

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 10, 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.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Ms. Brigette Beasley, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Chuck Irwin, and Mr. James Almeda, Board Vice 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 Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the April 26, 2017 Regular Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the April 26, 2017 Closed Session minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The Board and Administration congratulated Mr. Ben Ambler (ACC teacher) and BHS Freshmen Zack Marvel and Jeffry Shoemaker. They were recognized on April 24th at Sarah E. Raymond School of Early Education for their work adapting motorized children's cars for children with physical and mental disabilities. This is in use at Sarah Raymond, and they are currently developing changes on two additional cars.

Some of the changes to vehicles include the addition of a safety handle with an on/off switch for the adult, a large push button switch instead of the usual foot pedal, as well as the addition of special seat belts to accommodate the children's needs. One of the vehicles has a removable booster seat for a smaller child and another is being adapted to accommodate a child with a physical disability. The purpose of these vehicles is to work on posture, movement, using switches (speech related), and socialization, among other goals.

Occupational therapist Jaime Ridgway with Max's Miles Foundation (<http://www.maxsmilesfoundation.org>) contacted Tom

Frazier of the Bloomington Area Career Center. Other students from the BACC programs of Automotive Technology taught by Dennis Garrison, and Digital Media taught by Katherine White, were involved. Mr. Garrison assisted with wiring of the new switches as well welding the parent handles. Ms. White's class created and installed several decals. Mr. Ambler teaches the Basic Materials Tech class and coordinated the project.

It was very gratifying for Zach and Jeffry to see some Raymond Rookies have fun driving the car that they worked on. Progress in the early childhood students has already been seen.

The Board and Administration congratulated BHS students who competed in the 7th Annual Bloomington-Normal NAACP ACT-SO Competition in April. These students worked with mentors and coaches throughout the year to shape their ideas, projects and performances.

Tierra Shickel (Gold Medalist in Poetry/Written)
Rozilyn Alzebdieh (Bronze Medalist in Painting)
Jacqueline Alzebdieh (Bronze Medalist in Poetry/Written)
Tierra Shickel (Bronze Medalist in Poetry/Performance)
Sierra Fields (Competed in Music Vocal/Contemporary and Poetry/Performance)
Jocelyn Sharif (Competed in Culinary Arts)

Dr. Reilly thanked the ACT-SO sponsors for all of the work in preparing students for the competition. Tierra Shickel will compete in the 39th National NAACP ACT-SO Competition in Baltimore, MD July 20-23, 2017.

Mr. Almeda attended the district's Strings Extravaganza, Retirement Reception, and staff recognitions at Oakland and Stevenson.

Ms. Beasley attended a negotiations committee meeting. She attended staff recognitions at Sarah Raymond, Oakland BHS/ACC, and Stevenson; Retirement Reception; ACC Student Recognition; BHS band concert; SuperState competition where the Wind Symphony performed; a BHS varsity baseball game and chaperoned BHS' after-prom.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the Retirement Reception.

Mr. Irwin attended the Retirement Reception and BHS Spring Band concert.

Mr. Wood presented the proposed 2017-18 Student/Parent Handbook changes and fees 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, Food Service Agreement with Advocate BroMenn Adult Day Service). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-10-17/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- He attended many of the same events as Board members.
- He attended a forum with other local education leaders at First United Methodist Church to discuss the effects of lack of a state budget. This was a well-received event with good attendance. This precedes an event in Springfield in the near future.
- Architect Mr. Russel Francois and Dr. Colin Manahan (Director of Facilities) will attend the Board meeting on May 24th to present a proposal for BHS renovations to include band/orchestra classrooms and space as well as artificial turf for the football field.
- BHS Graduation is Sunday, May 28th, at 3:00 at the Coliseum.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Employee Assistance Program Contract with Chestnut Health Systems. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-10-17/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to approve the Revised 2017-18 Group Medical Rates. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-10-17/3)

It was moved by Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, 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 7:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary