

The
BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, July 10, 2017
6:00 p.m. Special Meeting

MINUTES

Members Present: Elizabeth Chun, President; Sally Beatty, Vice President; Ahmad Sulaiman, Secretary; James Chow; Christopher Edmonds; Cabin Kim; Lou Paskalides

In Attendance: Heidi Wennstrom, Superintendent; Sandra Martin, Business Manager; Amy Read, Butler Junior High Principal; Chad Prosen, Brook Forest Elementary Principal; Andrea Prola, Director of Student Services

Dr. Chun, Board President, called the special meeting of the Board of Education of Butler School District 53 to order in the boardroom at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Dr. Beatty to approve the agenda as presented.
VOICE VOTE: ***Motion carried.***

Board Member Comments – None at this time.

Discussion/Presentations

Master Facility Plan – Dr. Martin provided historical background that included two separate attempts to pass a 12 million dollar referendum for school improvements and a larger referendum tearing down existing buildings, selling the property and building a single campus to house K-8. Both referendums failed. The district has since moved to make necessary capital improvements from savings that include \$774,865 in the summer of 2014, \$3,161,450 in the summer of 2015, \$6,598,944 in the summer of 2016 and \$1,525,826 this summer. Dr. Martin reviewed current and possible facility improvements in upcoming years. The board discussed communication and funding of past, present, and future improvements.

Strategic Plan - Dr. Wennstrom began an overview of the draft strategic plan that was accompanied with an action plan. The strategic plan outlined was based on three goals that included: Ensures an Effecting Teaching and Learning Model, Establishes an Exemplary Learning Culture, and Employs Effective Operations, Governance, and Sustainability for an Effective Education Model. The Superintendent created the outline with the use of the Instructional Blueprint for the district, prior priorities of the community, staff, and Board of Education, as no specific direction was provided to the Superintendent at the June board meeting. Board discussion and further direction was provided to develop a scaled down one page document centered on: Education

(Curriculum, IT), Facilities (Physical, IT, Safety) and Community (Value Creation, Brand Equity Communication, Sports/Fine Art/Pride). They directed the Superintendent to determine action steps and fair metrics to evaluate achievement of their strategic goals over a four year time frame. Dr. Wennstrom and the administrative team agreed to complete this work this fall. Current and new curricula was discussed.

Dr. Chun acknowledged that time would not allow for full discussion on the remaining agenda items that include board governance, the organization chart review and the standards and models used for the Superintendent's evaluation. Supporting documents were provided to all board members and discussion will continue at an upcoming public board meeting.

Motion by Mr. Paskalides, seconded by Mr. Kim to move to closed session according to 5 ILCS 20/2(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 for "Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes or employees," 8 for "Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonability potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or the public property," 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. Chow, Mr. Edmonds, Mr. Sulaiman, Dr. Chun, Dr. Beatty, Mr. Paskalides, Mr. Kim

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Adjourn to Closed Session: 9:05 p.m.

Return to Open Session: 10:48 p.m.

Dr. Chun provided dates that Barbara Toney, Director of Field Services from the Illinois Association of School Boards, is available for a school board governance and self-evaluation meeting. The Superintendent was directed to contact Barbara Toney for the time commitment followed by a doodle poll to board members for dates they are available.

Adjournment

Motion by Dr. Beatty, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to adjourn the special meeting at 10:50 p.m.

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

Elizabeth Chun, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

BOE approved at the regular meeting on 8/14/17.