



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes - July 9, 2020

President, Bob Laudadio called the special meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 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
Christian Constante	Secretary	X	
Katie Krajecki	Vice-President		X
Bob Laudadio	President	X	
Chris McCullough	Member	X	
Alex Stitgen	Treasurer	X	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
Susan Vitellaro	Member	X (via Zoom Call)	
Administration			
Dr. James Stelter	Superintendent	X	
Dr. Kay Dugan	Assistant Superintendent for Learning	X (via Zoom Call)	
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 (via Zoom Call)	

Staff: via Zoom Call – Dr. Perry Finch, Jeff Kersten

Others: Petra Micohlavova (in-person) and approximately 100 attendees via Zoom.

A motion was made by Mr. Constante and seconded by Mr. Stitgen that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote:ty

Aye: Constante, Stitgen, Laudadio, McCullough, Stoltman, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki,

Motion Carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Laudadio.

Hearing of Delegations:

1. Mr. Bill Winters – talked about BEA & Administration’s continued cooperation and open lines of communication during this time.
2. Marcello Defillipis – express concerns regarding opening of school.
3. Melissa Garcia Lara sent an email which was shared with the board. She asked that remote learning be discussed as the plan for the fall until students and staff can return without the mask requirement.
4. Lori Parthimos sent an email which was shared with the board. She express her thoughts and questions regarding students safety and education as we anticipate opening schools.

Administrative Reports

- A. FOIA Report – Mr. Novack reported that we received three FOIA’s since last board meeting.**
- B. Reopening Plans –** Dr. Stelter presented the Framework for discussion of School Opening. Dr. Dugan presented and reviewed the draft of the Re-Opening and Recovery Plan. Dr. Stelter also presented the Survey Topics and Questions for: Preparing for Return to School, Instructional Preferences, and Student Academic Needs.

- C. **Construction Update** – Mr. Novack reported that the Administration is planning on being ready for the school opening.

Consent Items:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 17, 2020

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills July 2020
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
 - d. Construction Checks – June 2020

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 resignations from:

1. Ed Sullivan, Math teacher, Blackhawk Middle School effective immediately.
2. Cristina Pruitt, Bilingual ESL Specialist, Tioga School.

II. Ratification of Employment for 2020-2021, Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following certified staff effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Kayla Lincoln, El Teacher, Johnson School.
2. Kimberley Ringgenbert, Gifted Teacher, Johnson.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Constante, Laudadio, McCullough, Stitgen, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

A. 2nd Reading and adoption of Policy Revisions

1. 2:150 and 2:240 - Development of Board Policy – removed.

2nd Reading and adoption of Policy Revisions – Dr. Stelter presented the following Policies for 2nd Reading and adoption of policy revisions:

1. **5:40 & 7:280 - Chronic Infectious Diseases** – These two policies refer to “Chronic Infectious” diseases.
 - The student policy, 7:280, is required by Illinois law.
 - The staff policy, 5:40, is not required although some of its content reflects existing laws.

Neither policy applies to the COVID-19 pandemic, because COVID-19 disease is not a chronic condition. Both policies were influenced by the HIV/AIDS crisis of the 1980s. Questions about how to educate students with HIV were prominent at that time.

Both policies are recommended for adoption the same as presented last month for First Reading.

- The student policy, 7:280, properly acknowledges the competing goals of protecting students' rights and managing health concerns. The policy accurately states existing law without prescribing specific solutions for individual cases.
- The staff policy, 5:40, is revised to encourage self-reporting and to eliminate the staff review team.

- 3. 4:15 - Safeguarding Staff and Student Information** - at least three laws guide this policy. The broadest rule is a federal regulation for grant recipients requiring safeguards for a variety of information types. The narrowest rule is a longstanding Illinois law governing Social Security Numbers. Finally, a new Illinois law, the Personal Information Protection Act, has influenced ISBE's monitoring programs for state grant recipients, although this law is not actually applicable to school districts.

Numerous other laws guide Administration even if not included in Policy 4:15. These include laws about health information; employment information; criminal background information; and student records.

A motion was made by Mr. Constante and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board adopt the revised policies 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease & 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease and 4:15 Identity Protection as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Constante, Stoltman, Laudadio, McCullough, Stitgen, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki

Motion Carried.

- B. Approval of 2020-21 Breakfast & Lunch Fees** – Dr. Stelter reported that the District serves its students about 650 breakfasts and 1,350 lunches every day. USDA pays for about 80% of these meals. Illinois also provides some support from its own funding.

Meal prices and the District's profit from meals are both subject to USDA requirements.

- Meal prices are explained further below.
- Profits, if any, from food service may only be used for food-service items. Lunch aides and other support costs are permissible charges against this measure of profit. Counting those support costs, the meal program loses about \$100,000 per year. Ignoring those costs, the program makes about \$50,000.

In General: Student prices are being raised slowly to remain affordable. This means they remain below the reimbursement rate. Staff prices are recommended this year to be approximately the same as the reimbursement rate.

- *Breakfast:* USDA does not regulate the breakfast price. The recommended student price is \$1.55, up \$0.05 from the current year. The recommended staff price is \$2.25, so that is closely approximates the reimbursement rate. This is a \$0.25 increase over the prior year.
- *Lunch:* USDA regulates lunch prices. Over a period of years, the District must raise the price charged to paying students until it is about the same as what the USDA pays the District for students receiving a free lunch.

The District has chosen to meet this goal as slowly as the USDA will permit. The year 2020-21 will be the first year that the price meets the USDA target.

The recommended prices for breakfast and lunch for 2020-21:

Price Recommendations				Compare to	Compare to
	Full-Pay Student	Reduced-Pay Students	Staff	Estimated USDA & IL Reimbursement Rates	Approximate charge from Sodexo
Breakfast	1.55	0.30	2.25	2.28 (est.)	1.556
Lunch	3.15	0.40	3.60	3.61 (est.)	2.861

A motion was made by Mr. Stitgen and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education adopts the 2020-21 meal charges as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stitgen, Stoltman, Constante, Laudadio, McCullough, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki

Motion Carried.

C. Temporary Reduction on Optional Bus Routes – Mr. Novack reported that District 2 provides bus service to about 1,200 students. Most of these students reside either 1.5+ miles from school or on the other side of a walking hazard. Route 83 and the railroad tracks are the two most notable walking hazards.

About 120 students, however, receive bus service from areas not meeting those requirements. (list below)

These optional service areas are less than 1.5 miles from the school and do not involve walking hazards.

- About 80 of these students pay for transportation at \$440 per year.
- About 40 of these students are served at no cost in an area near Fenton High School and west of Church Road.

The current service levels require 17 routes for grades K-5. About eight of these routes will have two or more riders in every seat.

Fewer daily riders would be desirable during the COVID emergency order. One reason for this would be to avoid having two students sitting in the same seat if from different households. Another reason would be a driver shortage, if drivers are sick or are concerned about work safety. Hiring more drivers has been very difficult in recent years, because of a driver shortage.

At least a one-month suspension of these services is recommended to open the 2020-21 school year. This will permit the District to safely serve the remaining students and consider what other safety practices are available.

Bus Stops Proposed to be suspended during the COVID Shutdown:

Route	Approximate location	Ridership affected / Pay or Free	Stops cancelled
BH3	East of York and south of Tioga School, within 1.5 miles	22 / Pay	All
BH7	East of York and south of Fire Station, within 1.5 miles	5 / Pay	Crest @ York; Red Oak @ York
BH10 and J10	White Pines	5 / Pay	Red Oak & Briar White Pines & Briar, White Pines & Pine Grove White Pines & Hawthorne

J09	Johnson School neighborhood	1 / Pay	Second & Briar
J14	Wood Street and Grove Street from Deer Grove Center to Church Road	42 / Free 1/ Pay	Grove Green St. Plentywood Lane Wood Street
T01	Wood Street from Miner to Mason	4 / Pay	various
T03	East of York, south of Tioga School	40 / Pay	All but one
T04	South of downtown Bensenville	9 / Pay	Addison & Green

A motion was made by Mr. Stitgen and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the District focus on essential services during the COVID emergency order. The extra service areas should be suspended for at least the first month while the District determines which practices will be safe enough.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stitgen, Stoltman, Constante, Laudadio, McCullough, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki

Motion Carried.

D. Use of Schools as Polling Place – Dr. Stelter reported that he has received a letter from the DuPage County Clerk’s office looking for alternative sites for the November 2020 election. The County Clerks office is looking to initiate a discussion regarding the use of the school facilities for a polling place. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mr. Stitgen that the Board of Education NOT be a polling place for the November 2020 election.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Stitgen, Constante, Laudadio, McCullough, Vitellaro

Nay: none

Absent: Krajecki

Motion Carried.

New Business

- Dr. Stelter engaged the district architect to complete a report on UV light options for virus mitigation for retrofit into existing HVAC equipment.
- Mr. McCullough asked that the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee periodically report to the Board regarding things that they are working on.

Closed Session - none

Adjournment

At 8:37 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mr. Constante that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further business appearing Mr. Laudadio adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

President

Secretary