



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes - May 18, 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. Raymond Lechner	Interim Co-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, Linda Szwankowski, Beth Moritz, Jan Kutter, Patty Koehn, Brandi Schuttler, Natasha Webster, Michelle Langston,

Others in attendance: Lensar Ocampo, Veronica Herrera, Nancy & Kathleen Quinn

Others in attendance: Parents and students from Tioga School Leadership Club.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. McCullough welcomed the students from the Tioga School Leadership Club who led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments –

Beth Moritz – BEA – Co-President – Congratulating newly Tenured teachers and retirees.

Presentations

A. **Tenure Recognition** A slide presentation was shown as those receiving tenure were introduced.

Blackhawk Middle School
Ashleigh Dunbaugh
Lauren Fabbri
Katelynn Klingler
Jennifer McGraw
Suzanne Richardson

W.A. Johnson
Nicole Brodsky
Mia Gutsell
Bridget Tello
Jacqueline Valenzuela

Tioga School
Ana Delgado
Elizabeth Esparza
Amanda Hannapel
Marie Lizak

Yellow roses were presented by board members to those receiving tenure. Congratulations were

given.

- B. Retiree Recognition** – A slide show was shown and kind words were said about the retirees in the presentation. A crystal candy dish was presented to the retirees.
1. Mary Alvarado – 26 Years - October 3, 1995 – August 1, 2021
 2. Felix Rivera – 20 Years - Bus Driver, September 9, 2002 – July 27, 2021
- C. Founder’s Award** – Dr. McCullough presented the Nursing Staff with the 2022 Founder’s Award.
1. Janet Kutter, District Nurse
 2. Patricia Koehn, Nurse – Blackhawk Middle School
 3. Brandy Schuttler, Nurse – W.A. Johnson School
 4. Michelle Langston, Nurse – Tioga School
 5. Natasha Webster, Nurse -
 6. Annamarie Mendoza, Health Aide – Tioga
- The names and year of Founder’s Award recipients were placed on a plaque that hangs in the Educational Administration Center.
- D. Fenton Community High School** – Mr. James Ongtengco, Superintendent presented information pertaining to their Referendum.

Board Committee Reports

- A. Appointment to Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee on Student Discipline**
- Dr. McCullough appointed members of the Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee for Student Discipline.
- B. Announcements**
- Mrs. Dye reported that Grand Subaru donated \$65,000 to the Bensenville Community Foundation.
- C. Collective Bargaining Update**
- Dr. McCullough reported that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Bensenville Education Association. Dr. McCullough thanked the District staff, union staff, Lynn Adler IBB facilitator and Justin Petrarca, legal counsel for bargaining, Mr. Novak and Dr. Lechner for their work on the Bargaining. Dr. McCullough reported that the next step is Ratification.

Administrative Reports

- A. Announcements**
- Dr. Lechner reported that Project CARE celebrated their 25th Anniversary on May 17th with a beautiful luncheon at the Bensenville Library. The weather was ideal and everyone enjoyed a performance by BMS band students. In the Library’s garden. Lara Schwarzand her team is to be commended for an amazing job organizing and hosting this event.

Project CARE is a mentoring program where community volunteers support the learning of our students.

This year's celebration was attended by about 35 CARE mentors. Two mentors were recognized for 25 years of service. Long-time CARE partners included Elmhurst University and College of DuPage as well as a new partner, Lewis University. These colleges provided student teachers who serve as mentors. Many of these college mentors become teachers in District 2.

- B. New Superintendent Transition** – Dr. Lechner reported that the transition with Dr. McCluskey continues. In addition, with administration, she hosted staff meet & Greets at each of the schools. She has been a key player in hiring new leadership positions, including the Director of Student Services. Dr. McCluskey has been working closely with the consultants on the new BSD2 Strategic Plan and will attend the June Board meeting with a framework for moving forward. Weekly meetings with Dr. Lechner & Dr. Nelson and Dr. McCluskey continue. She is apprised of all the important topics that need attention.
- C. FOIA Report** – Mr. Novack reported that there was one commercial request from Cannon regarding printers/copiers.
- D. Promotion** – Dr. Lechner reported that Promotion Ceremony for Blackhawk 8th graders will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. If board members are attending please arrive at Fenton High School in the Field House by 6:30 p.m.
- E. 3rd Quarter Financial Report** – Mr. Novack presented revenues by source, year to date as of March 2022 and spending variance vs budget for the first 9 months and fund balances as of March 2022.
- F. 4th of July Parade** – Dr. Lechner reported that the 4th of July Liberty Fest parade will be held Monday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. the parade begins in downtown Bensenville and ends at Redmond Recreational Complex. The transportation department will decorate a bus with red/white/blue hands of students. Board members are invited to participate.

Consent Item:

- A. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 6, 2022
 - 2. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 6, 2022 – Closed Session
 - 3. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 6, 2022
 - 4. Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 6, 2022 – Closed Session

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

- B. Approval of Financial Reports**
 - 1. Bills April 2022
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks

- d. Construction Checks
2. Financial Statements as of March 31 & April 30, 2022

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

C: Personnel

I. Resignation of Administrator

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following administrator:

1. Juliann Greene, Director of Special Education for the District, effective June 30, 2022.
2. Amy Stewart, Instructional Coordinator for the District, effective at the end of her 2021-2022 contract, July 8, 2022.

II. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following certified staff member:

1. Jenna Lee, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Susan Felker, Middle School Math Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

III. Resignation of Classified Staff

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

1. Althea Griffin, Lunch Aide Supervisor, Johnson School, effective May 27, 2022.
2. Norma Landeros, Special Education Paraprofessional, Johnson School, effective April 20, 2022.
3. Natasha Webster, Licensed Practical Nurse for the District, effective May 31, 2022.

IV. Ratification of Administration

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of

1. Jamie Levin, Pre-Kindergarten Special Education Coordinator for the District, effective July 1, 2022.
2. Shannon Steen, MTSS/Assessment Coordinator for the District, effective July 1, 2022.
3. Dora Guzman, Curriculum Coordinator for the District, effective July 1, 2022.

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

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

1. Arcelia Garay, Bilingual Social Worker, Tioga School, pending her graduation in May.
2. Francis Segura, Bilingual Social Worker, Tioga School, pending her graduation in May.
3. Stacen Hodgetts, STEAM Teacher, Tioga School, effective the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

VI. Parental Leave

Recommendation: That the Board of Education grant the unpaid parental leave requested the following certified staff members for the 2022-2023 school year:

1. Samantha Uman for the 2022-23 school year.
2. Lisa Boswell for the 2022-23 school year.

VII. Leave of Absences

Recommendations: That the Board of Education approve the leave request starting approximately August 30, 2022, through September 13, 2022, subject to receiving a non-precedent undertaking from the BEA.

VIII. Approval of Job Descriptions

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve this updated job description:

1. School Psychologist. [See the description here.](#)
2. Director of Student Services: [See the description here](#)

IX. Summer School Staffing

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following 2022 summer school teachers:

1. Carola Llanes, Bilingual Kindergarten teacher
2. Mary Novak, Jump Start Teacher

X. Summer School Support Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following additional summer school support staff for the 2022 summer school program.

1. Zeniha Selimorski, Lunch Supervisors and second crossing guard
2. Rosa Garza, Lunch Supervisors
3. Refugio Vazquez, Lunch Supervisors
4. Aaron Stewart, Special Education Paraprofessional
5. Hanan Ayyad, Special Education Paraprofessional.
6. Maggie Soto, Language Paraprofessional

XI. Approval of Professional Development Plan for the District's Principal at Tioga School
Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the professional development opportunity for Mr. Jeff Kersten, the Principal at Tioga School, through National Louis University.

A. Approval of Final 2021-2022 Calendar

Recommendation: That the Board of Education establish May 27, 2022 as the last day of student attendance and May 31, 2022 as the last day of teacher attendance as the closing date for the 2021-22 school year.

E. Approval of Revised 2022-2023 Calendar -

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the revised 2022-2023 calendar as presented.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

A. Approval of the Consolidated District Plan – Dr. Lechner reported that the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law in December 2015, replacing the 50 year old Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The new law builds on key areas of progress in recent years and ongoing efforts to improve educational opportunities for all Illinois students; ESSA changed the process for which school districts apply for federal funds. Districts now must submit a Consolidated District Plan comprised of a set of planning questions applicable to all 8 of the federal formula grants listed below along with the 2 ESSER grants ISBE has included in the plan this year:

- Title I, Part A – Improving Basic Programs
- Title I, School Improvement 1003 (a)
- Title II, Part A – Preparing, Training, and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and Other Leaders
- Title III – Language Instruction Education Program
- Title III – Immigrant Student Education Program
- Title IV, Part A – Student Support and Academic Enrichment
- IDEA, Part B Flow-Through
- IDEA, Part B Preschool
- ESSER II
- ARP – ESSER III

The existing district process for eligibility and access to federal formula grants no longer meets the new ESSA federal granting process. The new District 2 Consolidated Plan meets the federal guidelines and will afford access to this funding resource.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education approves the District 2 Consolidated Plan to commence in the 2022/2023 school year. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business- none

Closed Session: none

Adjournment

At 7:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Ms. Parthimos 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 7:50 p.m.

President

Secretary