

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 11, 2020

6:30 P.M.

Bloomington High School

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: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Brigitte Gibson, Board President.

Mr. Almeda met with the Wellness Committee. He attended the virtual ISBE webinar which focused on what other districts are doing in terms of mental health of students and staff during the COVID pandemic.

Mrs. Gibson attended the virtual ISBE webinar.

Mr. Wylie attended Bob Loy's visitation.

Dr. Diane Wolf presented the 2020-21 Fall Housing Report/2021-22 Enrollment Projections. Enrollments/projections are as follows:

District Enrollment: 5,080/5219
Bloomington High School: 1524/1546
Bloomington Jr. High School: 1153/1158
Bent Elementary: 382/378
Irving Elementary: 329/325
Oakland Elementary: 483/489
Sheridan Elementary: 362/371
Stevenson Elementary: 321/314
Washington Elementary: 352/341
Sarah Raymond School of Early Childhood: 174/280
Free/Reduced Lunch: 42%
Special Education (IEP/504): 18.1%
Multilingual: 7.2%
Ethnicity: 46% White; 24% Black; 15% Hispanic; 3% Asian;
11% Multi
Remote vs. Hybrid In-Person Learning: 43%/57%

Dr. Reilly presented Board Policy 4.180 (Pandemic Preparedness, etc.) for second reading.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, 2021 HMO Rates). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-11-20/1)

Dr. Reilly reported on the following:

1. He attended Bob Loy's visitation. Mr. Loy was a teacher and well respected swim coach for many years in District 87 who will be greatly missed.
2. Dr. Reilly thanked the veterans in the audience for their service to our country.
3. 3rd-6th grade students returned to in-person learning the week of November 9th.

Dr. Reilly continues to be in contact with the area hospitals and Health Department to discuss COVID and the impact it is having on the Bloomington-Normal community. Due to the increase in cases and families traveling and spending time with families, the district will have remote learning days the week of and week after Thanksgiving (November 23-December 4). Teachers and paraprofessionals will work with building principals to work from home. The district will again do this the week following Winter Break (January 4-8). Mr. Wylie asked if the district is still planning to have 7th-12th graders return in-person second semester. Dr. Reilly said we are, and parents will be sent a survey in the near future to see if their student(s) will remain in remote learning or return in-person. Ms. Fox Anvick thanked Dr. Reilly and the administration for all of the planning work during this pandemic.

It was moved Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the new courses at Bloomington High School. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-11-20/2)

It was moved Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the 2020-21 BHS Handbook Amendment for Semester Exam Calculation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-11-20/3)

It was moved Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the BHS Amended Graduation Requirements for Class of 2021. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-11-20/4)

It was moved Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the City of Bloomington Road Salt Agreement. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-11-20/5)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to move into Closed Session for the purposes of:

the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; and

discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes

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 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary