

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 23, 2020

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, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, Mr. Mark Wylie, and Ms. Brigitte Beasley, Board President.

Present from the administrative staff were Dr. Barry Reilly, Dr. Colin Manahan, Ms. Sherri Thomas, and Dr. Diane Wolf.

A public hearing was held on the 2020-21 budget. There have been no changes to the budget since it was presented on August 12, 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Mrs. Houtzel, that the Board approve the September 9, 2020 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried.

Ms. Beasley attended the Zoom staff webinar on September 23rd.

Ms. Fox Anvick attended a Beyond the Books directors' meeting. She gave a shoutout to Jen Weaver, BHS Media Center Specialist, who presented information regarding the grant she received last year from Beyond the Books.

Mr. Wylie attended a Zoom assembly for BHS juniors and seniors; he gave a shoutout to Tim Moore and BHS staff for encouraging the students. He also attended the Zoom staff webinar on September 23rd.

Dr. Reilly presented Board policies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd readings.

Dr. Reilly and Dr. Wolf presented the Diversity Action Plan.

Dr. Reilly presented the Remote Learning Plan Update for 2nd quarter. The district will continue to provide a strong remote learning program while recognizing that the best environments is for students to be physically in front of teachers in the classroom. The social-emotional aspect of being around other

students and staff is important. The district monitors metrics for Bloomington-Normal as well as McLean County. The district currently has low numbers for staff cases/quarantine along with low numbers of known student cases/quarantine.

All parents will have the option of in-person or 100% remote learning as follows with all safety measures in place.

- October 5 - Some special education students return
- October 19 - All teachers return to school for teaching
- October 26 - PK-2nd grade students return to in-person learning on an A/B schedule from 9:00am-2:30pm.
- November 9 - 3rd-5th grade students return to in-person learning on an A/B schedule from 9:00am-2:30pm.
- Remote learning for all will occur one day each week.
- Students may need to change teachers based on the number of students who select remote learning.
- In-person learning plans for grades 6-12 have not been finalized.

A parent survey asking whether students will be in-person or 100% remote will be sent by September 25th with an October 1st date for returning the survey.

The district will continue to provide breakfast and lunch as well as meals for the time they are not in school.

Ms. Beasley asked how many staff are in the buildings currently. Dr. Reilly has stated that there are a significant number of staff members (more than not) in the buildings.

Ms. Fox Anvick asked the following questions:

1. Will the amount of face time increase when students go back? *Dr. Wolf stated there would be six additional minutes each day.*
2. Will remote students be using District 87 curriculum or a third party vendor? *Dr. Wolf stated this will be D87 curriculum with D87 teachers.*
3. Are we taking into account the effect on a student if they must have a new teacher? *Dr. Reilly stated that the district will not know numbers until after the parent survey. There will be students whom will remain with their current teacher. Principals and teachers will do their best to address the highest needs. The district will constantly reevaluate.*

4. Does the district have a plan to return to 100% remote if this plan does not work? *Dr. Reilly stated the district will constantly monitor.*
5. What is the district's criteria for going back to 100% remote learning? *Dr. Wolf stated that Ms. Thomas (Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources) has been working on this.*
6. Will the parent survey ask if parents will provide transportation or use the bus? Yes.

Ms. Fox Anvick stated that it will ultimately take adults (faculty and staff) in the building in order for students to attend.

Mr. Wylie stated that if 90% of the parents want students to come back, they have a greater chance of getting the teacher they have as there will be more teachers. The same is true if 90% want students to remain at home. He asked what type of testing the district is doing on the faculty. *We are not testing staff. They have been self-certifying every morning.*

It was moved by Mr. Irwin, seconded by Mr. Wylie, 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, 9-23-20/1)

It was moved Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the 2020-21 Budget. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/2)

It was moved Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve Board Policies 2:125 Board Member Compensation: Expenses; 2:160 Board Attorney; 5:60 Expenses; 5:150 Personnel Records; 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; 6:135 Accelerated Placement Program; and 7:70 Attendance and Truancy. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/3)

It was moved by Mr. Wylie, seconded by Mr. Irwin, that the Board approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/4)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing and Direction the

Execution of one or More Escrow Agreement in Connection with the Issue of Taxable General Obligation School Bonds. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/5)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Resolution to Transfer Judge Scott Educational Trust Funds to the Education Fund. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/6)

It was moved by Mr. Almeda, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the Resolution to Transfer Working Cash Funds to the Education Fund. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/7)

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Wylie, that the Board approve the Resolution to Transfer Working Cash Funds to the Transportation Fund. Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-23-20/8)

Dean Paris, 1312 ½ W. Grove Street, Bloomington; Garrett Thalgott, 2708 Ridge Road, Bloomington; and Lacey Hicks, 27 Pembroke Circle, Bloomington addressed the Board expressing their concerns with the return to school plan.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, 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 8:10 p.m.

APPPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary