

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 9, 2022 6:30 P.M. Bloomington High School

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. Brigette Gibson, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Fitzgerald Samedy, and Mr. Mark Wylie, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Mr. Michael Cornale, Ms. Sherri Thomas, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the February 9, 2022, Regular Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Irwin and Wylie voted "Aye"; Samedy abstained due to absence on February 9, 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the February 9, 2022, Closed Session Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Irwin and Wylie voted "Aye"; Samedy abstained due to absence on February 9, 2022. Motion carried.

The Board recognized Mrs. Kim Taber, District 87's Bilingual Coordinator and the district's bilingual staff.

Mr. Almeda attended a wellness committee meeting.

Ms. Fox Anvick stated that the Beyond the Books grants submission ended March 7th; the grant reading process will soon begin, and awards will be announced this spring. She attended the BHS and 8th grade orchestra concert. The 5th graders will be performing for 4th graders on March 10th. The district's Strings Extravaganza will be held in April.

Mr. Irwin attended the McLean County Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Irwin will serve on the 5-year transportation planning committee. He attended a facilities committee meeting, and the 5th grade art exhibit at the Bloomington Public Library.

Mr. Wylie attended a facilities committee meeting.

Mrs. Kim Taber presented an update on the district's multilingual education programming (see attachment with minutes).

Mrs. Leslie Blockman (District 87's IL-AWARE Grant Coordinator) presented information on Sarah Raymond School of Early Education's Ready 4K Parent Engagement program (see attachment with minutes)

Dr. Wolf presented a Summer 2022 programming update (see attachment with minutes).

Mr. Cornale presented a district facilities update (see attachment with minutes). Mrs. Gibson asked about the plan to update BHS and BJHS locker rooms. Mr. Cornale said it is in the long-term plan. Ms. Fox Anvick stated that she is glad to see Stevenson's media center renovations for 2023 in the plan and asked if the district is looking at a media center at Sarah Raymond. Mr. Cornale stated that he met with Mr. Dobbs (Sarah Raymond's Principal) to discuss office relocation which could free up some space. Mr. Samedy asked about donating computer lab computers; Mr. Cornale said this could be a possibility.

Dr. Reilly presented Board Policy 5.60 - Expenses for second reading (\$55/day for food for travel). Two years ago, the Board decided to review this policy as the federal rate changes every two years. Illinois' rate is \$59/day. Mr. Irwin stated that with inflation prices, he feels the district's policy should be at the maximum allowable rate. The Board agreed to change the proposed policy to \$59 (\$12/breakfast, \$18/lunch and \$29/dinner).

Dr. Reilly presented Board Policy 6.60 - Curriculum Content for first reading.

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Samedy, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Serious Safety Hazard Locations). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-9-22/1)

Dr. Reilly introduced Mr. Matt Coates and Mr. Zach Freeman. Mr. Coates is the District's Director of Communications, and Mr. Freeman will be the Principal at Washington Elementary School following Mr. Lockenvitz' retirement at the end of this school year.

Spring Break is March 21-25. There are many upcoming spring events; watch for invitations.

Dr. Reilly commented on the passing of Mr. Willie Brown last week. Mr. Brown attended District 87 schools and had a stellar job at State Farm. He served our community in many ways. Each year, the district is the recipient of a substantial check from State Farm for which Mr. Brown advocated and supported the students and staff. He served on the Achievement Gap Task Force in the early 2000's. Willie will be remembered as a Raider as well as the many things he did for the community.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve Board Policy 5.60 - Expenses (\$12/breakfast; \$18/lunch; \$29/dinner). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-9-22/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Reduction in Force. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Irwin and Wylie voted "Aye"; Samedy voted "Nay". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-9-22/3)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Bloomington Area Career Center/Regional Vocational System Joint Agreements & Resolutions. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-9-22/4)

It was moved by Mr. Samedy, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Disposal of Surplus Equipment Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 3-9-22/5)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to move into closed session for the purposes of:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and
- Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

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 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:
