



Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Minutes – July 17, 2024

President Bob Laudadio called the regular meeting of the Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 p.m., at the Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, IL

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
Jacqueline Dye	Secretary	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Member		X
Robert Laudadio	President	X	
Marisol Leyva	Vice-President		X
Anita Miller	Member		X
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
Administration			
Dr. Katie McCluskey	Superintendent	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
Dr. Anne Paonessa	Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning	X	
Mr. Dustin Berman	Assistant Superintendent for Student Services	X	
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	

Staff Present: Tim Waldorf, Community Relations Coordinator, Gaby Escobar, Bilingual Community Relations Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance – Mr. Laudadio led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Celebrations

- Dr. Anne Paonessa, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning celebrated the **Traditional Summer School & Summer Enrichment:** A combined total of 408 students participated in the District’s’ traditional summer school and summer enrichment programs, which were held from 8-11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday, June 5-27, at Tioga School. Highlights included great attendance and student engagement and the addition of enrichment offerings for all students. Also, teachers benefited from focusing on one content area, either ELA or math. It helped them focus on differentiating for growth within that specific content area.

Board Committee Reports

- A. Announcements** - none

Administrative Reports

- A. Announcements** - none
- B. FOIA** – Mr. Novack reported there were 2: 1 – SmartProcure – Purchasing records from 3/4/2024 to present and 1- Anthony Poli – Salary information for one employee.
- C. End of Year Financial Report** – Mr. Novack reported that the District finished the 2023-2024 fiscal year on June 30 with a \$2.2 million surplus that will be spent on Blackhawk construction costs as part of the 2024-2025 budget.
- D. Preview of 2024-2025 Budget** – Mr. Novack reported that excluding ongoing costs related to Blackhawk construction, which will be paid for with cash reserves and bond proceeds, the District’s preliminary budget

projects a \$1.4 million surplus at the end of the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

- E. **Restraint/Timeout Progress Report & Reduction Plan (RTO)** – Mr. Dustin Berman, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services reported the District’s 2023-2024 data and 2024-2025 reduction plan related to the use of isolated time out, time out, and physical restraint with students. The district has seen a significant decrease in this data. ISBE has approved the district’s plans.
- F. **Construction Update** - Mr. Novack reported progress continues on the summer renovation project at Blackhawk Middle School. The walls of the gym expansion grow taller each day, and exterior brick is going up on the classroom addition. Inside, lockers, halls, and classrooms are being painted as the conversion of three classroom rooms into nine small flexible spaces continues.

Consent Items

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 20, 2024
- 2. Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 20, 2024, closed session

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

B. Approval of Financial Reports

- 1. Bills June 2024
 - a. Accounts Payable
 - b. Imprest Checks
 - c. Advanced Checks
 - d. Credit Card Payments
 - e. Construction Checks
- 2. Financial Statements as of June 30, 2024
- 3. Quarterly Investment Report

Recommendation: The Board of Education approves the financial reports as presented and attached.

C. Personnel

I. Resignation of Certified Staff

The following certified staff members have submitted their resignations, no action by the Board of Education is necessary for these resignations:

- 1. Ashleigh Dunbaugh, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
- 2. Sarah Milic, 3rd Grade Teacher, Tioga School.
- 3. Melanie Rook, 7th Grade Science/Social Science Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School.
- 4. Lily Velazquez Silva, 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher, Tioga School.

II. Ratification of Employment for 2024-2025, Certified Staff

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

- 1. Erika Arroyo, Bilingual Speech/Language Pathologist, Tioga School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 2. Amal Ghanimah, Art Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 3. Monika Lupa, 6th Grade Math Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 4. Sara Robles, Kindergarten Teacher, Johnson School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 5. John O’Brien, 6th - 8th Grade Special Education Teacher, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 6. Aubrey Smith, Instructional Coach, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 15, 2024.
- 7. Lorraine Winter, Social Emotional Learning Teacher, Tioga School, effective August 15, 2024.

III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff

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

- 1. Jose DeLaCruz, Technology System Specialist, Blackhawk Middle School, effective July 10, 2024.
- 2. Akela Hauslein, Bus Driver for the District, effective August 19, 2024.

IV. Ratification of Employment for 2024-2025, Administrative Staff

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of Jacquelyn Le-Mon, Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Blackhawk Middle School, effective August 5, 2024.

D. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement - Resource Officer - The proposed Intergovernmental Agreement is the same agreement that has been in place since 2009. A copy of the agreement is attached.

