

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53  
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS  
Administrative Center  
Butler Junior High School  
Monday, July 11, 2016  
6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Alan Hanzlik, President; Alan Kumar, Secretary; Liz Chun, Todd Rusteberg  
Members Absent: Hitesh Patel, Vice-President; Rajiv Advani; Lou Paskalides  
In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent; Amy Read, Principal Butler Junior High, Kelly Voliva, Principal Brook Forest Elementary

Mr. Hanzlik, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 6:35 P.M.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the agenda as presented.

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

**Conduct Public Hearing**

Conduct Public Hearing on Proposed Transfer of \$2,100,000 from Educational Fund to Operations and Maintenance Fund

Dr. Martin asked the Board if they had any questions regarding the transfer. Mr. Hanzlik asked if this was a routine transfer. Dr. Martin explained that the transfer was planned and that it will be used to begin payments for summer projects. Dr. Martin asked if there were any questions from anyone in the audience. There were none.

Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Mrs. Chun to close the Public Hearing

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

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the April 11, 2016 Closed Meeting
3. Appointment of Marybeth Marinier, Assistant Principal Butler Junior High for the 2016-2017 School year.
4. Appointment of Michael Finke, Athletic & Activities Director, Butler Junior High, for the 2016-2017 School Year.
5. Appointment of Lisa Owen, Assistant Principal Brook Forest for the 2016-2017 School year.
6. Appointment of Melissa Wills, Teacher on Special Assignment for the 2016-2017 School year.
7. Approve employment of Diane Chaps, Registrar/PowerSchools, District Office, effective July 6, 2016.
8. Accept resignation of Anthony Santiago, Custodian, Brook Forest Elementary, effective June 22, 2016.

9. Approve final amended 2015-2016 school calendar
10. Approve Board meeting dates for FY17 school year
11. Facility Use
  - Quantum Learning - BJH 6/14/2016 & 6/15/2016
12. Financial Reports

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Mr. Advani, Mr. Paskalides

***Motion carried.***

Superintendent Wennstrom and Board President, Mr. Hanzlik made brief statements regarding recent allegations of academic dishonesty in the District and related litigation. The District 53 Board and Administration take the obligation to protect the District's long-standing reputation of academic excellence built upon exceptional teaching and parental support very seriously. While the Board cannot discuss the specifics of this matter, they reassured the community that academic integrity is of the highest priority.

**Board Member Comments** – Mrs. Chun acknowledged all the administration, staff and Board President for the extraordinary work put in to deal with this issue and the pending lawsuits. "You have managed through all of this and you continue to work to prepare for all of our students returning in the fall." Mr. Hanzlik added that he witnesses first hand that our administration and staff work tirelessly for the benefit of the students and schools in the district. Mr. Hanzlik asked Dr. Martin how we stand with the 2016-2017 budget process.

Dr. Martin informed the Board that the 2015-2016 school year is now closed and on the revenue side we are within 1% of expected. Our fund balance as of the FY16 school year close stands at 13.3 million dollars. There are four major projects currently going on that will total 3.3 million dollars. Dr. Martin informed the Board that a finance committee meeting will be held the first week of August.

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

**Construction Project Update** – Dr. Martin shared a powerpoint with pictures of the work going on this summer in the district. The sewer project at Brook Forest is complete. The discolored concrete work has also been replaced. The Brook Forest teacher's lounge is under construction with new cabinets and countertops. New furniture has been ordered. The painting is in process with a feature wall in each classroom. There is a possibility that we will be painting the lockers in the future. Carpets are being cleaned. The field at Brook Forest is being reviewed with possible need for regrading. Work at Butler Junior High is continuing with the steel structure going up for a new gym security entrance and dirt being moved for the added driveway. Completion is not expected by the beginning of school. Ms. Read plans on including an update on construction for parents in her welcome back letter.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

**FOIA Requests** – The Superintendent shared with the Board the 5 FOIA requests that have been received since the last Board meeting. The FOIAs were from Christy Gutowski of the

Chicago Tribune; Justin Kmitch of the Daily Herald; Christopher Stull, attorney for the Julka family; Shelly Jain, parent in the community; and Jake Griffin, of Watchdog Reporting.

**Personnel** – Dr. Wennstrom shared the current enrollment numbers that show a slight decrease at this point from 528 students in FY16 to 521 students now registered for FY17. Registration is continuing and the Board will be kept updated. The Superintendent provided an update on the hiring of new staff for the FY17 school year. We currently have one part-time position in Special Education still open.

**Action Items**

Approve Resolution to Effect Interfund Transfer

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the Resolution to Effect Interfund Transfer from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Mr. Advani, Mr. Paskalides

**Motion carried.**

Approve Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Monies from Operations and Maintenance Fund to Capital Projects Fund

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the Resolution authorizing the transfer of monies from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Mr. Advani, Mr. Paskalides

**Motion carried.**

Authorization of July 2017 Bills

Motion Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve Alan Hanzlik to review July 2017 invoices and authorize payments prior to the next regular Board of Education meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Mr. Advani, Mr. Paskalides

**Motion carried.**

**Announcements**

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Regular Meeting Monday, August 8, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Committee-of-the Whole Thursday, August 25, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

**Closed Session**

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to move into closed session according to 5 ILCS120/2(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 "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: Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel, Mr. Advani, Mr. Paskalides

**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:10 P.M.

Meeting returned to open session at 8:52 P.M.

**Adjournment** - Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:52 P.M.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

  
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Mr. Alan Hanzlik, Board President

  
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Dr. Alan Kumar, Board Secretary