

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 14, 2018

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.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Ms. Brigette Beasley, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, Mrs. Mary Yount, and Mr. Jim Almeda, 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 Ms. Beasley, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the October 24, 2018 Regular Board Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Beasley, Fox Anvick, Houtzel, Irwin, and Yount voted "Aye"; Wylie abstained due to absence on October 24, 2018. Motion carried.

Irving Elementary School was highlighted.

The Board and Administration congratulated BHS students Yasimine Hamilton & Jackson Alexander Phillips for receiving the NAACP Harry Hightower Award. The Harry Hightower Award was created to acknowledge and celebrate the success of local minority high school students who are actively engaged in community service throughout the Bloomington-Normal community. Yasimine and Jackson will receive financial awards for college as well as one-year memberships to the Bloomington-Normal NAACP.

The Board and Administration congratulated the BHS Boys Cross Country Team and Coach John Szabo on BHS' 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the IHSA Class 2A Boys Cross Country meet. Kaitlin Skeate, a member of the Girls Cross Country team earned all-state honors; she was 6<sup>th</sup> among all sophomores and clocked a personal best of 17:51.

Mr. Almeda recently met with Dr. Reilly and Dr. Wolf to discuss curriculum across the district. He also attended a news conference regarding universities in the community who have partnered together for a grant which will fund dollars to reach our students in most need who would benefit from the STEM programs. Mr. Wylie attended a Wellness Committee meeting.

Ms. Beasley attended a Beyond the Books Board of Directors meeting. She attended the Ecology Action Center's annual event. Julie McCoy, District 87's Food Service Director, was awarded the McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award. Ms. Beasley also attended the cross country celebration.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the Washington Halloween parade, Washington PTO meeting, and the Irving PTO meeting.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the BHS football playoff game and BHS' Raider Night Out.

Mr. Irwin attended the BHS volleyball Super-Sectional game and the Ecology Action Center's event.

Mrs. Yount attended Raider Night Out, BHS Marching Band Drill Down, Bands of America in St. Louis (14<sup>th</sup> in their class and 44<sup>th</sup> overall), Irving trunk or treat, Washington Halloween parade, Band-Aids craft show, and dress rehearsal of BHS' Midsummer Nights Dream. Mrs. Yount gave a shout out to ACC's culinary students' Gingerbread House exhibit; they are all being donated to Festival of Trees, and all money will go to the Baby Fold. These students will host a bake sale next Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 am.

Mr. Tim Moore (BHS Principal) and several staff members presented a BHS Advisory Period pilot for Spring 2019. The Board asked Mr. Moore to report back in May on the pilot.

Dr. Hannah and Dr. Wolf presented the 2018-19 Fall Housing Report/2019-20 enrollment projections. Enrollment as of September 30<sup>th</sup> was 5445 with projected enrollments for 2019-20 of 5349.

Dr. Reilly presented the Board Policy Manual for 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Changes so far include:

2.140 - School Board (Board members discussing matters of business with each other - paragraph 2). This is in conflict with paragraph 4. Dr. Reilly recommends striking paragraph 2.

2.150 - School Board Committees. We don't have a parent-teacher advisory or behavioral intervention committee. Dr. Reilly recommends that we keep these listed.

3.94 - Deferred Compensation Program - Dr. Reilly's recommendation will most likely be to remove it after doing research.

The Board will review the manual at the December 12<sup>th</sup> Board meeting and vote on approval. Please let Dr. Reilly know if you have questions and/or recommended changes.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Ms. Beasley, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, 2019 HMO Rates, 2019 Dental Rates, 2019 Vision Rates). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-14-18/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- National School Board Member Day is November 15, 2018. Dr. Reilly gave the Board members a small token of appreciation.
- Dr. Reilly attended many of the same events as Board members. BHS' Fall play was outstanding.
- Dr. Reilly attended the Ecology Action Center ceremony honoring Julie McCoy.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, to approve the Health Life Safety Amendment - Bent Fire Alarm Panel. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 11-14/18/2)

Karen Irvin, 2701 Kaisner Drive, Bloomington, addressed the Board and Administration regarding the Illinois Association of School Board's recommendation that its members adopt an official position of arming school teachers and other personnel at the Triple I Convention. She encouraged our representative to cast a firm no vote on any proposal to arm teachers and staff.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Wylie, 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
- student discipline

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 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary