

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 12, 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.

The following Members were present: Mr. James Almeda, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Fitz Samedy, and Mr. Mark Wylie, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Sherri Thomas, Dr. Colin Manahan, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on April 28, 2021 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Dr. Wolf introduced 2021-22 K-8 instructional coaches.

Mr. Almeda attended a Wellness Committee meeting, the first BEA negotiations meeting, and staff recognitions at Raymond and Stevenson. He gave a shout out to the orchestra teachers for their creativity in producing a virtual pre-recorded District 87 orchestra concert.

Ms. Fox Anvick stated that Beyond the Books' grant winners will be recognized at the May 26<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. She attended Washington PTO's bake sale, virtual parent band meeting, and staff recognitions at Raymond, Irving and Bent.

Mr. Irwin appreciated the retirement video and feels it would be good to continue to do this in the future. He attended staff recognitions at Raymond, Irving, and Stevenson.

Mr. Wylie attended staff recognitions at Raymond and Stevenson as well as three girls' lacrosse games.

Dr. Manahan presented the proposed 2021-22 Student/Parent Handbooks for second reading.

Dr. Wolf presented information on ESSER 3 (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Fund) Funding. \$13,510,000 will be prioritized as follows:

- Personnel: Student Supports (\$6,000,000)  
Interventionists, Social Workers, Family Engagement Specialists
- Personnel: Teacher Supports (\$750,000)  
Instructional Coaches, Director of Elementary Education (Learning Loss)
- Software (\$70,000)  
Frontline Evaluation
- Summer Programming (\$1,500,000)  
Summer School (Learning Loss)
- Technology (\$1,000,000)  
Devices, hotspots, meeting rooms
- Curriculum (\$3,000,000)  
PK-12 Renewal (Learning Loss)
- Sound System (\$305,000)  
All 6 elementary, Raymond, BHS Auditorium, Multipurpose
- Salaries/Supports (\$885,000)  
Supplant - prior expenses Social Workers, Counselors

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Group Medical Rates for 2021-22). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-12-21/1)

Dr. Reilly stated that BHS' graduation will be held Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm. The ceremony will be held on the multipurpose field; however, in the event of inclement weather, this will be a drive-through event.

Dr. Reilly, Dr. Wolf, and Mr. Patrick Mainier (BHS Assistant Principal and former band director) spoke regarding the curriculum changes at BJHS for 2021-22. Ms. Fox Anvick inquired as to ESSER funds being used to improve clubs at BJHS. Dr. Wolf stated in the affirmative; however, students will still need to make a choice regarding curriculum choices.

Mr. Wylie asked Dr. Wolf to confirm that by implementing these changes, students will have more opportunities to be involved in the band program. Dr. Wolf stated that because band has only been involved in the E&R time, some students have not been given the opportunity to participate in band, and with the changes for next year, they will be able to do so.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Resolution to Intervene in a Property Tax Abatement (PTAB) Case. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-12-21/2)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Optional Compensation Agreement for Dr. Manahan. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-12-21/3)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the BEA Letter of Understanding - School Service Specialists. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-12-21/4)

During public comment, the following individuals addressed the Board regarding their concerns/displeasure with the curriculum changes at BJHS for 2021-22:

Garrett Thalgott, 2708 Ridge Road, Bloomington  
Lauren Lowell, 1506 E. Jackson, Bloomington  
Treasure Davis and her daughter, Tessa, 407 Priscilla Lane,  
Bloomington  
Amy Rademacher, 610 E. Olive Street, Bloomington  
Melanie Johnson, 1219 Gettysburg Drive, Bloomington  
Bernadette Brennan, 1012 E. Jefferson, Bloomington  
Michael Swanson, 202 \*, Apt. 2, Bloomington  
Michelle McMomas, 1312 Seminary Avenue, Bloomington  
Erin Furimsky, 1402 E. Olive Street, Bloomington  
Memuna Lee, 12 Bailey Court, Bloomington

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, 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 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 8:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary