



## Bensenville Elementary School District 2

Board of Education Regular Workshop Meeting

Minutes – February 5, 2025

President Robert Laudadio called the regular workshop 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:

<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Jacqueline Dye	Secretary	X	
Victoria Gonzalez	Member	X	
Robert Laudadio	President	X	
Marisol Leyva	Vice-President	X (arrived 6:38 p.m.)	
Anita Miller	Member	X	
Lori Parthimos	Treasurer	X (arrived 6:50 p.m.)	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
<b>Administration</b>			
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, Anne Paonessa - Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, Dustin Berman - Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.

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

**Public Comments:**

- A resident addressed the Board about a request for eLearning.

**Administrative Reports**

- A. Announcements** – none
- B. Introduction of New CSBO:** The Board was introduced to Tim Keeley, who will serve as the District’s next Chief School Business Official. Mr. Keeley currently serves as Associate Superintendent for Business Services for Township High School District 214. He will officially join the District July 1, succeeding Paul Novack, who is retiring after serving 15 years as the District’s Chief Financial Officer.
- C. FOIA** – Mr. Novack reported that there were 6 FOIAs:
  1. SteepSteel - Contracts and payment records for cell towers and similar - No records exist
  2. SEIU Local 73 - For custodial and maintenance employees: name, position, hourly rate, employment info - The District is not the employer

3. DuPage Policy Journal - Records about number of non-citizen student
4. Irene Brown Kelley Resident - Records about a student, a discipline matter, and policies
5. Illinois Retired Teachers - Contact info of certified staff who are planning to retire in 2025.
6. DuPage Policy Journal Association - Emails & memoranda referring to Lucy Calkins or to Units of Study

### **Presentations**

- A. **Summer School 2025 Plan:** Dr. Anne Paonessa, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, reviewed the District's plans for providing traditional summer school and a summer enrichment program over this year's summer break.
- B. **Student Services Program Update:** Dustin Berman, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, reviewed the programs offered by the Student Services Department and outlined changes to their enrollment and delivery that have occurred this year.

### **Board Committee Reports**

- A. **Announcements** - none

### **Consent Items**

#### **A. Personnel**

##### **I. Resignation of Certified Staff**

Jennifer Bucaro, Kindergarten Teacher at Tioga School has submitted her resignation effective March 3, 2025.

**Recommendation:** No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation.

##### **II. Resignation of Classified Staff**

Tim Waldorf, Community Relations Coordinator for the District has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2025.

**Recommendation:** No action by the Board of Education is necessary for this resignation.

##### **III. Ratification of Employment – Classified Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education ratifies the employment of Sylwia Kasperski, Clerical Aide, Johnson School, effective January 21, 2025.

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

#### **Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nay:** None

**Absent:** None

**Motion Carried.**

### **Conference/Action Item**

- A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Policy Revision Adoption - 7:160 Student Appearance** - Dr. McCluskey reported that **Policy 7:160** – Student Appearance, was presented at the January 15, 2025 meeting for first reading. No revisions have been made since first reading. It is being recommended for revision as presented. The policy and footnotes were updated in response to 105 ILCS 5/10-22.25b, amended by P.A. 103-463, prohibiting schools from denying students the right to wear or accessorize their graduation attire with items associated with their culture, ethnic, or religious identity, or other characteristic or category protected under the IHRA. Continuous improvement updates were also made to the footnotes.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Miller and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education adopt revised policy 7:160 Student Appearance as presented.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nay: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**B. Founders Award Discussion** – Dr. McCluskey reported that during the 1984-85 school year a representative committee of professional educators, students, parents and interested citizens was convened by the District 2 Board of Education to plan activities in celebration of the 100th anniversary of District 2’s information. Among the suggestions advanced by the committee was the initiation of a Founder’s Day Award. The award was bestowed very selectively by any or all of the District’s Schools or by the District in its own right. An individual may receive the award only once. The last time the award was given was in 2021 to Kay Dugan and Jim Stelter and in 2022 to the school nurses. In reviewing the criteria for the award, it seems very similar to the Those that Excel award that was launched last year, however, Those that Excel has many more categories.

Discussion was held regarding the Boards interest in sunsetting the Founder’s award or to continue both the Those that Excel and the Founder’s Award.

**The Board agreed to sunset the presentation of its Founders Award, as it is similar to the honors presented to staff through the District’s Those That Excel employee recognition program.**

**New Business**

- Dr. McCluskey reported that ISBE completed the fiscal year 2025 Property Tax Relief grant calculations based on the final pool of applicants. Unfortunately, District 2 was not a district that qualified for the grant again this year. The district will continue to apply again in future grant cycles.

**Closed Session**

**At 7:05 p.m. motion was made by Ms. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Leyva that the Board of Education go into closed session for the purpose of personnel and Litigation.**

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Nay: None**

**Absent: None**

**Motion Carried.**

**At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Dye and seconded by Mrs. Miller that the Board of Education adjourned from closed session. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.**

**Adjournment**

**At 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Stoltman and seconded by Mrs. Gonzalez 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 7:21 p.m.

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President

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Secretary