

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, March 14, 2016
6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

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

Mr. Hanzlik, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the board room at 6:30 P.M.

Reception of Visitors

John Baar, York Woods resident, respectfully requested that the Board reconsidered their site option choice for the construction at Butler Junior High this year. Mr. Baar believes that plan D is the most cost effective, provides residential integrity, and is the safest design.

Tim Mlsna, York Woods resident, addressed the Board with his concerns regarding the site option choice of the Board. Mr. Mlsna stated that he had listened to the audio recording of the Board meeting and was unclear why plan A was chosen over plan D. Mr. Mlsna believes that plan A is more cost effective and enforcement of school drop-off and pick-up rules are needed.

Dr. Wennstrom received three letters in the District office today with a request that they be read out loud at the Board meeting. The letters addressed the recent academic dishonesty investigation by the district. Parents expressed concerns related to the reputation of the school district, the cost to the district, and integrity of the district. The letters supported the actions of the administration in the investigation.

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

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes of the January 28, 2016 Closed Meeting
- C. Accept resignation from Kiersten Kelly, Special Ed Teacher, Butler Junior High, at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
- D. Accept retirement for Peter Sompolski, 4th Grade Teacher, Brook Forest, at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- E. Facility Use
 - PTO Basketball 2/28

F. Financial Reports

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: - Mrs. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Dr. Patel, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: - None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Board Member Comments – Mr. Hanzlik provided a dialogue of the Board’s choice of site option plan A with more than one exit. Option plan A will not trigger an additional cost for storm water retention. Dr. Kumar explained why plan A would reduce the traffic on Windsor as opposed to plan D. Dr. Wennstrom clarified that the drop off and pick up for parents will be separate from the buses which is the safest for students. Access to the school will be limited to the athletic event for security. The district is very sensitive to the lighting concerns of the York Woods residents.

Dr. Patel expressed the excitement he witnessed from the students who participated in the Washington, D.C. trip, Science Olympiad, and state level math contest. Working together as a community and village we need to model personal and social integrity.

Mr. Paskalides congratulated the boys and girls basketball teams and coaches. We were very challenged this year and better prepared to meet those challenges. Mr. Paskalides thanked the PTO for the support of the athletic program and growing the “whole child” concept.

Mrs. Chun thanked the Brook Forest staff for taking on new initiatives and practices in education. The Brook Forest staff had shared their new practices with District 102.

Mr. Rusteberg thanked the PTO for the incredible Masquerade Ball fund raiser.

Mr. Hanzlik commented on the letters previously read by Dr. Wennstrom on the academic dishonesty recently experienced in the district. After a thorough and laborious investigation on the part of the administration, all parents in the district received a letter on February 8th related to the findings. The reputation and integrity of the district is critical to the stakeholders and Oak Brook community. This Board will not tolerate this type of behavior and will support actions to ensure the integrity of the district. Every single child in the district is being impacted because our key administrators are spending an exorbitant amount of time on this issue, taking them away from addressing the needs of all students.

Dr. Kumar commented that in the future letters to the Board signed anonymous should not be read aloud and should be reviewed by the Board separately.

Committee Reports/Discussion/Presentations

PTO Update – Mrs. Hasan thanked all those that participated and collaborated on the Masquerade Ball. The event raised \$54,000 that night, \$41,000 has been donated back to the school district to support student learning experiences. We are excited about the Bulls game, the bike rodeo, and Exploremore Day.

Rotary Essay Contest – Susan Wright, Language Arts teacher at Butler Junior High, explained the Rotary essay contest and the 30 year tradition in the district. Mrs. Chun, Mr. Rusteberg, and Mr. Hanzlik volunteered to read and rank essays. Dr. Wennstrom reminded the Board that Mrs. Wright will be leaving the district at the end of this school year to move back closer to family. Dr. Wennstrom thanked Mrs. Wright for her service to Butler students.

Disposition of District Property – Dr. Wennstrom provided a list and photos of district property that will need to be removed from the Brook Forest classrooms. New mobile casework has previously been approved for purchase and Board policy requires that the Board is aware of any disposition of property over \$100.

Proposed State Budget Reduction – Dr. Martin informed the Board of the message from the Business Officials meeting that the State of Illinois may not fund public education next school year. The Board is asked to take this into consideration when considering expenditures for next school year. If proposed budget changes take place, the district could lose \$250,000 in state funding for the school year. Dr. Wennstrom informed the Board that the staffing plan for FY17 will be delayed until April so that the best decision can be made pending the outcome of the state budget crisis.

Technology Committee – Dr. Kumar informed the Board that the technology committee met and there was a discussion on technology repairs and fees. There is a concern about parents not paying tech fees for device repairs. It has been decided that registration will not go active for families until fees are paid. There is current legal review on district requests for passwords from students of social media sites. The next generation project that would replace smart boards was on display and demonstrated to the Board. The PTO provided the funding for four touch screen TVs and the district will match funding for four others.

Finance Committee – Dr. Patel stressed the need to focus our primary objectives of funding towards our educational mission. All contracts are being reviewed for best pricing. Legal expenses take funding away from the classroom.

Policy Committee – Mr. Rusteberg reviewed the process of the policy committee and the approval of the 17 policies to be voted on tonight for adoption. Another 12 policies were provided to the Board for 1st reading and review. These policies include:

- Policy 1025 - Board Committees
- Policy 1125 - Board Member Conflict of Interest
- Policy 1205 - Types of School Board Meetings
- Policy 4969 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- Policy 6205 - Grading and Promotion
- Policy 6305 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students
- Policy 7007 - School Wellness
- Policy 7175 - School Accountability
- Policy 7180 - English Learners
- Policy 7190 - Guidance and Counseling Program
- Policy 7250 - Technology System Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- Policy 8041 - Safety

Building & Grounds – Mr. Paskalides shared that the fields have been released for use until the contractor returns for field repairs. Brook Forest will be painted this summer prior to installation of the mobile casework for the classrooms. Butler Junior High will receive new tables during the spring break. Quotes are being gathered for the new video surveillance equipment. The STEM Lab has been a very successful initiative. It needs additional wiring and equipment and has been a great addition.

DLT Update – Mrs. Chun updated the Board on the virtual meeting held and referred the Board to the notes. The art show will take place at Brook Forest elementary. There are concerns related to student use of smart watches.

Oak Brook Park District Intergovernmental Agreement – Dr. Wennstrom explained that a finalized agreement has been provided to the Board and the Board will be asked to vote on it later in the agenda.

Superintendent's Report

WSCAE Science Fair Recipients – Dr. Wennstrom informed the Board that student Science Fair work was on display outside the Board room. Butler Junior High students participated in the WSCAE Science Fair held at the Brookfield Zoo and we had several students awarded ribbons.

FOIA – The District received three FOIA requests; two from Dr. Shelly Jain, and one from Dr. Rahul & Komal Julka.

2016-2017 School Calendar – Dr. Wennstrom informed the Board that another look was taken at the FY17 school calendar. Your approval will be requested to align with the Hinsdale 86 calendar. Our winter break has been changed to December 22nd through January 9th. The last day of school will now be June 5th without emergency days.

PARCC – A PARCC letter was provided to the Board for review. Dr. Wennstrom asked that the Board contact her with any questions.

Brook Forest Update – Mrs. Voliva stated that the PARCC testing will take place at Brook Forest the week of April 11th with one testing window. There will be seven sessions of testing. Parents are encouraged to make sure students are in attendance. The Science assessments for 5th graders will take place in May and will be 60 minutes in length. Kindergarten registration took place this month. We have a small group of Kindergarteners signed up at this time. Mrs. Voliva thanked the Brook Forest staff for their leadership and positivity that goes on in the building.

