

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, January 22, 2018
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Elizabeth Chun, President; Sally Beatty, Vice President; Ahmad Sulaiman, Secretary; James Chow; Christopher Edmonds; Cabin Kim (arrived 6:32 p.m.); Lou Paskalides

Members Absent: None

In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent; Amy Read, Butler Junior High Principal; Chad Prosen, Brook Forest Elementary Principal; Andrea Prola, Director of Student Services; Farheen Beg, Director of Technology

Dr. Chun, Board President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 6:31 p.m. President Chun informed the board and visitors that per policy all visitors wishing to speak will be asked to state their name and address before beginning their comments.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Chow to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the December 11, 2017 Closed Meeting
3. Approve resignation, Debra Dugan, Teacher's Aide, Brook Forest Elementary, effective January 8, 2018
4. Approve employment of Callie Bolattino-Revord, Long Term Sub, Language Arts, Butler Junior High, effective January 8, 2018
5. Accept retirement of Elizabeth Sompolski, 3rd Grade Teacher, Brook Forest Elementary, at the completion of the 2021-2022 school year
6. Accept retirement of Laura Jevitz, 2nd Grade Teacher, Brook Forest Elementary, at the completion of the 2021-2022 school year
7. Facility Use Request
 - Cub Scouts Pack 53 11/17/17, 12/15/17, 1/19/18, 3/16/18, 4/20/18
8. Financial Reports

Moved by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Sulaiman spoke about his exemplary experience in teaching a social studies class in 5th grade at Brook Forest. Mr. Sulaiman thanked Ms. Wozny and Mrs. Tarantino for the opportunity; "We have wonderful students and they are a reflection of our teachers." Mr. Sulaiman encouraged all colleagues to share in the experience.

PTO Update

PTO President, Kelly Greco, stated that the PTO board is excited about working in partnership with the Oak Brook Park District and the school district on the playground projects at Brook Forest and Butler Junior High. There will be more updates at the March PTO meeting. Dr. Wennstrom provided details on the drawings of the proposed playgrounds on display. Dr. Wennstrom informed the board that timing of installation is based on fund raising efforts of the PTO. Final specs and cost to the district will be voted on at the April board meeting. Mr. Kim thanked Mrs. Greco and the PTO for their efforts. The playground project will be a collaborative project between Butler District 53, Butler 53 PTO and the Oak Brook Park District.

Discussion/Presentations/Committee Reports

2018 - 2019 School Fees

Mr. Edmonds informed the board that the finance committee had a discussion regarding school fees. At this time the finance committee is suggesting that school fees remain the same with further review of transportation fees. The district faces challenges with the limited service providers in the area. A transportation cost report was prepared and shared by Alison Prochaska. Dr. Chun suggested that a committee comprised of parents and staff would be beneficial for added input. Mr. Edmonds has requested that Dr. Martin solicit feedback and share back with the finance committee.

FY19 & FY20 School Calendars

Dr. Wennstrom shared the 2018-2019 school calendar that was approved by the board last year. Dr. Wennstrom explained that each year we try to bring two years of school calendars to the board for approval so parents and staff can plan ahead. After meeting with the calendar committee a few changes have been requested for the 2018-2019 school calendar. The proposed changes include: moving from 3 Institute Days at the beginning of the school year to 2. An additional Institute Day was then added on October 9th. The first day for students would remain Monday, August 20th and last day of school would move to June 5th. In the past the district has always tried to mirror Hinsdale District 86 with minor variations unique to District 53. Dr. Beatty requested to see data compared to District 181 with return on investment and measureable outcomes. Mr. Sulaiman questioned if having a full week off Thanksgiving week was possible as opposed to attending on Monday of that week. Dr. Wennstrom explained how the Regional Office of Education provides guidelines and suggested calendar dates. Dr. Wennstrom reported that the calendar recommendation is

built by an administrator/teacher committee with a focus on the children's learning.

Board Meeting Location

Mr. Edmonds reviewed with the board his suggestion related to relocation of the Butler 53 board meetings to the Village of Oak Brook boardroom. After receiving input from community members he felt it was a way to accommodate larger crowds for student recognition or important topics to the community. Dr. Wennstrom detailed the pros and cons of relocating the board meetings after meeting with building & grounds, technology and the Village of Oak Brook. Dr. Beatty questioned why we don't use a cell phone for recording meetings as she has witnessed at pension meetings. Dr. Wennstrom discussed an increased ADA compliance need with the addition of videotaped meetings. Dr. Chun felt that the moving would hinder us in doing the best job we can as a district. She additionally spoke on the past referendum that provided a voice from community members without children in the district that the school district not use the Village of Oak Brook tax dollars to fund school initiatives. Mr. Edmonds found an issue with this as he is a tax payer as well and expressed that just because that was the opinion then, this might not be the opinion now. Mr. Edmonds feels there is a physical restraint in the current location. Mr. Paskalides expressed concern as this has always been the location; the community knows where to come with issues and questioned what is the reason for this initiative. Mr. Kim reminded the board that there are four other school districts that draw from the Oak Brook Village community. Dr. Beatty stated that we have horrible plastic chairs and has spoken to many community members that state they do not come to the meetings because of the chairs.

B&G Committee Report

Mr. Paskalides reported that the committee discussed the playground projects and thanked the PTO for their support. Over winter break building and grounds did extensive work at Brook Forest on lockers, flooring, and painting. We are working with Wold Architects on making the district keyless. The handicap lift at Brook Forest has been repaired. The Master Facility Plan was discussed with the impact on finances. Dr. Wennstrom requested that the board members provide input on the Master Facility Plan action plans to Dr. Martin regarding the Master Facility plan.

DLT Committee Report

Dr. Chun informed the board of the January 17th roundtable that was initiated by DLT with community, parents, and staff input and dialogue. This has been a very successful initiative. The calendar change was discussed at the committee meeting. We continue to work with the model of personalized learning as it relates to use and utilization of current programs and software. Eureka math was discussed; it is currently being piloted in two classrooms, the evaluation of the program will include parent input.

Policy Committee Report

Mr. Sulaiman thanked the policy committee that met today and referred the board to the minutes.

Technology Committee Report

Mr. Paskalides informed the board that there was a very productive meeting held in December. Coding was discussed with a technology plan that included data driven decision

making. The board referred the board to the minutes. After a question from Dr. Beatty regarding coding in the district, Farheen Beg, Director of Technology, provided input on the coding trends being researched and which model would be most cost effective and would best suit the district. Mrs. Beg also provided information on the STEM conversation and investigations.

Superintendent's Report District Report

Dr. Wennstrom asked Andrea Prola, Director of Student Services to speak on the Success for All Students Parent Partnership. Ms. Prola was happy to report that the January 17th session topic was on Executive Functioning and was attended by approximately 50 parents and was well received. Administrators and parents collaborated on homework completion, time management, managing emotions, and additional resources and strategies were shared.

Dr. Wennstrom thanked the PTO for their presentation on the playground projects at Brook Forest and Butler Junior High.

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)

There were three FOIA requests received in the Superintendent's office since the last board meeting. The first was from Alejandro Garcia of the Parent's Foundation for Education. Mr. Garcia requested every teacher and staff member's building location, first name, last name, position, grade level, subject area, certified area of instruction, state certification, home address, school email, personal email, personal phone number, gender, race/ethnicity, hire date, years of experience, and current salary. All information was provided except home address, personal email, personal phone and gender. The second FOIA request was from Komal Julka, a parent in the district. Mrs. Julka requested all versions of school board policy 7220, the information was provided on the same day. The last FOIA request was from James Fuller of the Daily Herald. Mr. Fuller requested information on the drug prevention program used in the district, when it started, why it was selected, annual cost of administering it, and the funding source. All information was provided in a timely manner.

Brook Forest Building Report

Dr. Prosen thanked Mrs. Wozny, Miss Owen, Miss Pollina, Mrs. Mini, Mrs. Maccha, and Mrs. Whittaker, all who helped with the 5th grade literacy night. In the month of February we have a lot going on in English Language Arts. Dr. Prosen thanked the staff on the deep dive into student data for school improvement. The Oak Brook Police department will be in the building for D.A.R.E. There will be a shoe drive in February to support children in the Ukraine.

Butler Junior High Building Report

Ms. Read was happy to hear the STEM conversation that took place tonight. We are excited about the change of quarters and the elective choices for the students. Students can choose from a variety of classes that include art, media, mock trial and social emotional learning February 16th has been set aside for group parent/teacher conferences that will bring teachers as teams to discuss with parents student concerns. Student Council has supported the athletic team with lights out theme. A great tradition at BJH will continue again this year with International Day and thanked the parents and staff. There will be a 7th grade lock-in that

includes games and a motivational speaker.

Action Item

Resolution Authorizing the Business Manager to Prepare a Tentative Budget for FY19

Motion by Dr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to authorize the Business Manager to prepare a tentative budget for FY19.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Board Meeting Schedule

Dr. Beatty recommended that meeting dates for the Village of Oak Brook, the Park District, and School District 86 be reviewed so that there are no conflicts. Dr. Wennstrom informed that board that there is a pattern to meeting dates but sometimes rescheduled when there is a holiday. Mr. Chow questioned the need for more than one meeting in a month and the concern for additional meetings for budgeting questions. There was no motion. The action item will be moved to the next monthly board meeting.

Tolling Agreement with the Illinois Metropolitan Investment Fund

Moved by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Policy Revisions and Changes – First Reading

Policy 1003 – School District Governance

Policy 1004 – School District Legal Status

Policy 1010 – Board Member Qualifications

Policy 1035 – Board Member Term of Office

Policy 1050 – Board – Superintendent Relationship

Policy 6510 – Student Records

Policy 7254 – School Website Accessibility Policy

Policy 7400 – Teaching About Religions

Policy 7500 – Remote Educational Program

Dr. Chun questioned policy 7500 and after discussion it was removed from the list of policies for first reading. It was then moved by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to accept policies 1003, 1004, 1010, 1035, 1050, 6510, 7254, and 7400 as presented for first reading as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Kim, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Motion carried.

2018-2019 & 2019-2020 School Calendars

Dr. Chun referred to the previous discussion held in the meeting regarding the school calendars and asked if there was a motion to approve the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school calendars as recommended by the Superintendent. There was no motion. The action item will be moved to the next monthly board meeting.

Relocation of Butler 53 Board of Education Meetings

Mr. Edmonds moved, seconded by Dr. Beatty to approve relocation of the Butler 53 Board of Education meetings to the Village of Oak Brook, community room. Mr. Sulaiman suggested a trial of movement of the board meetings to the Village. After board discussion Mr. Edmonds withdrew his motion and requested the action item be returned to the February board meeting with trial language.

Visitor/Board Member Comments

Dr. Beatty wanted it clarified that her intent was not to compromise the current board meeting schedule but a change in the school fiscal year calendar.

Announcements

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Technology Committee Meeting	Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
B&G Committee Meeting	Friday, February 2, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
District Leadership Team Meeting	Tuesday, February 6, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, February 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	TBD

Other Important Dates:

BF – End of the Second Trimester	Friday, January 26, 2018
FY19 Kindergarten Registration	Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 9-11 a.m.
FY19 Kindergarten Registration	Thursday, January 25, 2018, 3-7 p.m.
FY19 Kindergarten Registration	Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 9-11 a.m.
BF – Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday, February 8, 2018, 4-8 p.m.

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” and 2 “Collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedule for one or more classes of employees.”

Moved by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Chow to move into closed session at time 8:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Return to open session at 10:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Kim to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:23 p.m.
VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

Elizabeth Chun, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

Approved at the 2/12/2018 Regular Board of Education Meeting