

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 15, 2019                      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, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Mark Wylie, Mrs. Mary Yount, and Ms. Brigette Beasley, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Hershel 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 24, 2019 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board and Administration congratulated Stevenson Elementary School students for winning the 2019 Battle of the Books competition held on April 27, 2019. The Battle brought all six elementary teams together throughout the district to compete by answering questions over 20 books they read (all from the 2019 Bluestem Awards list). The competition was a Family Feud style (12 rounds) with six students competing on a team.

The Board and Administration congratulated the following students for their accomplishments at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual NAACP ACT-SO (Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics) Banquet:

**Gold Medalists:** Jacqueline Alzebdieh (Poetry-Written); Yasimine Hamilton (Dance); Alexander Phillips (Oratory and Poetry-Performance)

**Silver Medalist:** Rozilyn Alzebdieh (Drawing, Painting, and Sculpture)

**Bronze Medalist:** Alexander Phillips (Poetry-Performance)

ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, improve and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African American high school students. The ACT-SO program centers around the dedication and commitment of community volunteers and business leaders; to serve as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence among African-

American students. There are 29 categories of competition in the areas of STEM, humanities, performing arts, visual arts, business, and culinary arts. Nationals are in Detroit in July.

The Board and Administration congratulated Bloomington High School on its national recognition for excellence in global education from EF High School Exchange Year, the leader in high school Exchange for the 2018-2019 school year. Nationally, 1,600 schools were nominated with only 375 schools recognized. The EF High School Exchange Year Global Education Excellence Award is presented annually to high schools that demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to international understanding and global awareness. "District 87 has shown an outstanding commitment to offering a global education. By welcoming exchange students into the classrooms, these schools have created new and unique learning opportunities for not just the exchange students, but for the American students and faculty as well." -Bob Fredette, President of EF High School Exchange Year. This year, BHS welcomed EF High School Exchange Year exchange students from Denmark, Italy, and Sweden. Not only were the students accepted into the school, they became an integral part of the school's academic and extracurricular life and involved the greater community in the exchange experience.

Bloomington High School/Bloomington Area Career Center senior students spoke regarding their involvement in the following programs offered. They thanked the Board and Administration for providing many opportunities for students.

- Malk Basham - Music Program
- McKayla Elsehoff - Culinary Arts Program at BACC
- Sierra Warnisher - National Honor Society
- Cindy Phung - Technical Theater
- Tre Campbell - Theater
- Cassie Adelman- Speech Team

Mr. Almeda attended Battle of the Books, Stevenson's 50-year Anniversary Open House, BHS Staff Recognitions, Sheridan Spring Musical, District Retirement Reception, Oakland Staff Recognitions, Stevenson Staff Recognitions, Sheridan Talent Show, and BHS Honors Night.

Ms. Beasley stated that 53 Beyond the Books grants were submitted; District 87 received four awards as well as a Beyond the Box \$10,000 grant, which will impact all six elementary schools. Ms. Beasley attended Stevenson's Open House, BHS' Purple

Pride Awards, NAACP ACT-SO Awards Banquet, BHS Teacher Signing Day (students who will attend college to become teachers), Spring Choral Concert, BHS/ACC Staff Recognitions, Raymond Staff Recognitions, District Retirement Reception, Oakland Staff Recognitions, Stevenson Staff Recognitions, and BHS Honors Night.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended Battle of the Books and encouraged Board members to be involved in this program. She attended Stevenson's Open House, BHS Choir Concert, BHS' Purple Pride Awards, BHS Teacher Signing Day, Raymond Celebrate Success Picnic, Raymond Staff Recognitions, District Retirement Reception, Oakland Staff Recognitions, Stevenson Staff Recognitions, BHS Honors Night, and Washington PTO Meeting.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the District Retirement Reception and BHS Honors Night.

Mr. Irwin attended Stevenson Open House, BHS Choir Concert, BHS' Purple Pride Awards, BHS/ACC Staff Recognitions, ACC Student Recognition/Awards, Raymond Staff Recognitions, District Retirement Reception, BHS Concert Band & Wind Symphony Concert, Oakland Staff Recognitions, and BHS Honors Night.

Mr. Wylie attended the Regional Planning Commission meeting. He attended Stevenson Open House, BHS' Purple Pride, BHS Staff Recognitions, Oakland Carnival, Raymond Staff Recognitions, District Retirement Reception, and Oakland Staff Recognitions.

Mrs. Yount attended Stevenson Open House, BHS Choral Concert, BHS Spring Band Concert, as well as many other events. BHS Promise Council is implementing "Lights On at BHS". This will kick off the last day of school from 1:00-4:00 pm at BHS. This initiative will bring in community organizations to provide summer opportunities for students. This initiative began when a New Jersey High School principal realized his students needed a safe environment over the summer and had "lights on" at the school.

Mr. Tim Moore, BHS Principal, and BHS staff members provided an update on the 2018-19 Advisory Period Pilot.

Dr. Diane Wolf and Mrs. Jen McGowan (Sheridan Principal) presented "Community Schools at Sheridan" in partnership with The Baby Fold. Community Schools are a physical place and a holistic partnership between the school and the community with a deliberate and integrated focus on academic and social development, supporting families, access to holistic healthcare, and community development. This will be a team of collaborating educators,

students, families, and community partners. They are designed to support social workers, teacher interactions with parents, parents at IEP's and 504's, and existing school teams and supports. This will provide additional family supports, classroom supports, and community supports for Sheridan.

This will be funded with Title I funds, IDEA funds, and support from the Baby Fold. The person who will work in the school will be an employee of the Baby Fold. Success of the initiative will be determined using assessment data. Volunteers will be coordinated through this as well.

Dr. Diane Wolf provided an update on summer programming for students and staff.

Dr. Manahan presented the proposed 2019-20 Student/Parent Handbook changes and fees for second reading.

Dr. Reilly presented Board policies for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> readings.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Food Service Agreement with BroMenn Adult Day Care, Food Service Agreement with ROE Alternative Ed). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-15-19/1)

Dr. Reilly thanked the Board for attending so many District events. The staff at the schools appreciate Board member attendance at these events/celebrations.

- May 16<sup>th</sup> - Military Swearing In at BHS - 9:15 am
- May 16<sup>th</sup> - BJHS Honors Night - 6:00 pm
- May 17<sup>th</sup> - BHS Senior Art Show - 5:00 pm
- May 24<sup>th</sup> - Last day of school
- May 26<sup>th</sup> - Graduation - 3:00 pm at Grossinger Motors Arena

The Administrator/Director meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup> was held at Chestnut Health Systems to showcase all Chestnut has to offer families.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the following Board Policies:

- 2:20 - Powers and Duties of the School Board: Indemnification
- 2:120 - Board Member Development
- 4:100 - Insurance Management
- 4:110 - Transportation
- 4:150 - Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:160 - Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 4:190 - Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye".  
Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-15-19/2)

Jennifer Claucherty, 2907 Kinsbury Court, Bloomington stated she attended the meeting as part of her enrollment in the doctoral program at the University of Findlay in Ohio. Her two children graduated from BHS, and she thanked the Board and Administration for the education her children received in District 87.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to move into Closed Session for:

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

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees

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 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary