



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Special Meeting
Minutes - July 21, 2021

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the regular meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 7:00p.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
Christina Cannon Bailey	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. Rebecca Nelson	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, Nicole Mrowice BMS AP

A motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: none

Administrative Reports

- A. FOIA Report** – Mr. Novack reported that there was one FOIA that was received from CSA Canon.
- B. Update Open Positions** – Dr. Nelson reported that there are 11 certified positions open and 3 non certified positions open. The administration is working to fill those positions as soon as possible.
- C. Construction Update** – Mr. Novack reported that concrete is being poured and so far the project is on track.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Special Board of Education Meeting – June 16, 2021
- 2. Special Board of Education Meeting – June 16, 2021 – Closed session
- 3. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 16, 2021
- 4. Regular Workshop Meeting – July 7, 2021

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

B. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

1. Bills
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks

2. Treasurer’s Cash Report as of June, 2021
3. Investment Summary as of June 30, 2021
4. Tax Distribution Report as of June 30, 2021
5. Activity Fund Report June, 2021
6. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2021

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 the following certified staff members:

1. Stephanie Borjas, Bilingual School Psychologist for the District, effective immediately.
2. Ben Zulauf, Instructional Coordinator for the District, effective immediately.

II. Ratification of Employment for 2021-2022, Certified Staff

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

1. Ms. Kristine Stalzer, Special Education Coordinator for the District Middle School, effective for the 2021-22 school year.

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

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

1. Gloria Escalante, Clerical Aide for Curriculum and Instruction, effective July 26, 2021.
2. Denise Diaz, Part-Time Infant/Toddler Specialist, Tioga School, effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

IV. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Alejandra Gutierrez Magana, Dual Language Aide, Johnson School, effective immediately.

D. Approval of 2021-22 Breakfast & Lunch Fees

The USDA supports the District’s meals program. Under a special USDA program for 2021-22, schools may serve free meals to all students. This is different from the typical school year, in which free (or reduced-price) meals are available only to students with demonstrated financial need.

Because of this special program, the District does not need to set meal prices for students for 2021-22.

Adult meal prices, however, do need to be set, and they are affected by the special program.

<i>Price Recommendations</i>		<i>Compare to</i>
	Staff	2019-20 Price
Breakfast	2.50	2.25
Lunch	4.35	3.60

Recommendation: That the Board of Education adopts the 2021-22 meal charges 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.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey,

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

A. Re-Opening Plan Update

- **Remote Learning 2021-22** – Dr. Nelson reported that at the July 7 meeting options for remote learning were discussed. Since that meeting a team of district leaders has been formed to review all of our re-opening plans and needs. Dr. Nelson has also met with union leaders to solicit feedback on our ideas. One area reviewed is remote learning. Note, the idea of parallel instruction was not recommended.

Dr. Nelson reported that based on ISBE requirements, we need to address the needs of 2 groups of students.

The first need is to have a short-term remote learning plan for students who are not eligible for the vaccine AND have had close contact with someone who tested positive of COVID. This plan is designed primarily for students under the age of 12. Students in this group would qualify for remote learning, for a short period of time, 10 days max.

The team recommended hiring Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) to deliver a short-term remote learning program. The TOSA would collaborate with the classroom teacher and deliver remote instruction, as a minimum, in English, Language Arts, and Math. This would include Bilingual TOSA instruction as well.

Johnson and Tioga will need six TOSA's that will be shared between the two schools. The primary role of these six instructors will be to provide remote instruction to students that cannot be in-person for a variety of reasons.

The six teachers will breakdown as such:

Monolingual TOSAs	Bilingual TOSAs
1 TOSA supporting grades K-1	1 TOSA supporting grades K-1
1 TOSA supporting grades 2-3	1 TOSA supporting grades 2-3
1 TOSA supporting grades 4-5	1 TOSA supporting grades 4-5

The administration is discussing on whether or not staff who are vaccinated should wear masks or not. The IDPH yesterday recommended that unvaccinated and those ineligible for vaccination wear masks.

Mr. Novack reported that the administration is looking to have SHIELD saliva testing done at the schools.

- IDPH will provide **FREE** SHIELD Illinois testing for all **public PK-12 schools** December 31, 2021 (includes tiers 1, 2, 3 and 4).
- A third-party **operations partner**, who will handle collections, transportation, and reporting, will also be provided at no cost. Certain minimums apply.
- **Free community-based testing** is available at no cost for districts looking to offer this service to their community.

Recommendation: No action recommended at this time.

B. Change Orders – None at this time.

New Business- None

Closed Session

At 7:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey,

Motion Carried.

At 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education adjourn from closed session.

Adjournment

At 7:49 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Laudadio 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 7:49 p.m.

President

Secretary