

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53  
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS  
Administrative Center  
Butler Junior High School  
Monday, March 12, 2018  
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Elizabeth Chun, President; Ahmad Sulaiman, Secretary; Cabin Kim; Lou Paskalides

Members Absent: Sally Beatty, Vice President; James Chow; Christopher Edmonds

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 6:33 p.m.

**Reception of Visitors**

Melissa Martin, resident of Oak Brook, spoke on the cost of tuition for students that live in Oak Brook but are not within the Butler 53 boundaries. Dr. Martin has two sons that attend the Oak Brook Park District Pre-school and take part in Oak Brook events but will not be going to school with many of them because of the "fractured education system...Oak Brook with 5 different school districts." She proposed a reduction in tuition costs and noted that the annexation process is challenging.

Lindsay Bilshausu, parent of two Brook Forest students, spoke on transparency for parents. Mrs. Bilshausu requested that the board look into a better and clearer way to communicate with parents of what is going on at board meetings. Possible suggestions included a summary overview of board meetings and use of the digital backpack with links to important board minutes and agendas.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Chun amended the agenda to remove items 10. Closed Session, 11. Return to open session, and 12.A. Amendment to master AIA contract with Wold Ruck Pate architects. Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Kim to approve the agenda as modified.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes of the January 31, 2018 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting
2. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

3. Minutes of the February 12, 2018 Closed Meeting
4. Minutes of the February 16, 2018 Regular Meeting
5. Minutes of the February 16, 2018 Closed Meeting
6. Approve renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement dated January 18, 2016, by and between the Board of Education of Butler School District #53, The Oak Brook Park District for a before-and after-school program at Brook Forest Elementary School
7. Approve amendment and renewal of Intergovernmental Agreement dated March 10, 2010 by and between the Board of Education of Butler School District #53, The Oak Brook Park District and The LaGrange Area Department of Special Education for a Cooperative Preschool Program at the Oak Brook Park District Recreation Center
8. Approve FMLA request for Brittany Kuethe, Advanced Learning Teacher, Brook Forest Elementary, beginning March 26, 2018 through the end of the school year
9. Approve employment of Julie Moore, Long Term Substitute, Advanced Learning Program, Brook Forest Elementary, effective March 26, 2018
10. Accept the resignation of Samantha Barry, .5 Reading/.5 Teacher's Aide, Brook Forest Elementary, effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
11. Accept the resignation of Carrie Fitzgerald, Early Childhood Teacher, Oak Brook Park District/Brook Forest Elementary, effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
12. Accept the resignation of Maxx Marano, Teacher's Aide, Brook Forest Elementary, effective March 16, 2018
13. Accept the resignation of Catherine McGovern, Permanent Substitute, Butler Junior High, effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
14. Accept the resignation of Alison Salerno, Permanent Substitute, Brook Forest Elementary, effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
15. Accept the resignation of Scott Thesen, Teacher, Brook Forest Elementary, effective at the end of 2017-2018 school year
16. Financial Reports

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

### **Board Member Comments**

Dr. Chun congratulated the PTO on the wonderful Friday night event, Denim is the New Black.

### **PTO Update**

Dr. Wennstrom shared a statement from PTO President, Kelly Greco that read, "Thank you to everyone who attended and bid on auction items at our adult social, Denim is the New Black. Special thanks to our event Chairs: Georgia Chulos, Anita Gatto, Shiela Miceli, January Pawluk and Purva Shah who worked tirelessly for the past few months to create such a phenomenal event! Thank you to our auction announcer, Mark Iozzo for his talent at this event. This event would not have been possible without our teachers, community members, and generous sponsors; First Midwest Bank, Roberto's Restaurant, York Tavern and Endodontics Associates of Illinois. We had about 140 people attend our social event and at the next PTO meeting, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. we will have our final numbers."

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

### **B&G Committee Report**

Mr. Paskalides reported that the committee discussed the BJH faculty lounge, BF interior door keyless entry, the BF & BJH playground projects, and that Mr. Jakupi is developing the FY19 B&G budget. The board had a discussion on the snow removal for FY19 and the possibility of purchasing a truck instead of contracting out for next year. Mr. Paskalides further informed the board of the concern regarding the BF lift used for daily movement of food service steam tables and ADA compliance. The Boy Scouts have requested use of space at BJH but the date has not been finalized.

### **District Leadership Team Committee Report**

Dr. Chun reported that the DLT continued discussion on old business and referred the board to the minutes.

### **Policy Committee Report**

Mr. Sulaiman informed the board that the committee held a meeting today with an agenda that included 29 new policies, administrative procedures, and exhibits. There are 7 others that had been tabled for further review.

### **Technology Committee Report**

Mr. Paskalides informed the board that the committee discussed the use of Utube in grades 3-5 and the control of the filters. STEM goals outlined in the strategic plan are being investigated. There is discussion on extending STEM into Brook Forest. We have investigated and implemented a new student registration system with PowerSchool.