Recommendation: That the Board of Education resolves to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the District for the 2024-25 school year.

E. Establish Meal Prices for Adults

Here are the recommended prices for breakfast and lunch for 2024-25:

<i>Price Recommendations</i>		<i>Compare to</i>	<i>Compare to</i>
	Staff	USDA & IL Reimbursement Rates	Per-meal Charge by Sodexo
Breakfast	2.90	2.55 (est.)	1.900
Lunch	4.75	4.00 (est.)	3.673

Recommendation: That the Board of Education adopt the meal prices recommended above.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Parthimos, Dye, Laudadio,
Nay: None
Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Leyva
Motion Carried.

Conference/Action Items

A. Discipline Section of Student Handbook – Mr. Berman, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services reported that the Handbook reflects the Board of Education’s policy on student discipline. The policy, as well as rules and regulations governing discipline, are available upon request from the Superintendent’s Office, and are posted on the District’s website. The handbook’s guidelines were reviewed and revised by the BSD2 Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee on Student Discipline on June 20th.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Ms. Parthimos that the Board of Education approve the disciplinary rules presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Parthimos, Laudadio, Stoltman,
Nay: None
Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Leyva
Motion Carried.

B. Approval of Change Orders – Mr. Novack reported that the Board has awarded 20 contracts for the renovation of Blackhawk Middle School this summer. Work is underway.

Additional work is commonly added to this kind of project as it proceeds. In some cases, unknown conditions are discovered during construction, the repair of which requires additional work. In other cases, the District sometimes

identifies optional work that was not included in the original contracts but which would be valuable or convenient if completed now.

The Board is asked in many cases to approve these changes. Under Illinois law, changes are carefully regulated to protect the integrity of the bidding process.

More commonly, a change order that exceeds \$25,000 can be accepted only if it meets one of these requirements:

- It is in the District’s best interest, or
- It is germane to the original contract, or
- It was not reasonably foreseeable at the time the contract was signed.

The following changes are proposed to be added to the contracts for the renovation.

Description of the Change	Contractor’s Name	Amount	Rationale for Approval
Additional masonry work where classroom walls were opened to create doorways into courtyards.	A-One Group	Pending	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.
Remove and reinstall all locker tags	DBM Services	TBD, by time & materials	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.
Add ethernet wiring and mounting locations in all classrooms for telephones.	Gurtz Electric	Not to exceed \$30,000, by time materials	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.
At alcoves above lockers in the hallways outside rooms 110 and 142, provide power, lighting, surfaces, trim & decorating to match similar alcoves in the same hallway that date from the 2020 renovations.	DBM Services	\$13,172	Germane to the original contracts, in the District’s best interest, and not reasonably foreseeable when contract was signed.
	Gurtz Electric	TBD	
	Ascher Brothers Painting	TBD	
Replace sidewalk squares in the front of the building that are in poor condition and adjacent to new sidewalk areas.	Builders Concrete	Less than \$10,000	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.
Install temporary outside water lines on the building’s southwest side to water sod that will be planted soon. This solution is much less expensive than to truck in water.	A&H Plumbing & Heating	\$17,324	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.
In Teachers’ Lunchroom, replace carpet squares with vinyl tile.	Michael Kautz Flooring	\$12,830	Germane to the original contract and in the District’s best interest.

The District's construction manager carefully monitors these possible changes and consults frequently about them with the Superintendent and the Chief Financial Officer. Different solutions are always discussed before selecting the recommended one.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Ms. Parthimos that the Board of Education approve the changes described above for the specific reasons noted.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Parthimos, Laudadio, Stoltman,

Nay: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Leyva,

Motion Carried.

New Business

- Dr. McCluskey invited the Board to the New Teacher Meet & Greet to be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at White Pines Golf Club. Village representatives have also been invited to introduce themselves to the new teachers.
- Dr. McCluskey also invited the Board to the Welcome Back Staff Assembly on Monday, August 19, 2024 from 8-8:30 for introductions or until 9:30 for the Keynote Speaker at Blackhawk Middle School Auditorium.

Closed Session

At 7:07 p.m. motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Ms. Parthimos that the Board of Education go into closed session for:

- A. **The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).**

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Stoltman, Parthimos, Dye, Laudadio,

Nay: None

Absent: Gonzalez, Miller, Leyva,

Motion Carried.

At 7:23 p.m. motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education adjourned from closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 7:23 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Stoltman that the Board of Education adjourned the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further business appearing Mr. Laudadio adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

President

Secretary