

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, April 10, 2017
6:30 p.m. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Alan Hanzlik, President; Alan Kumar, Secretary; Elizabeth Chun; Lou Paskalides; Todd Rusteberg; Ahmad Sulaiman
Members Absent: Hitesh Patel, Vice President; Todd
In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent; Amy Read, Principal Butler Junior High; Bob Jakupi, Director of Building & Grounds

Mr. Hanzlik, Board President, 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 - None at this meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Student Recognition

BJH Ensembles - Jordan Yi, Band Teacher, introduced students that have excelled in the program this year. Students performed their pieces for the audience and were recognized with certificates and ribbons. Students performing were:

Isabella Rios, Piano, "When I Was Your Man" by Bruno Mars

Jui Khankari & Shivano Rao, Flute & Piano, "River Flows In You" by Yurima

Rama Bhagwat, Flute, Menuet by Telemann

Kara Xu, Mahum Sheikh, Mona Ajaz, & Alisha Kumar, Clarinet Quartet, Solo No. 2 by Yi

Brook Forest Student Recognition - Lisa Owen & Ellen Wozny, 5th Grade Teachers, introduced students that showcased their skills in the school spelling bee and geography bee. Students recognized were:

Arjun Shah, 5th Grade, Georgraphy Bee

Smaya Anand, 5th Grade, Spelling Bee

James Philipneri, 4th Grade, Spelling Bee

Honoring School Board Members' Retirement - Dr. Wennstrom recognized Mr. Alan Hanzlik, Board President; Dr. Hitesh Patel, Board Vice President, Dr. Alan Kumar, Board Secretary, and Mr. Todd Rusteberg, Board Member. Dr. Wennstrom noted, "Each of these gentlemen were twice elected by the community and committed to 8

years of service on behalf of the students and community of Butler 53.” “Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of the children attending Butler 53.”

Family members and Dr. Chun expressed their appreciation of dedication and service to all those retiring with thoughtful words and flowers.

A video with words of wisdom for the retiring board members was presented from Brook Forest students with the help of their teachers: Lisa Owen, Jessica Radek, and Shelley McComas.

The board meeting was then paused so that pictures could be taken and those in attendance could enjoy refreshments.

Board Member Comments – Mr. Hanzlik stated, “this board only did what it was supposed to do, working for the students and community of Butler 53....and it has been a privilege serving with all of you.” Dr. Chun noted, “this is a special night for special people.” Mr. Sulaiman thanked everyone for their service.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the March 13, 2017 Closed Meeting
3. Minutes of the March 24, 2017 Special Meeting
4. Accept resignation from Jason Bednar, Brook Forest Elementary School, Principal, end of the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Accept resignation from Marybeth Marinier, Butler Junior High School, Assistant Principal & Special Education Teacher, end of the 2016-2017 school year.
6. Financial Reports

Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Dr. Kumar to approve the consent agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

School Organization Report – PTO President, Rahma Hasan, congratulated retiring board members and thanked them for their service, “it has been a pleasure working with all of you.” Mrs. Hasan also updated the board on the Mother/Daughter tea planned for April 30th; the details are still being finalized.

Discussion/Presentations/Committee Reports

8 Keys Presentation - Dr. Wennstrom introduced the video created at Brook Forest Elementary with students explaining and demonstrating each key. The 8 Keys of Excellence character education program guides young people toward a positive future full of confidence, motivation, creativity, team work, leadership and valuable life principles.

New Website/Campus Suite - Dr. Wennstrom introduced Farheen Beg, Director of Technology, who informed the Board of the new website that will be developed in-house by Robbie Philipps, teacher at BJH. A survey was taken of district stakeholders and their input helped drive the new model and chosen development software. After interviewing five different platforms, Campus Suite was selected. Dr. Kumar questioned insurance by the web hosting service in case of a breach to the website.

B & G Committee Report – Mr. Paskalides updated the Board on the 2015 construction and that we are still dealing with the field issues. Adler roofing has been selected to do the roofing at Brook Forest Elementary that will take place this summer. The Butler Junior High courtyard will be redeveloped by D & J Landscaping. For the FY18 school year a new sound system for BJH was included in the budget. There was a pipe burst near York road causing a sewer backup during Carnival night.