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

The Superintendent spoke on proposed student protests and demonstrations on March 14<sup>th</sup> and April 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a national movement for students across the country to plan to leave their classrooms and school buildings to protest gun violence in honor of the students and staff members who lost their lives last month, and to commemorate the anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting. Dr. Wennstrom said, "We at Butler are working with community partners to balance the need to ensure continuity of learning and operations, as well as whole school community safety and security, while still encouraging the interest among youth in civic engagement and school safety."

### **Strategic Plan**

Dr. Wennstrom spoke on the intense systematic process used by the administrative team to envision a desired future, and translating the vision into broadly defined goals and a sequence of steps to achieve them. She outlined the great things that have been accomplished to date that include: school district ranking, improved efficiencies, and investment in curriculum. Curriculum focus has taken place in: English Language Arts, STEM, Digital Literacy, Personalized Learning, and Social and Emotional Learning. We are committed to student empowerment. Dr. Wennstrom noted that tonight the board will be asked to approve the strategic plan and the year one objectives for those plans. The superintendent expressed a

need for flexibility in the strategic plan and recommended yearly approval from the board on actions plans. The community is encouraged to see the plan on the district website and invited to provide comments.

### **FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)**

There were two FOIA requests received in the Superintendent's office since the last board meeting. Shelly Jain requested all emails and communications between Dr. Wennstrom and various individuals as well as entities outside of D53. Kaylin Rhoads requested the 2017-2018 Teacher Salary Schedule. Both FOIAs were responded to in a timely manner.

### **Brook Forest Building Report**

Dr. Prosen thanked the teachers at Brook Forest for hosting teachers from two schools in Milwaukee to observe our teachers' ELA instruction. The schools were very interested in Readers & Writers Workshop models currently used at Brook Forest. Kenilworth school district will be visiting next month. PARCC testing will begin March 13 through the end of the week and focuses on Math and Science. Spring pictures will be taken on March 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **Butler Junior High Building Report**

Ms. Read reported that PARCC testing will take place starting April 9<sup>th</sup> at BJH. Ms. Read is excited to announce that teachers will be taking part in the Ruler Training out of Yale being hosted by the DuPage Regional Office of Education. Ms. Read also recognized the Spanish department for the success of students in the program. A math consultant was in the building last week and was very complimentary of the program and teachers. Career Day Plus is still looking for speakers and will be held in the afternoon on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **Action Items**

#### **Delete Redundant and Outdated Policies**

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to delete policies 1110, 1112, 1115, and 1120

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

#### **Policy Revisions and Changes – First Reading**

Moved by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Kim to accept policies 2050 and 2105 as presented for first reading as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

#### **Transportation Fees**

Moved by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Kim to approve the revised transportation fees for the

FY19 school year at \$300 for bus service to Brook Forest Elementary per family and \$300 for bus service to Butler Junior High per family as recommended by the Finance Committee and Business Manager

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Kim, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

### **Strategic Plan**

Moved by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Kim to approve the Strategic Plan as recommended by the Superintendent and Administrative Team

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

### **Strategic Plan FY19 Year One Action Plans**

Moved by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to approve the Strategic Plan FY19 action plans as recommended by the Superintendent and Administrative Team

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Kim, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

### **Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of a Teacher**

Moved by Mr. Paskalides, seconded by Mr. Kim to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Honorable Dismissal of a Teacher, Carrie Lauermann

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Kim, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

### **Negotiated Settlement of Certain Tax Rate Objections**

Moved by Dr. Chun, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to approve the proposed negotiated global settlement of pending rate objections to the District's levies for:

- Operations and maintenance purposes for tax years 2014 through 2016,
- IMRF/Social Security purposes for tax years 2010 through 2016, and
- Transportation purposes for tax years 2011 through 2016

For a compromise refund payment of a flat \$164,500 with payment of all statutory interest waived by the plaintiffs/objectors; and

Further, that District legal counsel be authorized to sign on the Board's behalf such forms of Compromise Agreement, consistent with the above terms, as are to be filed with the Clerk of the

DuPage County Circuit Clerk for the tax years involved in order to confirm the settlement and enable the Court to enter Agreed Orders concluding the subject tax rate objection complaints.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Ayes: Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Sulaiman, Mr. Kim, Dr. Chun

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Beatty, Mr. Chow, Mr. Edmonds

***Motion carried.***

**Visitor/Board Member Comments**

None at this time.

**Announcements**

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Technology Committee Meeting	Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
B&G Committee Meeting	Thursday, April 5, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
District Leadership Team Meeting	Tuesday, April 3, 2018, 4:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Monday, April 9, 2018, 5:00 p.m.
Regular BOE Meeting	Monday, April 9, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting	Thursday, April 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	TBD

Other Important Dates:

BJH – End of Third Quarter	Friday, March 23, 2018
Spring Break – NO SCHOOL	March 26 <sup>th</sup> – April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Classes Resume	Tuesday, April 3, 2018
PTO Meeting	Friday, April 6, 2018, 9:00 a.m.
School Improvement Day	Friday, April 13, 2018
HALF-DAY STUDENT DISMISSAL	

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:22 p.m.

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

Elizabeth Chun, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

Approved by the Board of Education at the 4/9/2018 regular meeting.

