

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 23, 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.

Ms. Wilma Gleason, Board Secretary, established a quorum and the following Members were present: Mr. James Almeda, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Ms. Kiasha Henry, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, and Mr. Mark Wylie, Board Vice 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. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the October 9, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Henry, Irwin and Wylie voted "Aye"; Houtzel abstained due to absence on October 9, 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Geringer, Mrs. Mario Bucio (Bilingual 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher) and three Bent Elementary School students presented information explaining Day of the Dead, (Spanish: *Día de Muertos*), a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico, in particular the Central and South regions, and by people of Mexican heritage elsewhere. The multi-day holiday involves family and friends gathering to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and helping support their spiritual journey.

Bloomington High School parent Debra Morey addressed the Board regarding Advanced Placement (AP) curriculum and the need for updated textbooks.

Dr. Reilly thanked Ms. Morey for her comments and information. There is a process and cycle for textbook purchases. State funding has decreased which makes this difficult. Dr. Reilly will be in contact with Ms. Morey as this process progresses.

Mr. Almeda attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting, Illinois State Board of Education's (ISBE) Those Who Excel banquet, and BHS Choir Concert.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting, and the ISBE Budget Hearing for 2021 school funding which was held at BHS.

Mrs. Henry attended an insurance committee meeting. She attended the BHS Choir Concert, ABC Event at Raymond School, ISBE's Those Who Excel banquet, and BHS Orchestra Concert.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting.

Mr. Irwin attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting, BHS Choir Concert, and ISBE's Those Who Excel banquet.

Mr. Wylie attended an event at Westminster Village.

Mr. Tim Custis, Gorenz & Associates, reported on the 2018-19 District 87 Audit (see presentation with Minutes). He thanked the Board for their oversight as well as Dr. Manahan, Mrs. Beverly Keller (former Director of Accounting who was in attendance) and the Accounting Department for their work. Dr. Reilly thanked Mrs. Keller for her years of service to the District.

Dr. Reilly, Mr. Tony Bauman (BHS Athletic Director), and Mr. Tim Moore (BHS Principal) presented information on the 2-year lacrosse co-op agreement.

Dr. Manahan presented the 2019 Levy Report (see power point attachment with Minutes).

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Henry, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-23-19/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- Dr. Reilly met with Patrick Hogan, the new CEO of the Economic Development Council. Dr. Reilly expressed the Board's opinions about tax increment financing (TIF's) and the need for short-term TIF's as opposed to 23 years.
- Dr. Reilly attended ISBE's Those Who Excel banquet. Those from District 87 who were recognized were Helen Brandon (BJHS Science teacher) who was nominated for

Teacher of the Year, Mary Yount (Former Board Member), BHS Promise Council (Group Award), Kayley Henderson (Bent Elementary School teacher), and Dr. Reilly (Administration).

- Please review the IASB proposed resolutions which will be discussed at the November 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. In particular, please note the resolution to arm classroom teachers. Ms. Beasley is our delegate at the convention.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, to approve the 2019 Levy Resolution. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-23-19/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Henry, seconded by Mr. Almeda, to approve the Lacrosse Co-op Agreement. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-23-19/3)

Jayvon Jamison, a BHS student who resides at 816 E. Locust Street, Bloomington, addressed the Board and thanked them for approving the lacrosse co-op agreement.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, 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 7:45 p.m.

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ATTEST:

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President

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Secretary