



## Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Minutes – March 1, 2023

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the regular workshop 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	Member	X	
Katie Krajecki	Member	X	
Bob Laudadio	Member	X	
Marisol Leyva	Secretary	X	
Chris McCullough	President	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X (Arrived 6:31 p.m.)	
James Stoltman	Vice-President	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 in attendance:** Joe West - BSD2 Tech team member, Anne Paonessa - Interim Director of Teaching & Learning, Tim Waldorf – Community Relations Coordinator, Perry Finch - Principal Blackhawk Middle School, Mercedes Childress - ISP Teacher at WAJ. Tereon Teague - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Tioga.

**Others:** Nancy Quinn, Naila Fonseca, Cathleen Quinn, Armando Perez, Rich Johnson, Nicole Mann,

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public comments:** none

**Presentation**

**BMS Renovations** - STR Partners - Dr. McCluskey introduced Colby Lewis and Sandra Moon from STR who presented three scenarios for the Blackhawk Renovations along with a timeline.

**Board Committee Reports**

**A. Announcements** – Mrs. Jackie Dye reported that she has sent to the Bensenville Community Foundation some grant applications.

**Administrative Reports**

**A. Announcements** - Dr. McCluskey reported the following:

1. The 5Essential Survey will remain open until the end of March. Approximately 20% of the parents have completed the survey and encourage more parents to fill it out.
2. W.A. Johnson School’s ISP class of Ms. Mercedes Childress’s class created a living museum as a celebration of Black History Month. The students did a remarkable job of portrayed

prominent black historical figures that they researched and wrote about for the project. A short video of the presentation was viewed by the board.

**Consent Item:**

**A: Personnel**

**I. Approval of Job Descriptions**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education approve the job descriptions for the following:

1. [Payroll & Insurance Supervisor](#)
2. [.5 Bilingual Assistant Community Relations Coordinator](#)

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

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried.**

**Conference/Action Item**

**A. Mohawk Site Discussion** - Mr. Novack reported that the former Mohawk site is about 6 acres. A playground and parking lot occupy about 1 acre fronting onto Hillside Avenue. The remaining five acres are grassy areas. The District maintains the site currently.

The District could consider several options for the former site of Mohawk School. Each option could be developed in greater detail and then presented to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Novack reported that these options could each be developed for future Board consideration:

1. District retains ownership and operation of the site. This would entail maintaining the current features: playground area, parking lot, and grassy areas.
2. District retains ownership but transfers responsibility for maintenance and improvements to the Park District.
3. District and Park District discuss Park District's purchase of the site.
4. District seeks to sell the north 5 acres for residential development, retaining the playground area on Hillside Avenue.
5. District seeks to sell the full 6 acres for residential development.
6. Table this discussion to a future meeting.

Mr. Novack reported that on Friday, February 24, the Village asked the District to consider a water retention basin at the site. Information was obtained from the Village about the proposal.

Discussion was held. There was a consensus that the board continue to look into option #2.

**New Business:** none

**Closed Session:** none

**Adjournment**

**At 7:36 p.m. motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Parthimos that the Board of Education to adjourn. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.**

No further business appearing Dr. McCullough adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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President

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Secretary