reminded Board members to let her know if you know anyone who would like to serve with Beyond the Books.

Mrs. Gibson attended a Diversity Inclusion Subcommittee Meeting.

Mr. Wylie attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting.

Dr. Diane Wolf provided a curriculum and instruction update as well as plans for Summer 2021.

- State assessments will be given for in-person students after Spring Break. Remote students are not required because assessments are not in remote form.
- 2021-22 one-line registration will be held April 5-August 6, 2021. If a student has been approved for an in-district transfer for 2020-21, this will carry over for 2021-22. We will then evaluate this process for future years.
- Ease mobility between D87 schools. If a student begins at School A and moves into boundaries for School B, the student will remain at School A, and the district will provide transportation.

- Family University began in January 2021 for Technology (30 minute zoom sessions, recorded and posted to website). The district will host a second Family University for Transitions on April 15th.
- ESL Update - The district is working with ISU and the Regional Office of Education on offering ESL endorsement for current employees (over 40 people expressed interest).
- Music Update - Even with COVID pandemic, D87 music programs have continued in safe manner. Secondary music department is working on options for programming. This year, 5th graders did not have an option for band/orchestra, and the district is exploring options for 4th quarter as well as options for them as 6th graders.
- Summer Programs - PreK-12 - "Rise Up" Programming
 1. Transportation provided
 2. No cost to families
 3. Breakfast and lunch provided
 4. Minimum of 3-week program
 5. COVID policies followed
 6. Partnership with the Community
- Extended School Year - June 14-July 2 - 9:00-11:30
 1. Focus on customized curriculum to meet each child's individual needs
 2. DLP, ED, and students with ESY in their IEP
 3. PK @ Raymond; K-5 @ Stevenson; 6-8 @ BJHS; 9-12@BHS;
- Summer Program K-5-June 14-July 2 @ Sheridan 9:00-3:00
 1. Focus on academics and enrichment
 2. 60-5 students per grade level (1-5)
 3. Bilingual/ESL included
 4. Pre-service teachers with ISU
 5. D87 teachers in AM
- Community partners in PM with preservice teachers:
 1. Boys & Girls Club
 2. CeMAST @ ISU
 3. D87 art teachers
 4. David Davis Mansion
 5. YMCA
 6. Children's Discovery Museum
 7. McLean County Museum of History
 8. Junior Achievement
 9. University Galleries
 10. YWCA
- Summer Program 6-8 - June 14-July 2 @ BJHS 10:00-3:00
 1. Partner with Boys & Girls Club (21st Century Grant)
 2. D87 teachers in AM

3. Up to 100 students
 4. Focus on academics, social-emotional learning, team building and leadership, variety of volunteers help with programming.
- Summer Program 9-12
 1. Credit Recovery
 2. Options: In Person (one academic and PE/Health); Virtual (supported by Edmentum and D87 teachers)
 3. Extended 2019 programming
 4. Bilingual and ESL support
 - Transition Programs
 1. Kindergarten - teachers creating August experience
 2. 6th grade - Uknighthed
 3. 9th grade - Raiders 101
 4. Funded through State Farm Grant
 - Professional Development - June-August
 1. New to D87 Summer Academy (June, July, August) in collaboration with HR
 2. Mental Health First Aid (AWARE Grant; goal 100 teachers)
 3. Instructional coaches
 4. Content specific PD
 5. Technology Support PD
 6. Teachers/Paraprofessionals/Administrators
 7. Paid per contract
 8. Multiple ways: Refreshers (1-4 hours); In district classes (15 hours to include online, individual; small group); Task forces (10-20 Hours)

Dr. Amanda Jarvis (BJHS Principal) and Dr. Wolf presented a report on BJHS' Response to COVID 19 as it relates to scheduling and instruction. The goal is to support all students with implementing a scheduling plan to address dedicated time for interventions and enrichment.

Survey results from team leaders and department heads indicated:

1. More Social/Emotional/Learning time;
2. Make band/orchestra/choir an Arts for Life class;
3. Increase Enrichment & Reteaching;
4. More interventionists and dedicated intervention class;
5. Common bell schedule with no split lunches.

Outcomes:

1. Common bell schedule for 6th-8th grades
2. Address writing in all content areas

3. Dedicated Social/Emotional/Learning and intervention time for all students
4. Stay staff neutral (no cuts/additions)

The reason for a new schedule is for more SEL and interventions for all student groups. This schedule will follow best practices regarding literacy instruction. SpEd/CLD services will be easier to deliver with common schedule. This will utilize staff in a variety of ways.

- The 2021-22 schedule extends class periods by 8 minutes.
- It will combine writing and literature for 7th/8th grades.
- Band, orchestra and choir will become AFL choice.
- E&R and Roundtable are combined.
- Instructional coaches and interventionists will be added.

Dr. Wolf stated that when the Illinois Learning Standards were put out 11 years ago, writing and reading were to be taught together as a combined curriculum. Additionally, writing was added to Social Studies, Science, and Math learning standards. This is an area in which our students can grow. Our writing teachers will be needed to work with their colleagues to incorporate writing into their classes.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3/10-21/1)

Dr. Reilly reported on the following:

1. District 87 staff vaccination day for those who signed up is March 12th with the second one in April.
2. Acrylic shields for desk tops will be distributed to all schools and used where socially distancing of 6' isn't possible.
3. The House of Representatives passed the stimulus package and President Biden is expected to sign that into law on Friday, March 12th. Dr. Reilly estimates that we will receive additional COVID relief funds.
4. As soon as the district receives information on ESSER III funds, Dr. Reilly will forward to the Board.

5. ISBE and IDPH have partnered together to provide rapid antigen testing for districts that qualify. These tests will be for students who are symptomatic (with parental consent) as well as staff members who are symptomatic and wish to be tested.
6. Grossinger Motors Arena cannot be used for graduation as it is being used for COVID vaccination clinics. Mr. Moore (BHS Principal) is working on plans to use the multi-purpose field with the allowed 20% capacity (800 people). If the weather is bad, plans are being made for a drive-through graduation.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Reductions in Force. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-10-21/2)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the 2022 Bent Coal Room Reconstruction Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-10-21/3)

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Search Firm Contract with Ray & Associates. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-10-21/4)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Almeda, 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 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary