

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 14, 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, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Mary Yount, 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 Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Minutes of the February 28, 2018 Regular Board meeting. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board and Administration congratulated BHS students Emily King, Veli Aydoner and Luke Edwards.

Emily earned a 3rd place finish in Dramatic Interpretation at IHSA's State Speech Tournament. She performed her state qualifying piece, a 5-minute cutting of "Still Alice."

Veli and Luke qualified for Nationals in United States Extemporaneous Speaking (USX). Extemporaneous Speaking is a limited prep event where students draw a question on current events (mainly political) and are given 30 minutes to develop a 7-minute speech using whatever source materials they bring with them to the tournament. Without internet access, students must deliver an organized speech while citing the sources within the speech. Although a notecard is permitted, both boys have been off notecard the last two seasons. The National Tournament will be held over a week in Fort Lauderdale, FL this June with the boys having an opportunity to compete in other events including Expository, Commentary, Story Telling, and Impromptu.

Mr. Almeda attended the IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting.

Ms. Beasley attended a Beyond the Books meeting; 77 grants applications were submitted and are being read. She attended the

IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting and the session on Every Student Succeeds.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting and session on school law. She also attended BHS' spring musical, *Les Mis*.

Mr. Irwin attended the IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting and the session on school law. He also attended *Les Mis*.

Mr. Wylie attended a Regional Planning Commission meeting and a Facilities Subcommittee meeting. He attended the IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting and the session on Every Student Succeeds.

Mrs. Yount attended a Facilities Subcommittee meeting, the solo and ensemble competition, BHS' Alumni Infinity Arts Show, *Les Mis*, and a tax incentive meeting with Dr. Reilly and a Bloomington alderman (they have met with most of them). She gave a shout out to the track team and BHS track athlete Zach Bradford who won the New Balance nationals in NYC with 18' 1-2" pole vault (2nd in the nation).

Nicholas Fairley, BHS student, addressed the Board regarding Mr. Marc Tiritilli's (BHS Physics Teacher) dismissal as a result of a reduction in force.

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It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-14-18/1)

As part of the Human Resources Report, the Board and Administration congratulated Amy Oxarart (BJHS Assistant Principal), Messina Lambert (Irving Principal), and Ashley Schnittker (Associate Director of Special Education) on their administrative positions for 2018-19.

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- He spoke at the Founders Grove Neighborhood Association regarding school safety and facility projects.

- The multipurpose field should be done by early April. A girls' soccer game will be the first event to compete on the field.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Fine Arts addition will be March 22nd, at 12:30 pm.
- Spring Break March 26-30

Dr. Reilly thanked the many BHS students in attendance for taking time to stand up for their opinions. He also thanked them and all other high school and junior high school students who participated in the national student walkout on March 14th in honor of the students who were killed in Parkland, Florida. He indicated their work with the administration showed our district in a great light and that he heard many positive comments from students, staff and community about the event.

Dr. Reilly explained that reductions in force consist of people who are impacted by end-of-year terminations for a variety of reasons, much having to do with funding. It is the district's hope that some positions can be rehired.

Mrs. Yount thanked the many BHS students who attended for the respectful way they handled themselves, both in their emails and in person.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the Reduction in Force. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-14-18/2)

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the IHSA Membership Renewal. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-14-18-3)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the BHS (BACC) Classroom Renovations Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-14-18-4)

During public comments, twenty BHS students spoke on behalf of Mr. Tiritilli and asked the Board to consider rehiring him in the future.

Michelle Sleever, 1415 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, BHS parent, spoke on behalf of Mr. Tiritilli and the students' support of him.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, 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
- Student disciplinary cases

and to adjourn this meeting of the Board of Education. We will not return to open session. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary