



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes - August 19, 2020

President, Bob Laudadio 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
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	
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	

Others in attendance: Joe West, BSD2 Tech team member, Mr. Bill Winters - Co-President BEA, Nathan Evenson, Eva Chocholova, Kathy Wazir – community members.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Laudadio.

Hearing of Delegations:

Mr. Bill Winters, BEA Co-President reported that it is BEA’s position that it is in the best interest of our students, teachers, and the community to continue remote learning past Labor Day.

Administrative Reports

A. Enrollment Report – Dr. Stelter reported that there are 2146 students enrolled in District 2 at this time.

B. Opening Day Report – Dr. Stelter reported that:

- Due to the power outage on 8/12 the battery backups that we had in place did not last long enough to keep the network and computer infrastructure up and running at Johnson School where the District network center is housed. Thanks to Degan & Rosato, our BMS construction company, who was able to secure and temporary install a generator at Johnson School in order to run the computer network.
- The first week attendance at was BMS - 75%, Tioga – 85% and Johnson – 82% which is similar to numbers from the spring. The school staff and social workers will be making attendance calls using email and attendance apps to track chronic absences.

- All K-8 students received Chromebooks. The technology staff is working on retrieving approximately 36 chromebooks not returned from the spring session and summer program.
- The District purchased over 260 hotspots and approximately 190 have been deployed, 70 remain.
- The District has purchased 220 individual zoom licenses
- Approximately 907 parents elected to have 100% remote through the 1st trimester.
- Some highlights from parents and students were read.

C. FOIA Report - Dr. Stelter reported that 4 FOIA's have been received and completion pending.

1. Regal Business Machines – regarding contracts for copier leasing, maintenance and IT.
2. SteepSteel – regarding cellular towers and related equipment owned or operated by District.
3. Citywide Building Maintenance – regarding bid proposal results from June & copy of contract.
4. No named organization – teacher & administrator names and other data.

D. Construction Update – Dr. Stelter reported that he expects the construction on the Blackhawk science classrooms to be complete this week.

Consent Items:

A. Approval of Minutes – Removed from agenda

B. Approval of Financial Reports

A. Bills Approval of Financial Reports

1. Bills July 2020
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
 - d. Construction Checks
2. Treasurer's Cash Report as of July, 2020
3. Investment Summary as of July 31, 2020
4. Tax Distribution Report as of July 31, 2020
5. Activity Fund Report July, 2020
6. Financial Statements as of July 31, 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 resignation of Erik Martinez, 3rd grade Bilingual Teacher, Johnson School effective August 9, 2020.

II. Resignation of Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Carol VanDenBerg, Special Education Paraprofessional, Tioga School effective August 12, 2020.

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

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of Michelle Cafferero, 5th grade teacher, Tioga School effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

IV. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of the following classified staff for the 2020-2021 school year:

1. Bonnie Kirchner, Special Education Paraprofessional, Tioga School.
2. Maria Reyes, Pre-K Paraprofessional, Tioga School.

V. Interim Support for Special Education

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the contract of employment for Leslie Eskildsen as Interim Support for Special Education.

VI. Leave of Absences - FMLA

Recommendation: No Board action is required for this request.

A staff member expects to be on leave beginning December 6, 2020 for a total of 6 weeks.

VII. Extra Duty Stipends

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the attached list of extra duty stipends for the 2020-2021 school year.

D. Review Closed Session Minutes & Destruction of Tapes

Recommendation: That the Board of Education find the need for confidentiality still exists as to all of its closed session minutes and that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to destroy closed meeting recordings that are at least 18 months old for which approved minutes of the closed meeting already exist.

E. Gift Acceptance

Recommendation: That the Board accept the gift total of \$200 from Eva Knightly, for families in need.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mr. Constante that the Board of Education approve the above listed consent agenda items as presented with the exception of Item A – Approval of Minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: none

Absent: Stitgen

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Item

A. Approval of Reopening Plans

Dr. Stelter and Dr. Dugan answered questions pertaining to the Hybrid Reopening Plan. Clarification is needed on page 2 Section with **BMS Hybrid Schedule** (all grades 6-8) of the Reopening plan *“All student work 100% remotely from home.”*

Dr. Stelter reported that remote learning is better now than in the spring. A chart pertaining to New COVID Cases per day comparing Village of Bensenville & DuPage County daily new cases averaged over 7 days was distributed.

Dr. Stelter mentioned that he spoke with Executive Director Joe Vallez of the Bensenville Park District about his connections in obtaining large tents to place at the schools for outside space for kids and teachers to take off their masks.

Mr. Laudadio suggested a Special meeting on 9/2/2020 to make a final decision regarding go to the Hybrid model. Discussion was held. Mr. McCullough suggested a Special meeting sooner to allow time for parents to plan. It was suggested that a Special meeting be held on 8/26/2020 at 6:30 p.m.

- B. Tentative Budget** – Dr. Stelter reported that the tentative budget’s 30-day period for public review began on Monday, August 17. The Board will hold a public hearing on September 16.
- The tentative budget linked [here](#) was made available to the public on August 17.
 - A summary of the tentative budget was reviewed with the Board. Click [here to view](#).
 - This year’s budget is more fluid than usual because of the effects of COVID-19.

Recommendation: No action is necessary at this meeting.

C. President’s Recommendation for Report on Parent/Teacher Input

The **recommendation** of the Board President was that Parent/Teacher input updates be brought to the Board quarterly.

New Business

- Dr. McCullough requested that the Board consider accountability and developmental work.
- Dr. McCullough requested that the Board not lose sight of the Superintendent Evaluation tool.

Closed Session - none

Adjournment

At 8:24 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mr. Constante that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: none

Absent: Stitgen

Motion Carried.

No further business appearing Mr. Laudadio adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

President

Secretary