



Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Minutes - July 20, 2022

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	
Tim Waldorf	Community Relations Coordinator	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe West - BSD2 Tech team member

Others in attendance: Anne Paonessa, Interim Director of Teaching & Learning & Dustin Berman, Director of Student Services.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. McCullough led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence – for the Highland Park Tragedy

Public comments – None

Celebrations

- Dr. McCluskey presented a video of the 4th of July Parade
- Dr. McCluskey presented a video of Learning & Growing Together video

Presentations

- Dr. McCluskey presented updated COVID protocols in compliance with health guidance.

Board Committee Reports

- Announcements** – none
- Model School Conference** – Ms. Parthimos reported on sessions and materials that she attended and received while at the Model School Conference.

Administrative Reports

- Announcements** – Dr. McCluskey reported that she is currently working with DuPage ROE to get more

information on conducting a safety audit.

B. FOIA Report – Mr. Novack reported that there were three FOIA's received.

C. Overview of 2022-23 Tentative Budget – Mr. Novack presented a first look at 2022-23 Budget

In 2021-22, the District's surplus was \$2.4M. The new year, 2022-23, also projects to be a surplus.

REVENUES . . . are projected to change versus 2021-22 in these ways:

Surprises from prior year that probably won't repeat

\$900,000 property tax acceleration (taxes were received in June that usually arrive in July). Unless this acceleration repeats in June 2023, then year-over-year receipts will decline 5% in 2022-23.

Surprises from prior year that might repeat

\$1,600,000 in additional income tax receipts (CPPTRT) over and above the State's projection. This tax is very sensitive to economic conditions. A new projection is coming soon from State for FY23. July 2022 actual receipts have exceeded July 2021.

New funding

None expected.

Expiring funding

\$95,000 in one-time grants (IL maintenance & U.S. food service supplement)

Open issues

Awaiting projections for minor IL grants (EBF is set already).

EXPENDITURES . . . are projected to change versus 2021-22 in these ways:

Surprises from prior year that probably won't repeat

Unfilled classroom aide and custodial positions reduced personnel costs.

Surprises from prior year that might repeat

Low COVID-related expenses.

Inflationary increases for supplies and materials.

Mid-year wage increases for aides and custodians to meet market conditions.

New programs

BMS renovation would incur planning costs

Expiring programs

Tioga PreK expansion completed (\$3,600,000 paid in FY22).

Cost adjustments

Salary and benefit increases are 5-6%.

D. Investment Report - Mr. Novack presented the investment report.

Consent Item:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 15, 2022

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills June 2022
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
2. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2022

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

C. Personnel

I. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Jodi Kushik-Sinclair, Special Education English Language Arts Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective July 7, 2022.

II. Resignation of Classified Staff

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

1. Vizcarra Baudelio, Bus Driver, for Bensenville School District effective July 14, 2022.
2. Michelle Cottrell, Classroom Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective June 16, 2022.
3. Stephany Padilla, Special Education Paraprofessional, Blackhawk Middle school, effective July 5, 2022
4. Kristen Perkins, Lunch Aide, Tioga School effective July 14, 2022.

III. Ratification of Employment – Assistant Principal 10-month Contract

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the 10-month contract of employment for Nataly Lopez-Diaz, Blackhawk Middle School, commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, pending completion of teacher evaluator training and the issuance of her Principal Endorsement prior to August 15th.

IV. Ratification of Employment for 2022-2023, Certified Staff

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

1. Cameron Baker, Speech Pathologist, Tioga School, effective August 10, 2022.
2. Mercedes Childress, Special Education ISP Teacher Grades 3-4, Johnson School, effective August 10, 2022.
3. Ryan Howington, 6th Grade Social Studies/Science Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 10, 2022.
4. Jessica Hurtado, Bilingual School Social Worker, Johnson School, effective August 10, 2022.
5. Alicia Palacios, Bilingual/Dual PreK-2 Teacher, Johnson/Tioga School, effective July 11, 2022.
6. Cami Philgreen, K-5 Music Teacher, Johnson School, effective August 10, 2022.
7. Crystal MacNamara, Speech Pathologist, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 10, 2022.

V. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

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

1. Tracy Hoch, Literacy Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 15, 2022.
2. Allyssa August, Pre-K Special Education Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective August 15, 2022.
3. Samantha Morales, Part-Time K-1 Academic Life Skills Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 15, 2022.
4. Samantha Morales, Part-Time K-1 Academic Life Skills Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 15, 2022.
5. Ylene Nunez, 7th Grade ISP Paraprofessional, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 15, 2022.
6. Meredith Ocampo, Pre-K Bilingual Special Education Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective August 15, 2022
7. Guadalupe Vallejo, 3rd Grade Transitional Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective August 15, 2022.

D. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for School Resource Officer

Recommendation: That the Board of Education resolves to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the District for the 2022-23 school year and authorize Administration to establish costs that will be reflected in Exhibit A to the Agreement.

E. Approval of 2022-23 Breakfast & Lunch Fees

Recommendation

That the Board of Education adopt the meal prices as follows:

Price Recommendations			
	Full-Pay Students	Reduced-Pay Students	Staff
Breakfast	1.75	0.30	2.70
Lunch	3.30	0.40	4.45

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

- A. Approval to spend money for FY2023 budget in July, August & September – Mr. Novack reported that although the District’s new fiscal year began on July 1, 2022, the District’s budget is not yet adopted. The Board is scheduled to review a tentative budget in August and to adopt a final budget in September.**

Mr. Novack also reported that authority is requested here for typical spending until the budget is approved. During those months, the Board will be asked to approve payments to vendors in the same manner as usual. This authority removes any uncertainty about spending authority prior to the budget’s adoption.

A motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Krajecki that the Board of Education authorize Administration to acquire products and services for 2022-23 in the usual manner, to be ratified in September by the adoption of the budget.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Closed Session:

At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mr. Laudadio that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of Personnel - *The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of legal counsel for the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).*

At 7:39 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Laudadio that the Board of Education go adjourn from closed session.

A motion was made by Mrs. Parthimos and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education interview three firms for legal counsel services.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Parthimos, Stoltman, Leyva,

Nay: Dye, Krajecki, Laudadio, McCullough,

Absent: None

Motion Lost.

A motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education retain Himes Petrarca and Fetcher CHTD, for legal counsel services.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Laudadio, Dye, Krajecki, McCullough,

Nay: Parthimos, Stoltman, Leyva,

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

New Business-

- Dr. McCluskey reported that the District received an inquiry from a realtor regarding Mohawk site. Mr. Novack reported that a realtor who works for commission, Lee & Associates is interested in a portion of the Mohawk School site would be suitable for development. The Board requested that the administration explore all options.

Adjournment

At 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mrs. Leyva 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 7:53 p.m.

President

Secretary