

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 25, 2017 6:30 pm 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. Brigitte Beasley, Ms. Elizabeth Fox Anvick, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Mrs. Mary Yount, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Herschel Hannah, Mrs. Cindy Helmers, and Mr. David Wood.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 11, 2017 be approved. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye." Motion carried.

The Board and administration congratulated BJHS student Cadence Hambleton. Cadence received 1st place in the 2017 Woman's Christian Temperance Union Division II (Grades 7-9) National Essay Contest earning \$190. The title of her 300-500 word essay was, "Effects of Tobacco Use on Families." Each year, the Normal WCTU sponsors coloring, poster and essay contests for McLean and Tazewell Counties that promote abstinence and present a message about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs. Cadence won at the county and state level before advancing to the national contest.

Mr. Almeda stated that the Wellness Committee met. The committee is working to implement the Love Languages into classrooms. Mr. Almeda asked Board members to review the proposed resolutions for the Triple I Conference; these will be discussed at the November 8th Board meeting. Mr. Almeda attended the Beyond the Books fundraiser, parent teacher conferences, and BHS/BJHS Orchestra concert.

Ms. Beasley attended the Beyond the Books fundraiser, and she thanked the Board and Administration for their support. Science Bob was at the fundraiser and at BJHS the next day.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended the Beyond the Books fundraiser, Washington PTO meeting, and parent teacher conferences at Washington and Sarah Raymond.

Mrs. Houtzel attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting.

Mr. Irwin attended the IASB Corn Belt division meeting and BHS/BHS Orchestra concert.

Mr. Wylie attended several BJHS girls' basketball games and parent teacher conferences.

Mrs. Yount attended the Beyond the Books fundraiser, State marching band competition at ISU where BHS earned 2nd in their division and made the finals (due to bad weather, the finals were cancelled). Sheridan is hosting Trunk or Treat the evening of October 24th. Mrs. Yount stated that Dr. Colin Manahan (Director of Facilities) and Mrs. Julie McCoy (Director of Food Service) have worked diligently on facility and food program improvements the last several years. Due to their efforts, the district received the Illinois Governor's Sustainability Award presented in Chicago on October 25th.

Ms. Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz & Associates, reported on the 2016-17 District 87 Audit. Ms. Ramsey stated that the audit went very well and feels that District 87's administration and staff are very good and highly knowledgeable.

Ms. Ramsey said the opinion of the Audit Report is an unqualified opinion under the regulatory basis of accounting as set forth by ISBE for school districts. It is adverse under the general accepted accounting principal because we do not have the full GASB 34 reporting. District 87 is to be commended.

Dr. Reilly commended Mr. Wood and Mrs. Beverly Keller, Director of Accounting, for the job they do along with the Board's oversight. Mrs. Yount thanked Mr. Wood and his staff for their work in cross training personnel.

Mr. Wood outlined the fundamental role the property tax plays in District finances and how the Levy process works. He detailed recent history of EAV growth and tax rates as well as the general calculation of the Levy for 2017. He explained that the District is effectively tax capped in all operations funds and described the impact flat to 2% growth in EAV will have on the amount the

county can extend and the tax rate once final EAV is known in the spring of 2018. The District continues to have a structural deficit in the Education Fund, and Mr. Wood made it clear that the one revenue source the Board controls (property tax) would not be able to grow sufficiently to close that deficit.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Beasley, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources Report, Bills, FOIA Report, Treasurer's Report, Financial Summary, 2018-19 Diesel Fuel Coop Purchase, 2018 BHS HVAC Controls and Equipment Bid Recommendation). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-25-17/1)

Dr. Reilly informed the Board of the following:

- Dr. Reilly serves on an assessment task force at the state level looking at PAARC testing in grades 3-8.
- Dr. Reilly hosted a PTO officer meeting here last week. Several items were discussed including facility updates across the district, school funding issues, tax rates, student discipline, and 1:1 curriculum update.
- Dr. Reilly distributed District 87 Fast Facts to board members.
- Dr. Reilly presented Mrs. Yount with a Master Board member award from the IASB Corn Belt dinner meeting.
- Dr. Manahan, Mrs. McCoy, and their employees were congratulated for their work in earning the Governor's Sustainability Award. Dr. Manahan will attend WJBC on October 26th with Dr. Reilly at 8:00 am highlighting this award.

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the 2017 Levy Resolution - Estimate of Property Taxes and Public Hearing Notice. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye" carried. See with Original Minutes, 10-25-17/2)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Beasley, to move into closed session for the purposes 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 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 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary