

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 27, 2021 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, Mrs. Brigette Gibson, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Fitzgerald Samedy, and Mr. Mark Wylie, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Mr. Michael Cornale, Ms. Sherri Thomas, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the October 13, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Samedy, and Wylie voted "Aye"; Irwin abstained due to absence on October 13, 2021. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Samedy, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Board approve the October 13, 2021, Closed Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Samedy, and Wylie voted "Aye"; Irwin abstained due to absence on October 13, 2021. Motion carried.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books committee meeting along with Dr. Wolf.

Mrs. Gibson attended the Women of Distinction honoring many women in the community. Jenn Brooks, a BJHS history teacher, was recognized. Mrs. Gibson attended two community forums. The first was at Western Avenue Community Center where Ms. Courtney Marks (BHS Assistant Principal) represented the district. The second was an event sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Mr. Wylie, Mrs. Gibson, and Dr. Wolf represented the district. Unit 5 administration and Boards were also in attendance.

Mr. Wylie attended the two forums with Mrs. Gibson along with two BJHS girls' basketball games.

Mr. Cornale presented the 2021 Tax Levy and provided visual details to suggest the implications of this tax rate. He detailed what impact that may have on differing home values, D87's overall rate history, and explained the inverse relationship between tax rate and EAV. Mr. Cornale presented information detailing rates

from neighboring districts and recognized the success of D87's levying practices.

Mr. Cornale explained the overall timeline for the tax levy process. Conservatively estimating the levy was crucial to capturing all dollars associated with any change in EAV. Mr. Cornale further explained the principles by which District 87's tax levy is prepared. He cited keeping a relatively flat rate, funding debt service and providing comparable rates as in the past as key benchmarks. Accounting for nearly 60% of revenue, the importance of the tax levy was discussed. Mr. Cornale explained statutory maximum rates for certain levies, while explaining in more detail the funds not capped. Recommending an overall 5.17% tax rate, Mr. Cornale felt comfortable with levying against a 3% increase in EAV. Assuming a 3% EAV increase, it was suggested to levy \$45,580,608.

Mr. Cornale offered a brief introduction to the notion of increasing our purchasing capabilities by engaging the services of a performance contractor. Continuing a conversation from the past, Mr. Cornale explained he has had further conversations with Mr. Steve Kowalski from Performance Services to provide complimentary services to our architectural firm. Realizing the very tuned scope of work he expected a performance contractor to complete, Mr. Cornale was looking for the right type of project to center this discussion around and felt that the chiller replacement would be a perfect opportunity to utilize this type of service. He introduced Mr. Kowalski and allowed him to further speak to this process. Mr. Kowalski associated his line of work to more of a Design-Build procurement process and explained several key attributes; speed of process, one contract price (no change orders) and guaranteed energy savings. He provided some additional details and how frequently this method is used by other districts, large and small. Mr. Wylie had a few questions regarding the process.

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-27-21/1)

Dr. Reilly reminded the Board that the Corn Belt dinner meeting will be held at BHS on October 28, 2021. Betty Baumgardner is doing a book signing in the BHS Senior Cafeteria on Saturday, October 30th, from 2-4 pm; this is open to the public.

Dr. Reilly read a portion of a public comment made on October 13, 2021 alleging inappropriate behavior by an unnamed District 87

employee. Dr. Reilly explained that he followed up with Brian Evans, our Director of Safety & Security, who contacted the police. The police contacted the public commenter who provided the alleged person's name. Upon a thorough search, it was determined that the person named has never been employed at District 87 and the allegation was completely false.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the 2021 Levy Resolution - Estimate of Property Taxes and Public Hearing Notice. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-27-21/2)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Board approve the Video Surveillance Project Bid Recommendation. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-27-21/3)

It was moved by Mrs. Gibson, seconded by Mr. Samedy, that the Board approve the Resolution of Closed Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 10-27-21/4)

Public Comment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Zach Williams	Critical Race Theory, sexual content in libraries, sexual orientation taught in schools, mandates, Board and parents working together, local citizen control over education
Brandi Klink	Masks
Renee Martin	Masks and mandates
Elaine *	Masks and mandates
Patti *	Vaccines and mandates
Kristine Davis	Meeting dates, masks, vaccinations, parental consent
Diane Benjamin	FOIA Request regarding History curriculum

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mr. Irwin, 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 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:
