

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53  
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS  
Administrative Center  
Butler Junior High School  
Monday, January 23, 2017  
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Alan Hanzlik, President (6:56 p.m.); Liz Chun; Lou Paskalides; Todd Rusteberg; Ahmad Sulaiman  
Members Absent: Hitesh Patel, Vice President; Alan Kumar, Secretary  
In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent; Amy Read, Principal Butler Junior High; Jason Bednar, Principal Brook Forest Elementary

Liz Chun, Trustee, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 6:32 p.m.

**Reception of Visitors** – Nirmitt Goel inquired about the Tolling agreement action item on the open agenda. Dr. Wennstrom responded that she would have Dr. Martin, Business Manager, contact him with additional information regarding this on-going litigation involving the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund.

Brian Bare of the Whitt Law firm spoke on behalf of the Midwest Club Court 7 residents currently pursuing annexation into Butler School District 53 and Hinsdale School District 86. Mr. Bare explained that the Midwest Club is made up of 20 courts with 19 of those courts currently attending Butler School District 53. Mr. Bare shared information about the financial effect on all school districts involved. At this time Mr. Bare asked that the Board consider taking “no position” and allow the decision to be made at the regional level.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Rusteberg, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to approve the agenda as presented.

VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

**Board Member Comments** – None at this time.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the December 12, 2016 Closed Meeting
3. Accept resignation of Luan Sulo, Custodian/Maintenance, Butler Junior High School, and effective December 27, 2016.
4. Approve employment of Laurie Murray, Teacher Aide, Brook Forest Elementary, effective Monday, January 9, 2017, pay rate of \$13.00 per hour.
5. Approve employment of Noel Irizarry, Custodian/Maintenance, Butler Junior High, effective Monday, January 9, 2017, pay rate of \$16.00 per hour.
6. Approve employment of Catherine McGovern, Permanent Substitute, Brook Forest Elementary, and effective Monday, January 9, 2017, for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Salary of \$13,121.40

## 7. Financial Reports

Motion by Mr. Rusteberg, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to approve the consent agenda as presented.

### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mrs. Chun, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Hanzlik, Dr. Patel, Dr. Kumar

***Motion carried.***

### **School Organization Reports**

Rahma Hasan, PTO President, updated the Board on the current events that include: The Annual Roller Skating Party this Thursday (1/26), Daddy/Daughter dance on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Sweet Sale at Brook Forest taking place on February 14<sup>th</sup>, and the Chess club and Yoga club which are currently in session.

### **Discussion/Presentations/Committee Reports**

**Math Pathways** – Ms. Read provided the Board with a recommendation for current 5<sup>th</sup> grade student math pathways through junior high and high school. The pathways were developed to align with Common Core, MAP Data, and rigorous placement exams developed with the Hinsdale High School Math department. Four pathways were presented. Ms. Read recommended that Math instruction be offered on grade level, one grade level above and two grade levels above to meet the needs of the BJH students. These pathways will allow BJH students to receive instruction in their home school. Travel to Hinsdale South will be required for any student taking high school classes as HCHS is facing enrollment challenges. Online programs through Universities will be available as needed for students.

**School Fees** – Dr. Wennstrom presented the recommendations for 2017-2018 school fees. Dr. Wennstrom also noted the challenges and possible restrictions on school funding in the coming year. Fee recommendations include no increase for the following fees: Full Day Kindergarten, ½ Day Kindergarten, Grades 1-2-3, Grades 4-5, Grades 6-7-8, Yearbook, and Visual Art Enrichment. There was an increase of \$25 in the technology fee, and \$75 in the transportation fee. A new on-line resource fee of \$50 was added this year. An early bird discount and a late fee are also recommended. Mr. Hanzlik wanted the community to know that these fees are just a small portion of overall school funding. A full list of the fees and the percentage the district pays and the schools fees will be added to the website. The Board will be asked to vote on the recommended fees later in the meeting.

**Calendars** – Dr. Wennstrom explained that the calendars were developed after a review of the Hinsdale 86 calendar, Regional Office of Education recommendations, and State of Illinois School code mandates. A calendar committee with OBEA members and administrators developed the draft calendars that have also been vetted with staff and at the DLT meeting.

**School Board Member Handbook** – Dr. Wennstrom provided the Board with drafts of Chapter 5 (Board Member Development), Chapter 6 (Board – Superintendent Relationship) and Chapter 7 (Types of School Board Meetings). The remaining chapters will be provided at upcoming Board meetings before the final request for adoption. This is a new document for District 53 and it will be very helpful for new Board members. Dr. Wennstrom notified that Board that Mr. Pruss has invited all Board

member candidates to a Civic Association Candidates Forum on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at noon.

**DLT Committee Report** – Mrs. Chun referred the Board to the minutes of the last DLT committee for details. Mrs. Chun reported on the District 53 curriculum vetting process discussed at DLT. This process was created by staff and reviews requests to assure no overlaps and the most efficient use of resources available.

**B&G Committee Report** – Mr. Paskalides reported on the B&G meeting held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The final walk through on the Butler Junior High gym was completed and a final payment has been requested. There was a Regional Office of Education visit with one storage issue that has been taken care of at Brook Forest. The PTO has donated buddy benches and they will be installed in the spring. The HVAC units were reworked over winter break. Housekeeping did one of the three deep cleanings of the year. There was a pre-bid meeting held on the Brook Forest roof. There is consideration of repairs on the BJH court yard and the STEM lab over the summer. In addition the committee reviewed and made recommendations related to next steps regarding the incomplete and insufficient Summer 2015 Capitol Improvements Project with Abbey Paving. At this time we are looking at all options to achieve final project completion as specified in the contract and reflective of the bid documents.

**Policy Committee Report** – Mr. Rusteberg reported that policy work completed on October 17<sup>th</sup> as defined in the minutes has been completed and posted. The policy committee also met this afternoon to discuss, review, and make recommendations related to another 12 Board policies, 11 administrative procedures, and 20 administrative exhibits. Two important policies that will be presented for 1<sup>st</sup> reading in February relate to student head injuries/concussion and food allergies.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**Kindergarten Registration** – Kindergarten registration has taken place at the district office on two days so far with 15 children now registered for 2017-2018. There are two more dates coming up this week for parents to register. Administration watches the numbers closely to assure appropriate sections and resources. Kindergarteners may also register through the summer.

**5 Essentials Survey** – Dr. Wennstrom informed the Board of the current survey being conducted that involves the staff, parents, and junior high school students. This survey provides a different lens into the organizational and learning conditions at District 53 and provides guidance on how a school can organize its work with ambitious instruction, effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, and a supportive environment.

**Brook Forest Building Report** – Mr. Bednar, Principal, informed the Board that Brook Forest is at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester with reports cards going home next week. Mrs. Sterner, music teacher, is in the process of coordinating the 4/5 grade musical which will be the Music Man. Mr. Bednar will be coordinating the food allergy committee, the first meeting will be held tomorrow (1/24). ISBE has provided policy language and the committee will need to provide input into actionable steps and guidelines so that all students can focus on learning and in a safe environment.

**Butler Junior High Building Report**– Ms. Read, Principal, shared a great start to a new year with new beginnings at Butler Junior High. Wrestling and girls basketball have started and we had a successful week of wins. The annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade retreat was held with returning alumni speaking with students. International day will be held on Friday and everyone is looking forward to the day. The student head injuries/concussions committee met and a very productive meeting was held. Return to learn guidelines and informational videos were discussed with a follow-up meeting to be held next week.

**Action Items**

Approve Resolution Authorizing the Business Manager to Prepare a Tentative Budget for FY18.

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the resolution authorizing the Business Manager to prepare a tentative budget for FY18.***

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mrs. Chun, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Dr. Kumar

***Motion carried.***

Approve Board Meeting Schedule

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the Board meeting and the committee of the whole meeting schedule from January 2017 through December 2017.***

VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

Approve Tolling Agreement with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund to be signed by District legal counsel on behalf of the Butler 53 Board of Education

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the Tolling Agreement with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund to be signed by District legal counsel on behalf of the Butler 53 Board of Education.***

VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

Approve School Fees for the 2017-2018 School Year

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve School Fees for the 2017-2018 school year.***

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mrs. Chun, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Dr. Kumar

***Motion carried.***

Appointment of Michael Dudek as the Board's Hearing Officer for Student Residency Cases

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to appoint Michael Dudek as the Board's Hearing Officer for student residency cases.***

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mrs. Chun, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Dr. Kumar

***Motion carried.***

**Announcements**

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Technology Committee Meeting	Thursday, January 26, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
B&G Committee Meeting	Thursday, February 2, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
DLT Committee Meeting	Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 4:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Monday February 13, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, February 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

District Food Allergy Team Meeting	Tuesday, January 24, 2017, 7:15 a.m.
PTO – Skating Party	Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
BF End of Second Trimester	Friday, January 27, 2017
BJH International Day	Friday, January 27, 2017
District Concussion Team Meeting	Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 7:15 a.m.
BF – Chinese New Year Parade	Tuesday, January 31, 2017, 11:30 a.m.
PTO – Daddy/Daughter Dance	Friday, February 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
BJH – DC Parent Meeting	Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting	Friday, February 10, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

***Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mr. Rusteberg to move to closed session according to 5 ILCSI20/2(c) 1 for “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity,” 10 for “The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students,” and 11 “Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.”***

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mrs. Chun, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Dr. Kumar

***Motion carried.***

Adjourn to Closed Session: 7:30 p.m.

Return to Open Session at 9:55 p.m.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:55 P.M.**

VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

  
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 Alan Hanzlik, Board President

  
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 Alan Kumar, Board Secretary