



Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes –September 18, 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: Diana Vergara – Principal at Blackhawk Middle School, Jeff Kersten – Principal Tioga School, Carlos Patiño – Principal W.A. Johnson School, Yuridia Zepeda

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

Public Comments: None

Presentations

- A. School Improvement Plans** - The School Improvement Plans were presented by the principal of each school.
- [Tioga School](#) - Mr. Jeff Kersten, Principal and Ms. Christy Poli, Birth-to-Three & Pre-K Coordinator
 - [W.A. Johnson School](#) - Mr. Carlos Patiño, Principal
 - [Blackhawk Middle School](#) - Ms. Diana Vergara, Principal

Board Committee Reports

- A. Announcements** - none

Administrative Reports

- A. Announcements** - Dr. McCluskey reported that the first Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) committee meeting was held. There are 30 members of the committee which consists of Dr. McCluskey, Dr. Paonessa, teachers, administrators, parents and Fenton staff. The committee will be meeting monthly.
- B. FOIA** – Mr. Novack reported that there were two FOIA’s.
1. John Jacobs - Resident Emails & text from Chris McCullough
 2. SmartProcure - Commercial - Purchasing records from 6/11/2024 to present.
- C. Report on Wellness Policy review** - Administration reviewed compliance with the Wellness Policy and shared the

results with the Board. Next, the draft report will be shared with the community for input.

- D. Construction Update** – Mr. Novack reported that work is continuing on the new small gym, the courtyards and the punch lists.
- E. Soil Test Results from Mohawk Site** – Mr. Novack reported that as reported last month, an underground fuel tank was found during the Village’s work at Mohawk Park. The District plans to remove the tank. Eight soil samples near the tank were tested. Seven samples were clean and one, next to the tank, tested positive for fuel residue. The soil near that sample can be fully removed. Proposals will be solicited to complete the removal this fall.

Consent Items

- A. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 21, 2024
 - 2. Regular Board of Education Meeting – August 21, 2024 - Closed Session

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

- B. Approval of Financial Reports**
 - 1. Bills August 2024
 - a) Accounts Payable
 - b) Imprest Checks
 - c) Advanced Checks
 - d) Credit Card Payments
 - e) Construction Checks
 - 2. Financial Statements as of August 31, 2024

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

- C. Personnel**
 - I. Ratification of Employment for 2024-2025, Certified Staff**

Recommendation: That the Board of Education approves the employment of [Gina Guyer](#), Instructional Technology Specialist, Tioga School, effective September 23, 2024.
 - II. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff**

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

 - 1. Steve Demma, Lunch Recess Supervisor, Johnson School, effective September 12, 2024.
 - 2. Angela Baum, Special Education One-on-One Paraprofessional, Blackhawk Middle School, effective October 1, 2024.
- D. Compensation Report of Administrators and Teachers** - That the Board of Education acknowledge review of the compensation report as presented and direct the administration to post on the website.
- E. Shared Service Report** - That the Board of Education approve the Shared Service Report.
- F. Transfer Interest Income into Capital Projects Fund and Education Fund.** - That the Board of Education adopt the attached resolution allocating interest income to the Education Fund and the Capital Projects Fund.

A motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda item as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Conference/Action Items

- A. Absenteeism & Truancy Report** – Mr. Dustin Berman reported that School districts serving students in any of the grades kindergarten through 12 that receive public funds must submit an absenteeism and truancy policy to the

Illinois State Board of Education. Policies must be updated every two years. BSD2 Board of Education Policy 7-70 was last reviewed in the Fall of 2023. Mr. Berman provided information to the Board of Education in the [Absenteeism & Truancy Update](#) which outlined the current and trend Chronic Truancy data along with the interventions put in place by the district. The district continually collects and reviews chronic absence data from each school and determines what systems of support and resources are needed to engage chronically absent students and their families.

- B. Adopt Budget Resolution for 2024-2025 Budget** – Mr. Novack reported that the Board held a public hearing concerning the budget on September 18, 2024. Public review of the tentative budget began on Monday, August 19. The required notice was published on August 15. After publication of the tentative budget, both revenues and expenses have been further revised for the final budget. The budget includes both typical operations and \$11 million for the renovation of Blackhawk Middle School. The renovation costs are being paid for with cash on hand from before the year began. Without the renovation costs, the budget has a modest surplus of about \$600,000, or 1.3% of revenue.

A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Ms. Dye that the Board of Education (1) adopt the [2024-25 Budget as presented](#); and (2) note that the cash balance of its operational funds at June 30, 2022 is less than 2.5 times the average spending in those funds for the three-year period ended on the same date.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Miller, Dye, Gonzalez Leyva, Laudadio, Stoltman,

Nay: None

Absent: Parthimos,

Motion Carried.

- C. Certify Budget Revenues by Source** – Mr. Novack reported that the District files an estimate of revenues by source with the County Clerk’s office, certified by the board’s chief fiscal officer. This must be a separate document, even though this information is included in the budget.

Mr. Novack reported that based on the development of the budget, these sources are considered the best estimate of revenue to be received during the 2024-25 year.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education certify that the anticipated revenues by source for 2024-25 shall be the revenues by source shown for each fund in the District’s budget for 2024-25.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Gonzalez, Stoltman, Dye, Leyva, Laudadio, Miller

Nay: None

Absent: Parthimos,

Motion Carried.

- D. 2nd reading & Adoption Policy - 7:20 - Harassment of Students Prohibited** – Dr. McCluskey reported that policy 7:20 prohibits harassment of students. A revised version of Policy 7:20 is presented for second reading and adoption.

A motion was made by Mrs. Dye and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education adopt revised Policy 7:20 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Dye, Stoltman, Gonzalez, Leyva, Laudadio, Miller,

Nay: None

Absent: Parthimos,

Motion Carried.

- E. Construction Change Orders** – Mr. Novack reported that the Board has awarded 20 contracts for the renovation of Blackhawk Middle School this summer. Work is mostly completed at this time. The new small gym should be finished this month and the courtyards should be completed in October.

Mr. Novack also reported that the following changes greater than \$10,000 are proposed to be added to the contracts for the renovation.

Description of the Change	Contractor's Name	Amount	Rationale(s) for Approval
The asphalt paving contract with Maneval Construction was canceled in August before work was performed, as discussed at last month's Board meeting. Builders Concrete, already under contract for concrete work, completed the asphalt paving before school opened. It has agreed to a price of \$168,900, which is \$600 less than the contract amount with the first company.	Builders Concrete	\$168,900	Germane to the original contract with Builders Concrete, in the District's best interest, and not reasonably foreseeable when the Maneval contract was signed.
As first presented at the July meeting, add ethernet wiring and mounting locations in all classrooms for telephones.	Gurtz Electric	\$22,142, after being quoted time & materials not to exceed \$30,000	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.
As required by fire inspector, install additional fire alarms and carbon monoxide detectors and connect them to the new fire panel.	Gurtz Electric	\$18,920	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.
Install four steel columns and two support beams outside rooms 111 and 114. Unexpected conditions were discovered during demolition of the small rooms previously at those locations.	Kingery Steel	\$15,940	Germane to the original contract, in the District's best interest, and not reasonably foreseeable when contract was signed.
Install markerboard walls in remodeled science rooms, not included in original specifications.	DBM Services	\$14,064	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.
As first presented at the June meeting, about 15% of the lockers were red on the inside (the others are beige). These lockers were painted on the inside as well as the outside. This change was not requested until the number of affected lockers was established.	Ascher Brothers	\$15,781	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.
Reinstall drinking fountains where new wall coverings were added, including changing drain pipes for changes in wall thickness.	A & H Plumbing	About \$10,000	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

The following change order was removed from the list and to be approved after further review.

Description of the Change	Contractor's Name	Amount	Rationale(s) for Approval
Upgrade to better sound system equipment in the new small gym, compared to original specifications; upgrade in existing small gym also; and add intercom in health office. Gurtz waived its labor; the subcontractor's labor cost credits District for the exchanged equipment.	Gurtz Electric	\$37,154	Germane to the original contract and in the District's best interest.

New Business

- Dr. McCluskey reported that IASB is looking for the Board to submit 1-2 accomplishments so that they can be recognized during the 2024/2025 Division Meeting.
- It was asked who plans to attend the Bensenville Park District Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Sunday, September 22, 2024; Mrs. Miller & Mr. Stoltman will be able to attend.

Closed Session

At 8:17 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Leyva and seconded by Mrs. Dye that the Board of Education go into closed session to consider the performance of certain staff. (Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057.)

Roll Call Vote:

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

At 8:54 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez that the Board of Education adjourn from closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

At 8:54 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Dye and seconded by Mr. 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 8:54 p.m.

 President

 Secretary