

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
December 19, 2024 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The President, Cindy Riker, called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm. Other board members present were Linda Gekle and Jim Gilligan. Absent: Mandy Beugly and Rick Navarre. Our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur, attended via teleconference. Public on call and in person.

Approval of Agenda: Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Supported by Linda Gekle. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Recognition/Presentation: Angie McArthur acknowledged that next month is School Board Recognition Month. She thanked the Board and gave a special shout out to Cindy for 20 years of service. Michelle Reynolds distributed Certificates of Appreciation from the EUPISD. She also presented a gift from our student and herself to Cindy for her retirement from the board.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from our regular meeting on November 12, 2024 and approval of the November check register. Supported by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly and Navarre. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Letter of Resignation from Mandy Beugly. Cindy Riker made a motion to accept her resignation with regrets. Supported by Gekle. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- Reviewed Christmas cards received.
- Letter from TDS informing us we will have a price increase next month for internet service.

Reports by:

Superintendent:

- Invited the Board to attend the virtual EUPISD School Board Association meeting on January 8th at 6pm. She will send an email providing the Zoom information.
- There has been 40 hours of mentoring for Mrs. Reynolds so far this school year. It is turning out to be very helpful. Mrs. Reynolds has started more training and more to come next month.
- Merry Christmas to everyone.

Teacher:

- Mrs. Reynolds highlighted some of the lessons in November and so far in December. Those in November included a lockdown drill, Thanksgiving projects and continued Zoom lessons. These lessons have been very helpful with socialization in the classroom and getting a glimpse of how another school looks. Engadine Schools have been working with the DNR and they have a fish tank with 150 salmon eggs. They will be planting those in the spring. It was mentioned that if possible it would be a great opportunity for our student to join that venture. December has been a Christmas theme and they have already had their party. There have been discussions about our environment, conservation, island vegetation, plant growth and fossils. January will bring NWEA testing between January 1st and the 31st.
- Mrs. Reynolds has been approved for the My Career program which starts in January 2025. This is the first group. It started with 30 applicants and 16 are going forward. Congrats to Mrs. Reynolds. She has also been accepted at CMU and going for a BS degree. She previously had 80 credits. She will need 30 more credit to complete this degree. That also starts in January 2025.

Park Committee:

- Cindy Riker gave the update. The planning commission has approved the special land use for Gibson Park to have the pavilion erected. Dan and Carol Blundy from the Association are working on the verbiage for the bid packages. We hope to have those out sometime in January or February. Cindy is working with them to make certain all bid requirements are met.

MICIP:

- Jim gave us a brief update. There will be another meeting the 2nd Friday of January. Mrs. Reynolds continues to work with the goals and curriculum.

Old Business:

- **School website changes:** Continued problem understanding the new website. Determined to get documents updated so we can start utilizing this system.
- **Replacement of expired EpiPens:** Still have not received. Another email has been forwarded to them.
- **2nd Reading of NEOLA Fall updates:** Cindy reviewed the updates again with the board. Cindy Riker made the following motion. Having had a 1st and 2nd reading of the Bois Blanc Pines School District's fall 2024 Policy update, I make a motion to pass a resolution to adopt all EDGAR/UGG revisions and all the regular policy updates with the exception of policies 2264, 3120.08, 5330.02 and 7440.03. Supported by Jim Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly and Navarre. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Hungerford Contract Approval:** There has been a considerable increase in the audit contract. The last contract was approved during covid. So a lot of the audit was done remotely. Additionally, there are new requirements coming in the future. Although we are small, the same paperwork is required. We need to remember that we are getting the benefit of the ISD negotiating a package inclusive of all districts. Cindy Riker made a motion to approve the new contract for 2025 through 2029. Supported by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly and Navarre. Motion carried.
- **Mentoring Support:** We had originally approved funding in the amount of \$1,000. Based on the amount of time spent so far, we need to update the funding. Cindy Riker made a motion to increase the mentoring fees for the 2024-2025 school year from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Supported by Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly and Navarre. Motion carried.
- **Budget Amendment 2024-2025:** Cindy Riker reviewed the budget changes with the board. Cindy Riker made the motion to approve the amended budget for 2024-2025 and pass the resolution as presented. Supported by Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly and Navarre. Motion carried.
- **School Board Member:** Need to get a posting out for a new board member to finish Mandy Beugly's term, which ends in 2026. We have an updated registered voters list to work from. It is slim pickings.

Board Comment: Cindy Riker mentioned that since next month is the organizational month and there is no secretary or treasurer, she will continue to cover those positions until someone is nominated.

Public Comment: None

Other Business: We have an old printer and internet mi-fi that is available to any board members, if they need it. There were a couple of items added to the board member folders. One was a list of the 2025 board members with their phone numbers and emails. The other is the 2025 School Board Member Monthly calendar, which shows by month any items out of the ordinary from month to month. Task sheets for secretary and treasurer will be updated and available to the new team in 2025, which will help as a guide.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, Acting Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board