

MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 8, 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, Mrs. Tammy Houtzel, Mr. Charles Irwin, 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. Irwin, seconded by Ms. Fox Anvick, that the Board approve the August 25, 2021, Regular Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Irwin, and Wylie voted "Aye"; Houtzel abstained due to absence on August 25, 2021. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the August 25, 2021, Closed Session Board Meeting minutes. Upon a roll call vote, Almeda, Fox Anvick, Gibson, Irwin, and Wylie voted "Aye"; Houtzel abstained due to absence on August 25, 2021. Motion carried.

Dr. Reilly congratulated Jen Baker, BJHS Art teacher, for being recognized by the Illinois Art Education Association as the 2021 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year. Jen will be recognized at the September 22nd Board meeting.

Mr. Almeda attended BHS Open House.

Mr. Irwin attended a BHS football game and BJHS' "Welcome Back to School" event. He gave a shoutout to the Fire Department and SRO's who attended the event.

Mr. Wylie attended a BHS football game, girls' volleyball game, and BACC Open House. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Wylie welcomed the eight focus groups who met via Zoom as part of the Superintendent search.

Dr. Reilly introduced Mr. Patrick Hoban, Economic Development Council CEO, who presented information on the EDC's tax incentive.

Dr. Reilly presented Board policy changes for third reading as follows:

- 2.10 School District Governance
- 2.30 School District Elections
- 2.130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- 2.240 Board Policy Development
- 5.10 Equal Employment Opportunity & Minority Recruitment
- 6.145 Migrant Students
- 6.160 English Learners
- 6.235 Access to Electronic Networks
- 6.255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 6.260 Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- 7.280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 8.90 Parent Organization & Booster Clubs

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda (Human Resources, Bills, FOIA Report, Payroll, Appointments by Board of Education). Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-8-21/1)

Dr. Reilly presented information on COVID cases and quarantines in District 87. There have been 30 positive student cases with 350 quarantined students during the first two weeks of school. 70-75 students who are fully vaccinated and were listed as close contacts did not have to quarantine as long as they remained asymptomatic. Beginning September 9, 2021, if a student who is listed as a close contact is tested after the 5th day of quarantine and is COVID negative, the student can return to school on the 8th day. Families are being notified on September 8, 2021 of the change in the 10-day quarantine and the opportunity to test so students can return to school earlier.

It was moved by Mrs. Houtzel, seconded by Mr. Almeda, that the Board approve the following Board policies:

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- 2.30 School District Elections
- 2.130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
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Upon a roll call vote, all Members present voted "Aye". Motion carried. (See with Original Minutes, 9-8-21/2)

It was moved by Ms. Fox Anvick, seconded by Mrs. Gibson, 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 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President

Secretary