DLT Committee Report – Dr. Chun spoke on the Butler Junior High student council representative process. Dismissal times on half days were addressed with BJH getting out at 11:40 a.m. and Brook Forest will be dismissed at 11:50 a.m. A new model for language arts was rolled out last week at BJH. Student support services were reviewed and will be continued over the next year. Transportation costs were discussed at the committee with additional follow-up to continue over next school year.

Technology Committee Report – Dr. Kumar informed the Board of the discussion of the interactive white boards currently in the classrooms and their replacement moving forward. Dr. Kumar referred the Board to the minutes for other topics of discussion.

Policy Committee Report - Mr. Rusteberg updated the Board on the last committee meeting held March 20th. 25 policies and their associated administrative procedures and exhibits were advanced by the committee and they will be brought to the new board for 1st reading in May. Tonight there is a 1st reading and adoption of a residency policy on the agenda. Mr. Hanzlik spoke on the importance of a strong residency policy due to the cost to taxpayers when there are issues with fraudulent enrollments. Mr. Sulaiman noted that there will be a second phase of registration documentation next year that is “tougher.”

Finance Committee Report - Mr. Hanzlik spoke on the finance committees priority to secure \$500,000 yearly in reserves. Purchasing a new truck has been deferred for the new board to consider. Transportation costs were discussed and the lack of bidders on the contract has left the district with soaring transportation costs. The district is reviewing options and will continue this discussion looking for solutions for the 2018-2019 school year.

Superintendent's Report

Staff Appreciation Week - Staff appreciation week is coming up the first week of May. We are thankful for all the work and dedication of our teachers and support staff. A thoughtful gift will be going out to all staff from the Board and Administration.

Election Results for Board of Education - Dr. Wennstrom welcomed the new

members to the Board of Education: Dr. Sally Beatty, Mr. James Chow, Mr. Christopher Edmonds, Mr. Cabin Kim, and re-elected Mr. Ahmad Sulaiman. Dr. Wennstrom noted, "It has been a few years since our school district has had a contested election...whether the election turned out the way you wanted it to or not it is time to unite and circle together with this new board to do that work that needs to be done for students in the district." The new Board will be seated on April 27th at a special organizational meeting.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) - The Illinois State Board has been working with the Federal government for a new pathway to replace No Child Left Behind. The new ESSA program measures school quality on two categories of indicators as well as student success indicators. 75% will be based on core academic indicators and 25% will be based on school quality/student success indicators. More information will be forthcoming.

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) - There have been two FOIA requests received in the office of the Superintendent. Mrs. Komal Julka, parent in the district, requested the legal bills for pending district litigations. Deborah Weiss, attorney for Mattuzi family, she is looking for information related to invoices for Investigation Solutions, Michael Dudek the hearing officer, qualifications, as well as internal communication related to residency.

Brook Forest Building Report - Lisa Owen, Assistant Principal, informed the Board that the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are ready for PARCC testing next week. The musical, "The Music Man", is coming up on April 27th. Coach Beyer is working on health and fitness week the first week in May. The Brook Forest recognition ceremony will be held on May 4th.

Butler Junior High Report - Amy Read, Principal, spoke about the Language Arts split that took place last week following parent concerns. There was an aura of excitement in the building. "The teachers deserve a round of applause for taking on this initiative." Next year there will be additional fine arts electives for the students including: ceramics and sculpture and fiber art. We have ten students displaying their photography art at the DuPage Historical Museum this month. We are going to be introducing engineering sciences and bringing back mock trial classes. Rising 7th and 8th placements have been sent out to parents. Welcome to 6th grade parent night is coming up April 25th.

