

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 13, 2020

6:30 P.M.

via Webinar

The Board of Education of the Bloomington Public Schools, School District 87, McLean County, Illinois, met in Regular Session via Webinar due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent closing of schools and shelter-at-home order from the Governor of Illinois.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Kiasha Henry, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Chuck Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Ms. Brigitte Beasley, Board President.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on April 22, 2020 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ms. Beasley thanked Julia Perez for her District 87 social media posts. Beyond the Books' coordinating committee meeting met recently; \$68,748 in grants will be awarded this year. The Shirk Family is also donating a \$10,000 grant. There is a need for five additional District 87 directors for Beyond the Books. If you know of anyone, please let Brigitte know. Elizabeth Fox Anvick will be the Board's representative for 2020-21 Beyond the Books. The band directors hosted a Zoom meeting to honor and recognize this year's band members and graduating seniors. The band parents were very appreciative of the efforts of the band teachers during this time.

Ms. Fox Anvick picked up her daughter's belongings at Washington Elementary School; this was very well orchestrated. District 87's social media presence is on point, and she enjoys all of the information and keeping the community connected. Kudos to Julia Perez!

Mrs. Henry thanked the District for the BHS graduation yard signs for this year's graduates.

Mr. Irwin sat in on two parent webinars and stated these were very well done.

Mr. Wylie attended the Regional Planning Commission Committee meeting. He also picked up his daughter's belongings at Oakland Elementary School; this was very well organized.

Dr. Manahan presented the proposed 2020-21 Student/Parent Handbook changes and fees for second reading. There have been no changes since the first reading. Ms. Fox Anvick inquired about the district's plans to address re-entering school in the fall due to COVID-19 as this relates to the handbooks. Dr. Reilly stated amendments would be made if necessary based on the guidance that is given. The District now has a task force of 20 with representatives from most employees groups. The first meeting will be May 20th. The Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health are two of the organizations that have the charge to provide guidance to school districts assuming we are at Stage 4 in August.

Dr. Manahan presented the Tentative Amended Budget for 2019-20.

It was moved by Mrs. Henry, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-13-20/1)

Dr. Reilly stated that we recognized all teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week and all retirees during the all-staff webinar. The district has done two parent webinars that have included over 500 BHS/BJHS parents. The elementary parent webinar is at 4:00 on May 14th followed by the Spanish parent webinar at 5:15. The webinars have been led by Dr. Reilly, Dr. Wolf and building principals. Dr. Reilly thanked Dr. Wolf, Dr. Hannah, and Dr. Manahan who have worked countless hours planning remote learning and other district issues during the pandemic. Julia Perez has done great work with social media and our website. Ms. Beasley thanked Dr. Reilly for his leadership.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Resolution declaring the intention to issue working cash fund bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-13-20/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the 2020 Tentative Amended Budget

Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye."
Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-13-20/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Henry, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Optional Compensation Agreement for Dr. Herschel Hannah. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-13-20/4)

Julie Riley, BEA Vice President, thanked the Administration and Board for continuing to lead District 87 during this time.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mrs. Henry, 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 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary