



Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes – January 18, 2023

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the regular meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 7:00 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:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
Jacqueline Dye	Member	X	
Katie Krajecki	Member	X	
Bob Laudadio	Member	X	
Marisol Leyva	Secretary	X	
Chris McCullough	President	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X	
James Stoltman	Vice-President		X
Administration			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
EAC Staff			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe West - BSD2 Tech team member, Anne Paonessa - Interim Director of Teaching & Learning, Tim Waldorf – Community Relations Coordinator, Victoria Mazzone, Dianne Iwema

Others: Nancy Quinn, Naila Fonseca, Victoria Gonzalez

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments: none

Celebrations - Dr. McCluskey announced the following celebrations:

- A. **Project CARE** – Dianne Iwema and Victoria Mazzone BEA Co-Presidents presented Project CARE, District 2’s academic volunteer program, with its Friend of Education Award for “excellence in dedicated service to the students and staff of Bensenville School District 2.” While accepting the award, Project CARE Coordinator and Facilitators Lara Schwarz, Laura Butz, Lisa Simoncelli and Sue Vitale shared with the Board the history of the CARE program, as well as the program’s [recruiting video](#) and its [25th anniversary celebration video](#).

Board Committee Reports

- A. **Announcements** – none

Administrative Reports

A. Announcements:

1. Dr. McCluskey thanked All parents, Board, Bensenville Police Department, Building Administrators Padro Castro, Dean of Students at Fenton High School for supporting the Parent Workshop on Vaping. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students attended grade level workshops regarding dangers of vaping and how to make good decisions in their life.
2. Two PowerSchool Parent Portal trainings have been held so far last one to be held Thursday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. at W.A. Johnson School to work with parents on setting up their portal.

- B. **FOIA Report** – Mr. Novack reported that there were none since last month.

C. 2nd Quarter Financial Reports

1. **Revenues & Expenditures** - Mr. Novack presented the revenues and expenditures.
2. **Investments** - Mr. Novack reported that in the most recent quarter, interest rates fell slightly and the market value accordingly increased slightly. At December 31, 2022, the portfolio's value was \$30,870,292 and the expected yield was 3.13%.

D. BMS Renovation Update - Dr. McCluskey reported that the District continues to work with its architects at STR Partners on renovation plans for Blackhawk Middle School. That work will begin this summer with asbestos abatement and flooring renovations. Completing these projects now will allow more time in the summer of 2024 to complete the rest of the renovations. STR will present its design ideas for those renovations to the Board this spring.

Consent Item:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 21, 2022
2. Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 21, 2022 – Closed Session

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. **Bills December 2022**
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
2. **Financial Statements as of December 31, 2022**

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

C: Personnel

I. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Angelina Hermiz, Part-Time Special Education One-on-One Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective January 18, 2023.

II. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accept the resignations of Eva Favela, Special Education Pre-K Blended Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective December 27, 2022.

III. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Romi Herron, Pre-K Special Education Self-Contained Teacher, Tioga School, effective January 12, 2023.

D. Approve Loans from Working Cash to Municipal Retirement /Social Security Fund and to Tort Immunity Fund

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

- (i) the Municipal Retirement / Social Security Fund in amounts up to \$200,000 outstanding at any one time, and
- (ii) the Tort Fund in amounts up to \$60,000 outstanding at any one time.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Laudadio, Dye, Krajecki, Leyva, McCullough, Parthimos

Nay: None

Absent: Stoltman

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

- A. Approval of 2023-2024 Calendar** - Dr. McCluskey reported that the administration shared draft agendas with BEA Board and teachers to solicit comments. The calendar for Fenton High School was compared to the District calendar to make them similar whenever possible. Here are key dates from the draft calendar for 2023-2024:

First day of school	Wednesday, August 16th
Winter break	Thursday, December 21* through Friday, January 5 (classes resume 1/8/2024) <i>*(Fenton Winter break 12/25 - 1/5 with an Institute day on 1/8)</i>
Teacher Institute Days	Monday, August 14, 2023 Friday, September 15, 2023 Monday, November 20, 2023 Friday, March 1, 2024
Professional Development Days	Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Thursday, October 19, 2023 Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Parent-Teacher conference days	Friday, October 20, 2023 Friday, February 16, 2024
Last day of school without emergency days	Friday, May 30, 2024

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Ms. Parthimos that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2023-2024 School Calendar as per attached. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

- B. 2nd Reading & Adoption Fee Waiver Policy Revisions Policy** - Mr. Novack reported that Policy 4-140 was presented on December 21 for First Reading. The proposed changes from the current version implement new School Code provisions.

The proposed policy is presented [here](#) for Second Reading and Adoption. All footnotes were removed from the approved version. No changes are recommended from First Reading.

A motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education adopt revised policy 4-140 as presented here. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

- C. 1st Reading Policy Revision - 5:120 - Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest** - Mr. Novack reported that policy 5-120 is presented [here](#) for First Reading. The proposed policy is a complete rewrite of an existing policy to incorporate recent law changes and to better organize the existing material. The proposed Policy has two introductory paragraphs and five section headings. Nearly all the changes from the prior version appear in the introductory paragraphs and under the first section heading.

Mr. Novack reported that district counsel reviewed the policy. It is identical to the recommended version from PRESS except for an acknowledgement that nominal gifts are not prohibited in the proposed policy if they would be acceptable under rules already existing for such gifts in Board policy 2-105, Ethics and Gift Ban.

No action needed at this time. Board of Education to review these policies, anticipating adoption at a later meeting.

New Business

- Dr. McCullough reported there is no business to be brought before the board on February 1st, therefore the February 1, 2023 meeting will be **cancelled**.

Closed Session:

At 7:36 p.m. motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education go into closed session for Personnel - *performance of specific employee(s) - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Krajecki, Leyva, Dye, Laudadio, McCullough, Parthimos

Nay: None

Absent: Stoltman

Motion Carried.

At 7:50 p.m. motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Laudadio that the Board of Education adjourn from closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:52 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Krajecki that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further business appearing Dr. McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

President

Secretary