



Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes – January 17, 2024

President Robert 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:

<i>Board of Education</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
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
James Stoltman	Member	X	
<i>Administration</i>			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
<i>EAC Staff</i>			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

Staff Present: Tim Waldorf – Community Relations Coordinator, Joe West – Tech Specialist, Dr. Anne Paonessa - Asst. Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, Dustin Berman – Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Dianne Iwema, Victoria Mazzone BEA Co-Presidents, Le-ANN Roper – Staff member, Lara Schwarz – President Bensenville/Wood Dale Rotary.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Laudadio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: none

Celebrations

- A. **Bensenville-Wood Dale Rotary Club:** The Bensenville Education Association presented the Bensenville Rotary Club with its Friend of Education Award for “excellence in dedicated service” to the students and staff of Bensenville School District 2 for its annual coat drive.

Presentations

- A. **Department of Student Services Update:** Dustin Berman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, reviewed the programs offered by the Student Services Department and outlined changes to their enrollment and delivery that has occurred this year.

Board Committee Reports

- A. Announcements - none

Administrative Reports

- A. Announcements – none
- B. FOIA Report – Mr. Novack reported that there was 1 FOIA: Canon, Leases and contracts for maintenance of copiers and printers; contracts for Managed Print Services; and invoices for these items from the past six months.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2023
2. Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 20, 2023 - closed session

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills December 2023
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
2. Financial Statements as of December 31, 2023
3. Mid-Year Financial Report
4. Quarterly Investment Report

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

C. Personnel

I. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following classified staff members:

1. Veronica Macias, Part-Time Infant Toddler Specialist, Tioga School, effective January 8, 2024.
2. Robin Scotti, Special Education Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective January 10, 2024.

D. Approval of Bensenville Arts Council Membership & Fee

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the 2024 fee for the Bensenville Art Council in the amount of \$3,000.

E. Authorize Loans from Working Cash to Other Funds

Recommendation: That the Board adopt the resolution authorizing occasional loans from the Working Cash Fund to:

- (i) the Tort Fund in amounts up to \$100,000 outstanding at any one time, and
- (ii) the Municipal Retirement / Social Security Fund amounts up to \$100,000 outstanding at any one time.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Dye, Laudadio, Leyva,

Nay: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Parthimos,

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

A. Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar – Dr. McCluskey reported the key dates from the calendar for 2024-2025:

First day of school	Wednesday, August 21
Winter break	Monday, December 23 through Friday, January 3 (classes resume 1/6/2025)
Teacher Institute Days	Monday, August 19, 2024 Friday, September 20, 2024 Monday, November 25, 2024 Friday, February 28, 2025

Professional Development Days	Tuesday, August 20, 2024 Thursday, October 24, 2024 Tuesday, November 26, 2024
Parent-Teacher conference days	Friday, October 25, 2024 Friday, February 21, 2025
Last day of school without emergency days	Wednesday, June 4, 2025

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2024-2025 School Calendar as per attached. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

B. 2nd Reading & Adopt Policy Revision - 5:240 - Professional Personnel – Suspension – Dr. McCluskey presented revised Policy 5:240 for 2nd reading and adoption. No changes were recommended from the first reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education adopt revised policy 5-240 Professional Personnel Suspension as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Dye, Laudadio, Leyva,
Nay: None
Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Parthimos,
Motion Carried.

C. 1st Reading Policy Revisions – Dr. McCluskey presented the following revised policies for 1st reading and review:
a. Policy 2-220 - School Board Meeting Procedure
b. Policy 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
c. Policy 6:235 - Access to Electronic Networks

The Board of Education reviewed and discussed the proposed Policies 2:220, 5:125 and 6:235 as a first reading and anticipates adoption at the next meeting.

D. Award Contracts for Blackhawk Renovations – Mr. Novack presented a series of contracts for Blackhawk Middle School renovations and additions this summer. The contracts bring the estimated project cost to between \$12.5 million and \$13.5 million, which is less than the \$14.9 million cost estimated in March 2023. The project will be completed this summer and will be paid for with a combination of savings and bonds. The renovations and additions will provide key improvements identified by students, teachers, and administrators and include the following:

- Additions of four new classrooms and a new fitness center.
- Conversions of three classrooms into flex spaces that can be divided into as many as nine small-group spaces that can be used for interventions, meetings, and workspaces.
- Enlargement of 12 classrooms by removing six workrooms currently connected to neighboring classrooms.
- Relocation of the special education classroom to a dedicated space with a sensory room and restroom.
- Renovations of science rooms, the health office, and the school’s two outdoor learning courtyards.
- Upgrades to classroom technology to create a wireless environment for both students and teachers.
- Painting throughout the building and installation of new flooring, lighting, whiteboards, and classroom furniture.

Each recommendation represents the lowest responsive bid submitted from among the responsible bidders.

Here are the recommended awards for each trade.

Trade	Awardee	Total Award	Alternate
BP 01 – Roofing	W.B.R. Roofing Company	268,650	
BP 02 – Fire Prevention	Automatic Fire Systems, Inc.	60,778	
BP 03 – Sitework & Site Utilities	DiMeo Brothers	1,260,000	(A), rejected
BP 04 – Asphalt & Paving	References are being checked		
BP 05 – Landscaping	Krimson Valley Landscape	279,900	

Trade	Awardee	Total Award	Alternate
BP 06 – Concrete	Builders Concrete	405,000	(B), rejected
BP 07 – Masonry	A-One Group	662,000	
BP 08 – Structural Steel	Kingery Steel	223,800	
BP 09 – Carpentry & General Trade	DBM Services	1,489,000	
BP 10 – Aluminum, Glazing & Glass	Illinois Contract Glazing Inc.	395,690	
BP 11 – Flooring	Alternate 2 needs to be revised		(C), pending
BP 12 – Painting	Ascher Brothers	129,800	(D), rejected
BP 13 – Doors, Door Frames & Hardware	Advanced Door & Hardware	168,351	
BP 14 – Plumbing	A&H Plumbing	286,200	
BP 15 – Mechanical/HVAC	Admiral Heating & Ventilation	1,089,000	
BP 16 – Electrical	Still being reviewed		
BP 19 – Asbestos Removal	Husar Abatement	115,000	(C), accepted
GRAND TOTAL		6,833,169	

Options

1. For BP 04--Asphalt & Paving, the lowest bid was withdrawn. Administration is reviewing references for the next-lowest bidder. Authorization is requested for the Administration to select a firm and award the contract later this month and then report to the Board in February.
2. In BP 11--Flooring, the scope of work does not yet include all spaces that currently have asbestos-containing floor tile or mastic. Those spaces, however, are included in alternates recommended for BP 19--Abatement. The low bidder for Flooring will be asked to revise the alternate to include those additional spaces. Assuming the change is small enough that re-bidding will not be required, then authorization is requested for Administration to select a firm and award the contract later this month and then report to the Board in February.
3. For BP 16--Electrical, the bids are still being reviewed.
4. For BP 18--Partitions, no bids were received. Administration and the construction manager are soliciting bids now; we have learned that lead times are very long in that industry. Authorization is requested for the Administration to select a firm and award the contract later this month and then report to the Board in February.

A motion was made by Ms. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education authorize Administration to award the 14 contracts listed in the table and the 3 contracts described in Options.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Dye, Leyva, Laudadio,

Nay: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Parthimos,

Motion Carried.

New Business

- none

Closed Session

- none

Adjournment

At 7:01 p.m. motion was made by Mrs. Leyva and seconded by Mr. Stoltman 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 7:01 p.m.

President

Secretary