Butler Junior High Update – Mrs. Read informed the Board that PARCC testing at BJH will take place April 26th, 27th, and 28th. There are only six sessions for the junior high. We do a great job as a community addressing the whole child. Mr. Finke is currently looking into banners for all sports. The Washington, D.C. trip was a great success and 8th graders were encouraged to thank their parents, Mr. Hamilton, Ms. Lett, and Mr. Finke. The student government and service board have raised money for several organizations that included a pet rescue and a local foundation. Our broadcast journalism group is doing a segment on our parking lot and pick-up procedures.

Action Items

Intergovernmental agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and Butler School District 53 for the Before/After School Care at Brook Forest

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to approve the Intergovernmental agreement between the Oak Brook Park District and Butler School District 53 for the Before/After School Care at Brook Forest

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Policy Revisions and Changes – Second Reading & Adoption

Policy 1320 - Board Attorney

Policy 1400 - Uniform Grievance Procedure

Policy 3415 - Payment Procedures

Policy 4980 - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition

Policy 5005 - Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment

Policy 5155 - Employment Termination and Suspensions

Policy 6035 - Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students

Policy 6330 - Bus Conduct

Policy 6915 - Release of Pupils During School Hours

Policy 6925 - Student Fundraising Activities

Policy 6935 - Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy 6955 - Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material

Policy 6956 - Exemption from Physical Activity

Policy 7912 - Education of Homeless Children

Policy 8080 - Gifts to the District

Policy 9015 - Connection with the Community

Policy 10400 - Copyright

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Rusteberg to accept policies 1320, 1400, 3415, 4980, 5005, 5155, 6035, 6330, 6915, 6925, 6935, 6955, 6956, 7912, 8080, 9015, 10400 as presented for second reading and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Policy Revisions and Changes – First Reading

Policy 1025 - Board Committees

Policy 1125 - Board Member Conflict of Interest

Policy 1205 - Types of School Board Meetings

Policy 4969 - Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Policy 6205 - Grading and Promotion

Policy 6305 - Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusions of Students

Policy 7007 - School Wellness

Policy 7175 - School Accountability
Policy 7180 - English Learners
Policy 7190 - Guidance and Counseling Program
Policy 7250 - Technology System Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
Policy 8041 - Safety

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Rusteberg to accept policies 1025, 1125, 1205, 4969, 6205, 6305, 7007, 7175, 7180, 7190, 7250, 8041 as presented for a first reading, and place on the April meeting for second reading and adoption as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Painting Contract

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to approve the proposal from Multisystem Management Company for interior painting at Brook Forest School and the multipurpose room at Butler Junior High in the amount of \$37,100, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Abbey Paving Stairwell Sewer Work

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to approve the proposal from Abbey Paving, Inc. for sewer repair work and stairwell drain replacement at Brook Forest School in the amount of \$86,640, as recommended by the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Auditor for FY16 Financials

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to approve the proposal from Baker Tilly for auditing services for the FY16 budget year in the amount of \$22,800, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Agreement with the Proviso Township Treasurer

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to approve an addendum to the intergovernmental agreement between Butler School District 53 and the Trustees of Schools Township 39N, Range 12E Cook County, Illinois for a two-year term ending June 30, 2018, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Amend 2016-2017 School Calendar

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Patel to accept the amended 2016-2017 school calendar as recommended by the Superintendent.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Announcements

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

District Leadership Team	Tuesday, April 5, 2016, 4:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Monday, April 11, 2016, 5:00 p.m.

Other Important Dates

BJH Coffee House Concert	Thursday, March 17, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Mathcounts State Competition	Saturday, March 19, 2016
BJH - End of Third Quarter	Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Non-Attendance Day (NO SCHOOL)	Friday, March 25, 2016
Spring Break - No Students or Teachers	March 28th - April 1st
School Resumes	Monday, April 4, 2016
PTO Meeting	Friday, April 8, 2016, 9:00 a.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," 2 "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 8 "Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property," 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. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Dr. Patel, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Mr. Advani

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:20 p.m.

Meeting returned to open session at 9:55 p.m.

Adjournment - Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mrs. Chun to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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

Mr. Alan Hanzlik, Board President

Dr. Alan Kumar, Board Secretary

BOE approved at the regular meeting of 6/13/16.