



Bensenville Elementary School District
 Board of Education Regular Workshop Meeting
 Minutes - July 7, 2021

President, Dr. Chris McCullough called the regular workshop 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
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. Raymond Lechner	Interim Superintendent	X	
Dr. Becky Nelson	Interim 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: Manny Manago, BSD2 Tech team member, Nicole Mrowice, Asst. Principal BMS.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Ms. Parthimos 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

Administrative Reports

A. Full-Year Remote Instruction Considerations – Dr. Lechner reported that BSD2 is in the process of planning for the new school year, and this includes having all students back in school, full-time. ISBE/IDPH have NOT yet given public schools new guidance on masking and social distancing. As a result, as of today all of the masking and social distancing protocol has not changed since summer break began.

Because all schools are going back to school full-time, remote learning options available for students has been significantly limited by ISBE. There are 2 different Remote Learning plans that we need prepare this summer.

The first need is to have a short-term remote learning plan. Short term remote learning is required 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 I this group would qualify for remote learning, for a short period of time, 10 days max.

Dr. Lechner shared ideas that have not been vetted by staff or administration as of yet. 1st Idea is to use a Teacher 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.

The second group, that may need Remote Learning, are students having a defined Medical Condition that puts them at risk to be in school. This would need to be authorized by a MD, and we would utilize our existing home bound instruction protocol.

Dr. Lechner shared that we are exploring on-line academic academy options, where kids would literally take classes from an established academic software program. These could also be managed by a TOSA who would not teach content directly, but would supervise the process.

Dr. Lechner reported that these are only initial ideas, we hope to have a more concrete plan at our July 21st Board meeting.

- B. E-Learning Plan for weather and other emergency days** – Dr. Lechner reported that with the advent of Remote Learning, snow days may be a thing of the past. Schools everywhere have applied for approval to use E-Learning in lieu of snow days. BSD2 has already had Board approval for this and has submitted an application. However, that application was returned as incomplete, due to the need a public hearing. We will re-introduce this to you in the next few months.

Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

- A. Special Board of Education Meeting – June 2, 2021
- B. Special Board of Education Meeting – June 2, 2021 – closed session

B. Personnel

I. Resignation of Certified Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of Valerie DiFresco, Special Education Coordinator for the District, effective June 30, 2021.

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

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

- 1. Ashley Durava, Kindergarten Teacher, Tioga School.
- 2. Caren Krolkiewicz, ESL Teacher, Johnson School.
- 3. Marlen Ojeda, 2nd Grade Bilingual teacher, Johnson School.
- 4. Andrew Robinson, 6th Grade Language Arts/Social Studies teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
- 5. Michael Verardi, ELA Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
- 6. Maria Flores, Bilingual Resource Teacher, Tioga School, pending graduation in May 2021.
- 7. Gloria Huevo, Math Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

- 1. **Recommendation:** That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Meghan Delgado, Lunch aide/Crossing Guard, Johnson School, effective August 8, 2021.

IV. Appointment of Assistant Principal

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Ms. Amber Soike to be Tioga School's Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2021.

V. Approval of Job Descriptions

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approve the following job descriptions:

1. Clerical Aide for Curriculum and Instruction.
2. Grant Reporting Manager.

VI. Appointment of Grant Reporting Manager

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the appointment of Linda Szwankowski as Grant Reporting Manager effective July 1, 2021.

C. Appointment for preparation of Tentative Budget.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education appoint the Chief Financial Officer to prepare a tentative budget by no later than August 16, 2021; schedule the presentation of the tentative budget.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio

Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

A. Report of Task Force for Curriculum, Instruction & Grants – Dr. Lechner reported that given the recent retirement of Dr. Kay Dugan, a Task Force for Curriculum Instruction & Grants was formed to review the needs of Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) for the 2021-22 school year. The objective was to establish an interim plan covering the needs of C&I. This C&I task force included Mr. Stoltman, Ms. Parthimos and Mrs. Krajecki. They were charged to develop a plan and conduct interviews of interested candidates to fill the duties of the Assistant Superintendent for Learning pertaining to curriculum, instruction and grants.

Mr. Stoltman presented the report of the Task Force. Through the Task Force process, the team, with a strong consensus, identified needed interim positions. To ensure a transition with minimal disruptions, the Task Force emphasized the need to support existing coordinator positions, as well as the need for additional support with administrative leadership experience

A motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the C & I Task Force to have the following serve as Co-Interim Curriculum Coordinators. This would include a one-time annual stipend of \$10,000.

1. Dr. Amy Stewart, for grades Pre-K thru Grade 3
2. Dr. Ben Zulauf, for Grades 4-8
3. Nicole Mrowice, Grades 4-8

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Laudadio

Motion Carried.

B. Board Starting Right Workshop – Dr. Lechner reported that Boards of Education often find it useful to discuss their operating practices in a closed meeting without other business on the agenda. The Illinois Open Meetings Act allows the Board to meet in closed session for the purpose of Board self-

evaluation only if the meeting includes a representative of a statewide association to which the Board belongs. The Illinois Association of School Boards is such an organization.

The IASB offers a board facilitation workshop known as Starting Right. It presents ways for both new and veteran board members to share the board's practices and procedures. The workshop begins with a review of the board's role in effective governance. Discussion follows of the expectations for communications, board-superintendent relationships, board meetings, and much more.

This workshop can also be appropriate to build relationships between a board and a new superintendent.

There was a consensus of the Board members to hold a meeting for a Starting Right Workshop with the Illinois Association of School Boards Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with dinner.

C. Upcoming Board Conferences – Dr. Lechner presented information on upcoming board Conferences:

- Illinois Association of School Boards –Chicago, IL - November 19-21, 2021
- NSBA – National School Board Conference - San Diego, CA - April 2-4, 2022

The following board members indicated a wish to attend the IASB Conference in Chicago: Stoltman, Cannon-Bailey, Leyva, Parthimos, Krajecki, McCullough.

New Business – None

Closed Session - None

Adjournment

At 6:54 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Stoltman 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 6:54 p.m.

President

Secretary