Action Items

Policy Revisions and Changes - First Reading & Adoption

Policy 6020 - Residency Requirements

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Rusteberg to accept policy 6020 as presented for first reading and adoption, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

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

Policy Revisions and Changes - Second Reading & Adoption

Policy 1002 - District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

Policy 1205 - Types of School Board Meetings

Policy 1230 - Board Member Compensations; Expenses
Policy 5045 - Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications
Policy 6005 - School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools
Policy 6405 - Bus Transportation
Policy 6510 - Student Records
Policy 6520 - Student and Family Privacy Rights
Policy 7175 - Instruction - School Accountability
Policy 7180 - Instruction - Migrant Students
Policy 7185 - Title 1 Programs
Policy 7912 - Education of Homeless Children
Policy 8041 - Safety

Moved by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Rusteberg to accept policies 1002, 1205, 1230, 5045, 6005, 6405, 6510, 6520, 7175, 7180, 7185, 7912, 8041 as presented for first reading, and place on the April meeting agenda for second reading and adoption as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.
VOICE VOTE: **Motion Carried.**

Approve Letter of Understanding with B.W.P. and Associates

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Chun to approve the Letter of Understanding with B.W.P. and Associates that includes a quote with a base fee of \$10,500.00 regarding the principal search for Brook Forest Elementary.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Approve Transportation Contract with First Student

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Chun to extend the contract for transportation services with First Student, Inc., commencing August 1, 2017, and ending July 31, 2020, with a rate increase of 8.6% in the first year, and a 3% increase in each of the subsequent years, as recommended by the Business Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Approve Irrigation Proposal for Butler Junior High Fields with Redi Rain

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to approve the Redi Rain proposal for Butler Junior High fields in the amount of \$23,020.10, as recommended by the Director of Building & Grounds and the Business Manager.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Butler Junior High Courtyard Redevelopment

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to accept the D& J Landscape, Inc. base bid in the amount of \$92,224.87, with alternate raised concrete curb at \$2,640.00 for a total of \$94,864.87.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Website/Camp Suite

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Chun to approve the Camp Suite proposal for district website development in the amount of \$6,872.60, as recommended by the Director of Technology and Superintendent.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Ratify Tax Extension

Motion Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Chun to ratify the 2017 tax extension as prepared by the Business Manager and filed with the DuPage County Clerk on March 24, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Announcements

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Special Organizational Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

DLT Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

B&G Committee Meeting Thursday, May 4, 2017, 7:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting Monday, May 8, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Other Important Dates

School Improvement Day Thursday, April 13, 2017

STUDENTS DISMISSED AT 11:50

No Attendance Day - School Closed

Friday, April 14, 2017

Brook Forest Awards Ceremony

Thursday, May 4, 2017

PTO Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2017

Motion by Mr. Hanzlik, seconded by Dr. Kumar to move to 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 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, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik

Nays: None

Absent: Dr. Patel

Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 7:53 p.m.

Return to Open Session at 9:26 p.m.

Action Items

Student Residency and Tuition Determination

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to determine students to be non-residents and does not consider the additional attachments submitted with the objection.

Dr. Kumar moved, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the written evidence and testimony present at the residency hearing held on March 17, 2017, as well as the written objections submitted by the parents who enrolled the students dated March 28, 2017, the Board of Education find that students A and B are not legal residents of Butler Elementary School District #53 and are not therefore, entitled to attend District 53 schools on a tuition free basis.

Dr. Kumar moved, pursuant to the Illinois School Code, 105 ILCS 5/10-20, 12a and 10-20 12b, that the Board of Education charge the parents of the students tuition for each of the students' attendance in the District schools during the 2016-2017 school year at the annual per capita tuition charge of \$17,358.62, prorated for each of the students' attendance days, from the first day of the 2016-2017 school year through today's date, and charge the family the daily tuition rate for each additional day the students attend District 53 schools until the students establish residency in the District or are dis-enrolled or withdrawn from District 53 schools.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Patel
Motion carried.

Jennifer Brauer FMLA

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Dr. Chun to approve 12 week FMLA for Jennifer Brauer, Brook Forest Elementary, Kindergarten Teacher beginning approximately September 15, 2017.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Patel
Motion carried.

Jennifer Brauer extended Leave of Absence (LOA)

Motion: Move to approve extended unpaid LOA for Jennifer Brauer, Brook Forest Elementary, Kindergarten Teacher from approximately November 13th, returning February 26, 2018.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ayes: Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Kumar, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Rusteberg, Mr. Hanzlik
Nays: None
Absent: Dr. Patel
Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Kumar, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:29 p.m.

VOICE VOTE: **Motion carried.**

Dr. Elizabeth Chun, Board President

Mr. Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

BOE approved at the regular meeting of 5/8/17.