



Bensenville Elementary School District

Board of Education Special Meeting

Minutes - November 3, 2021

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the special meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:00 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
vacant	Member		
Katie Krajecki	Member	X	
Bob Laudadio	Member	X (arrived 6:40 pm.)	
Marisol Leyva	Secretary	X (arrived 6:10 pm.)	
Chris McCullough	President	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X	
James Stoltman	Vice-President	X	
Administration			
Dr. Raymond Lechner	Interim Co-Superintendent	X	
Ms. Anne Paonessa	Interim Director of Teaching & Learning	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	Chief Financial Officer	X	
EAC Staff			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe West - BSD2 Tech team member

Public Comments: none

Conference/Action Items

- A. Strategic Planning Purpose & Process**, Kim Suedbeck and Lynn Gibson from Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates presented and reviewed the Strategic Plan process, which included schedule time frame for board interviews, identify stakeholder focus groups, technical decisions for online survey, data collection review, identified stakeholder focus groups and communication kit. Kim reported that they are working close with John Perdue and Max McGee from HYA on a timeline.

Consent Item:

A: Personnel

I. Resignation of Classified Staff

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

1. Carrie Williams, Special Education Paraprofessional, Blackhawk Middle School, effective October 26, 2021.
2. Ana Padilla, Lunch Aide, Tioga School, effective immediately.
3. Emilia Chavez, Special Education Paraprofessional, Blackhawk School, effective November 5, 2021.

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

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of **Claire Rixie, EL Teacher, Johnson School, effective November 15, 2021.**

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of **Brenda Morales, Bus Driver for the District, effective November 15, 2021.**

IV. Approval of Long-Term Substitute

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Eileen LePoire, long-term substitute for Blackhawk Middle School, effective approximately October 27, 2021.

B. Award Contract for Replacement of Air Conditioning Chiller at Blackhawk Middle School – Mr. Novack reported that a chilled water system provides air conditioning to most of Blackhawk Middle School. The areas served are the auditorium, classrooms 102-110 and classrooms 140-168 (excluding 161 & 163). The current chiller was installed in 1990 and needs to be replaced. It is located on the roof above the original boiler room, on the building’s north side.

The replacement specifications are downsized from the original, because some areas once served by the original now have their own HVAC equipment. The new cooling capacity will be 130 tons, compared to 175 tons in the original. The steel support structure will be modified; piping and pumps will be replaced; and new control software will be installed. If any asbestos removal is required, the District will contract for that separately.

The bid specifications were designed by the District’s regular mechanical engineers, CS2 Design Group, in conjunction with the regular architects, STR Partners. An advertisement soliciting bids was published on October 11, 2021.

Mr. Novack reported that eight contractors submitted bids on November 1, 2021.

Bidders, ranked by price	Bid Amount
F.E. Moran	311,000
C. Acitelli Heating & Piping Contractors	323,000
Oak Brook Mechanical Services	326,800
Helm Mechanical	331,000
Ideal Heating	334,333
Premier Mechanical	364,000
1 Source Mechanical	393,800
Bee Liner Lean Services	448,000

The top five bids are very tightly clustered. The clustering indicates a good bidding process in which everyone understood the project the same way.

An award is recommended to the low bidder, F.E. Moran, Inc., for \$311,000. Its bid satisfies the bid requirements and the firm has good references. In 2020, F.E. Moran previously installed the HVAC

equipment for the renovation of science rooms at Blackhawk Middle School. (This recommendation will be confirmed by due diligence to be completed before the Board meeting on November 3, 2021.)

Mr. Novack reported that work will begin during spring break if the equipment is available by then. The District will schedule the work to prevent disruption of the school day.

The bid price includes a \$30,000 allowance for unforeseen conditions. Administration will manage the work to minimize the spending of this allowance.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accept the bid of F.E. Moran, Inc., for \$311,000.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio,

Motion Carried.

New Business

Dr. McCullough asked that the Interviews for the Superintendent will be conducted at the DoubleTree in WoodDale.

Mr. Laudadio joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

Board Vacancy Interviews

The Board interviewed these candidates for the vacant position on the Board of Education:

1. Joshua Dakins
2. Kyle Baker
3. Jacqueline Dye
4. Lucia Perez

Closed Session

At 7:32 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education go into closed session to select a candidate to fill the board vacancy. *(The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).)*

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent:

Motion Carried.

At 8:23 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Laudadio and seconded by Ms. Parthimos to come out of closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Return to Open Session

Establish a Quorum

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

Absent: None

Action to Fill Board Vacancy

A motion was made by Mrs. Leyva and seconded by Mrs. Krajecki that the Board of Education fill the board vacant position with Ms. Jacqueline Dye.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Dr. McCullough announced that Mrs. Dye has been appointed to the vacant board seat and will be sworn into office on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

Adjournment

At 8:26 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 8:26 p.m.

President

Secretary