



## Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Minutes – July 26, 2023

President, Bob Laudadio called the regular meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 p.m., at Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, Illinois.

Roll call verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present and absent as listed below:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jacqueline Dye	Secretary	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Member	X	
Robert Laudadio	President	X	
Marisol Leyva	Vice-President	X	
Anita Miller	Member	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X arrived 6:32 pm.	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
<b>Administration</b>			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
<b>EAC Staff</b>			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

**Staff Present:** Tim Waldorf, Joe West

**Others present:** Concetta Caringella, Saul Melendez

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Laudadio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public comments:** none

**Celebrations**

**Presentations**

- A. Summer Learning - Dr. Anne Paonessa, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning reported on the summer learning program. The report consisted of number of students attending, staff involvement, High Impact Tutoring grant and summer learning outcomes. Students were able to choose a book from Anderson Book Fair, Opportunities to use English through the Culinary Club at COD.

**Board Committee Reports**

- A. Announcements - none

**Administrative Reports**

- A. **Announcements** - none
- B. **FOIA Report** - Mr. Novack reported that there were three FOIA's: 1 from NBC5, 2 from Prairie State Wire Media.
- C. **Update on Open Positions** - Dr. McCluskey reported that there were 4 teaching positions still open 3 bus drivers, 9 support staff and 4 clinicians.

- D. **End of Year Financial Report** - Mr. Novack presented the Statement of Activity, YTD through June 2023.
- E. **Overview of 2023-2024 Budget** - Mr. Novack presented the first look at the 2023-2024 budget.

**Consent Item**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

- 1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 21, 2023
- 2. Regular Board of Education Meeting - June 21, 2023 - closed session
- 3. Special Board of Education Meeting - July 12, 2023

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the above listed minutes as presented and attached.

**B. Approval of Financial Reports**

- 1. Bills June 2023
  - a. Accounts Payable
  - b. Imprest Checks
  - c. Advanced Checks
- 2. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2023
- 3. Quarterly Investment Report

**Recommendation:** The Board of Education approves the financial reports as presented and attached.

**C. Personnel**

**I. Notice of Resignation - Administrator**

**Recommendation:** No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation.

- 1. Nataly Lopez-Diaz, Assistant Principal at Blackhawk Middle School, effective July 27, 2023.

**II. Notice of Resignation - Certified Staff**

**Recommendation:** No action by the Board of Education is necessary for these resignations.

- 1. Ana Delgado, Pre-K Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist, Tioga School, effective July 17, 2023.
- 2. Arcelia Garay, Bilingual School Social Worker, Tioga School, effective July 14, 2023.
- 3. Katelynn McAllister, Art Teacher, Tioga School, effective July 17, 2023.
- 4. Claire Rixie, EL Specialist, Johnson School, effective July 14, 2023.

**III. Notice of Resignation - Classified Staff**

**Recommendation:** No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation.

- 1. Judy Guido, ISP Paraprofessional, Johnson School, August 11, 2023.

**IV. Ratification of Employment - Certified Staff for 2023-2024,**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following certified staff members:

- 1. Keven Hohenzy, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education ISP Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 9, 2023.
- 2. Miranda Spal, School Counselor, Tioga School, effective August 9, 2023.

**V. Ratification of Employment for 2023-2024, Administrative Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following certified staff members:

1. Concetta Caringella, Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Blackhawk Middle School, effective July 31, 2023.

**VI. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following classified staff:

1. Maria Contreras, 1st grade Instructional Aide, Johnson School, effective August 14, 2023.
2. Autumn Cuccio, Pre-K Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective August 14, 2023.
3. Angel Johnson, Literacy Aide, Johnson School, effective August 14, 2023.
4. Lady Popoca, Pre-K Blended Bilingual Special Education Paraprofessional, Tioga School effective August 14, 2023.

**D. Re-authorize Sodexo Food Service Contract for 2023-24**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education authorize Administration to enter into a one-year contract with Sodexo America, LLC, on the terms described.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye: Dye, Stoltman, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Leyva, Miller, Parthimos**

**Nay: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**Conference/Action Item**

**A. Approval of Disciplinary Practices (Handbook)** - Dr. McCluskey reported that under Policy 7-190, the Board shall review and approve the District’s disciplinary rules as presented in the student handbook. The relevant handbook sections are attached. They state the behavior guidelines for students.

The handbook’s guidelines are based on Policy 7:190. That policy is the Board’s official description of prohibited student conduct and possible disciplinary measures. The student handbook reflects board policy and cannot override the official statements in Policy 7-190.

The handbook’s guidelines were reviewed and revised by the BSD2 Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee on Student Discipline on June 20th. ([see revisions](#)) The revisions were then reviewed by the Board’s legal counsel.

**A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education approve the disciplinary rules presented [here](#).**

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Aye: Stoltman, Leyva, Dye, Gonzalez, Laudadio, Miller, Parthimos**

**Nay: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion Carried.**

- B. 1st Reading Policy Revision - 2:120 Board Member Development** - Dr. McCluskey reported that the Board creates and revises the Policy Manual. See more about this process [here](#).

Policy 2-120 is presented [here](#) for First Reading. It describes Board member training and development. Some of the training topics are required by Illinois law.

The proposed Policy adds a new mandatory training topic concerning trauma-informed practices for students and staff. The new requirements apply this year to Board members in their first year of service.

No other changes are recommended. This topic is required for new Board members by Illinois law.

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education review the proposed Policy 2-120, anticipating adoption at a later meeting.

**New Business**

Mrs. Parthimos expressed interest in a Policy Committee to review policies.

**Closed Session:** none

**Adjournment**

**At 7:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.**

No further business appearing Mr. Laudadio adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

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President

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Secretary