

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 26, 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, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, 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 Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Irwin, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 12, 2021 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Irwin, Samedy and Wylie voted "Aye"; Houtzel and Gibson abstained due to absence on May 12, 2021. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Samedy, that the Minutes of the Closed Session of the Board of Education held on May 12, 2021 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Irwin, Samedy, and Wylie voted "Aye"; Houtzel and Gibson abstained due to absence on May 12, 2021. Motion carried.

BHS student Myranda Wiggins was congratulated for her Silver Medal in the Performing Arts Musical Vocal-Contemporary competition at the NAACP ACT-SO Awards.

Beyond the Books was recognized for providing annual grant opportunities for teachers in District 87 for 29 years.

Food Service Director Caroline Bubulka and the Food Service Managers/Staff were recognized for their extraordinary efforts in feeding District 87 families and students during the pandemic. Ms. Bubulka thanked District 87 custodial staff as well as Illinois Central School Bus Company and its drivers for their help in transporting food to families.

Mr. Almeda attended two negotiations meetings.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books meeting.

Mrs. Gibson attended staff recognition ceremonies at Sarah Raymond School of Early Education and Bent Elementary School.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the staff recognition ceremony at Bent Elementary School.

Mr. Irwin attended (via Zoom) the District 87 end-of-the-year webinar and a Diversity Equity Inclusion Zoom presentation for teachers. He attended the BHS signing event for 7 seniors who are going into education.

Mr. Samedy attended the BHS signing event.

Mr. Wylie attended (via Zoom) the D87 end-of-the-year webinar, the Illinois Association of School Board Corn Belt Division's governing meeting, the D87 webinar and two lacrosse games.

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

Dr. Jen McGowan (BJHS Assistant Principal), and teachers Marsha Veninga and Josh Jett presented information on BJHS' proposed Science curriculum adoption.

Mr. Irwin asked that the Human Resources report be moved from the Consent Agenda to Board Action.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the revised Consent Agenda (Bills; FOIA Report; Financial Summary; Treasurer's Report). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-26-21/1)

Dr. Reilly reported that he attended BHS' signing event and it is his hope that this program grows and these educators will return to teach in Bloomington.

BHS' graduation is Sunday, May 30, 2021, at Fred Carlton Field at 3:00 p.m.

At the May 12, 2021 Board meeting, several parents raised concerns regarding BJHS' Arts for Life Program. The district has now added a zero hour PE at BJHS; as of May 25th, 75 students had signed up.

The second vaccine clinic at BHS will be held May 27, 2021.

The Illinois State Board of Education passed a resolution directing all public schools to begin in-person learning with mask wearing for all students and staff for the 2021-22 school year.

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the 2021-22 Parent Student Handbook changes and fees. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-26-21/2)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Board approve the Resolution on a Complaint Lodged Against an Employee. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-26-21/3)

Mr. Irwin asked that the Extra Duty Pay stipend for the BHS Basketball Coach be removed from the Human Resources report as he has questions regarding the amount of the stipend. Dr. Reilly stated that this will stipend will be pulled off the Human Resources report.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Board approve the revised Human Resources Report. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 5-26-21/4)

Public comment:

Jon Reed, 1224 S. Low Street, Bloomington, asked what will be done for students who have lost an entire year of education as well as why there were no final exams given this year.

Brien Huffman, 1035 E. Front Street, Bloomington, addressed the Board regarding her displeasure with the wearing of masks for students.

Megan Zimmer, 1510 Dover Road, Bloomington, addressed the Board regarding her perceived racism in District 87 schools.

Becky Swan, 703 Jersey Avenue, Normal, addressed the Board regarding her displeasure with an individual who presented to the BHS staff and with teachers who teach political views.

Joe Walden, 302 Hillside Lane, Bloomington, addressed the Board regarding the critical race theory.

Mr. Wylie and Dr. Reilly thanked Dr. Colin Manahan for his years of service to District 87 as this was his last Board meeting due to retirement.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, to move into closed session for the purpose of:

- 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 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary