



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes - May 19, 2021

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the regular meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 7:01 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
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. James Stelter	Superintendent	X	
Dr. Kay Dugan	Assistant Superintendent for Learning	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,

A motion was made by Mrs. Leyva 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.

Hearing of Delegations: none

Presentations

Tenure Presentation – The Board acknowledged the tenure of the following teachers with a virtual presentation. Both Dr. Stelter and Dr. McCullough congratulated those achieving tenure.

Blackhawk Middle School

Carly Boeing
Lisa Boswell
Laura Ellsworth
Melanie Rook

W.A. Johnson

Michelle Kowall
Emily Morrison

Tioga School

Susana Contreras
Kelly Conway
Jenifer Kent
Natalie Georgopoulos

Administrative Reports

- A. Enrollment Report** – Dr. Stelter reported that there are 2154 students enrolled plus 42 in B-3, 16 Itinerant and 56 in MFS Headstart.
- B. FOIA Report** – Mr. Novack report that there were three FOIA’s requested:
 - 1) Local 265
 - 2) Not disclosed
 - 3) Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters
- C. Promotion** – Dr. Stelter reviewed the plans with the Board. Dr. Stelter thanked Joe Vallez from the Bensenville Park

District for his help with obtaining stage and sound and thanked Mr. Ongtengco and Mr. Kobel from Fenton for the use of the Fenton Field.

- D. ESSER II Funding Considerations** – Dr. Dugan reported on ESSER II Funding Considerations, she reported that the funds need a purpose and intent and that the funds are primarily intended to address students' unfinished learning and support learning recovery efforts.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Special Board of Education Meeting – April 28, 2021
2. Special Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting – April 28, 2021
3. Special Meeting – May 5, 2021

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

B. Approval of Bills & Financial Reports

1. Bills April 2021
 - a. **Accounts Payable** (*removed for discussion*)
 - i. Accounts Payable ~ Addendum
 - ii. Accounts Payable ~ Addendum 2 (*removed for discussion*)
 - b. **Imprest Checks**
 - c. **Advanced Checks** (*removed for discussion*)
2. Treasurer's Cash Report as of April, 2021
3. Investment Summary as of April 30, 2021
4. Tax Distribution Report as of April 30, 2021
5. Activity Fund Report April, 2021
6. Financial Statements as of April 30, 2021

The following items were pulled from the consent agenda: Accounts Payable (B1a), Accounts Payable (B1a ii) and Advanced Checks (B1c) for discussion.

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the above listed bills and financial reports as presented and attached with the exception of Accounts Payable (B1a), Accounts Payable (B1a ii) and Advanced Checks (B1c).

C. Personnel

I. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Molly Peterson, 3rd Grade Teacher, Tioga School, effective May 24, 2021.

II. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following Erika Vilchis, Lunch Aide, Johnson School, effective May 21, 2021.

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

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

1. Kelly Lukanich, Speech-Language Pathologist, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 12, 2021.
2. Stephanie Maucieri, Special Education Teacher in Academic Life Skills, Tioga School, pending graduation in May 2021.
3. Sierra Moya, Bilingual Speech-Language Pathologist, Johnson School, pending graduation in May 2021.
4. Edith Navar, MTSS Social Worker, Blackhawk Middle School, pending graduation in May 2021.
5. Shelby Ross, Speech-Language Pathologist, Johnson School, effective August 12, 2021.

IV. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

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

1. Nadia Arreguin, Bilingual Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective May 3, 2021.

2. Anarlet Fernandez, Bilingual Kindergarten Paraprofessional, Tioga School, effective May 10, 2021.

V. Retirement of Assistant Superintendent for Learning

Recommendation: That the Board of Education congratulate Dr. Kay Dugan upon her retirement from the District and authorize Administration to make the payments described, and in accordance with her contract with the Board of Education.

D. Approval of Final 2020-2021 Calendar

Recommendation: That the Board of Education establish May 21, 2021 as the last day of student attendance and May 24, 2021 as the last day of teacher attendance as the closing date for the 2020-21 school year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items as presented removing the following items for further review.

- a. **Accounts Payable**
 - ii. Accounts Payable ~ Addendum 2
- c. **Advanced Checks**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Leyva, Krajecki, McCullough, Parthimos

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey, Laudadio,

Motion Carried.

The following items from the consent agenda were reviewed for clarification:

- b. **Accounts Payable**
 - ii. Accounts Payable ~ Addendum 2
- c. **Advanced Checks**

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

- a. **Accounts Payable**
 - ii. Accounts Payable ~ Addendum 2
- c. **Advanced Checks**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Parthimos, Leyva, Krajecki, McCullough

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey, Laudadio,

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item:

A. Short term Board of Education Priorities – Dr. McCullough, Board President presented objectives of the BOE in the short-term:

- Facilitate a successful transition to a new permanent superintendent.
- Interim Superintendent
- Strategic Plan
- Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. McCullough reviewed the Priorities:

- Identify a process/search firm to select an interim superintendent
- Select search firm for permanent superintendent search

- Select strategic plan consultant (move to a five-year strategic plan)
 - Position description for the permanent superintendent should be aligned to the new strategic plan

- Prepare for negotiations of a new collective bargaining agreement

Dr. McCullough reviewed a draft timeline

B. Superintendent Search and Recruitment Contract Award – Dr. McCullough led the discussion and asked for Board member input on which of the search firm each board member preferred after reviewing the presentations from May 5th.

1. BWP Associates
2. Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates
3. IASB – Illinois Association of School Boards
4. Ray & Associates (*did not present*)
5. School Exec Connect

A motion was made by Mrs. Parthimos and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education awards a search consultant contract to Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates at a cost of \$ \$22,950 to conduct a search for a permanent superintendent.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Parthimos, Stoltman, Leyva, Krajecki, McCullough

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey, Laudadio

Motion Carried.

C. Process for the selection of Interim Superintendent – Dr. McCullough led the discussion pertaining to the process for the selection of Interim Superintendent. Dr. McCullough invited internal and external candidates to apply through the search firm.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education hire the search firm of Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to conduct an Interim Superintendent Search.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Leyva, Krajecki, Parthimos, McCullough

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey, Laudadio

Motion Carried.

D. Consider Meeting dates for June – Dr. McCullough led the discussion regarding the need to hold a meeting on June 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The Board president directed the clerk of the Board to post a meeting for Wed. June 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

E. Process for Strategic Plan – Dr. McCullough reported that the process has already been outlined and will be further discussed at the June 2nd meeting.

F. Food Service Contract Renewal – Mr. Novack reported that Sodexo provides the District's food service under a contract that expires July 31, 2021. It can be renewed for the next year, under permission granted by the USDA and the ISBE. Renewal is recommended, effective August 1, 2021, for one year.

This renewal will be the last one for this contract. In late 2021, the District will begin to seek new bids for 2021-22.

Two pricing changes are recommended here for the renewal.

- (1) Unit prices are recommended to increase 3.9%. This is the 2020 increase in the Consumer Price Index for meals away from home.

	2020-21 Price	Increase for 3.9% CPI	Total Proposed Price, 2021-22
Breakfast	\$1.5558	\$0.0606	\$1.6164
Lunch	2.8607	0.1115	2.9722
A la Carte equivalent	2.7871	0.1086	2.8957
After-School Snack	0.9432	0.0367	0.9799
After-School Supper	2.8607	0.1115	2.9722
Summer Breakfast & Lunch	Same as above		

- (2) A one-time fixed fee of \$7,286.40 is also recommended, which equates to about \$0.09 per meal. This recommendation meets ISBE guidelines. The purpose is to adjust for a pending increase in Illinois' minimum hourly wage. This wage increase was not known in 2016 when the District and Sodexo began their contract. The minimum hourly wage will increase on January 1, 2022, to \$12. This wage increase will affect fifteen Sodexo staff.

Mr. Novack reported that this is the final renewal of the contract first awarded to Sodexo in the summer of 2016.

A motion was made by Mrs. Parthimos and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education renew the District's contract with Sodexo for the 2021-22 school year at the unit prices and the fixed fee established above.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Parthimos, Stoltman, Krajecki, Leyva, McCullough

Nay: None

Absent: Cannon Bailey, Laudadio

Motion Carried.

New Business- None

Closed Session - None

Adjournment

At 9:12 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman 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 9:12 p.m.

President

Secretary