

BUTLER SCHOOL DISTRICT 53
OAK BROOK, ILLINOIS
Administrative Center
Butler Junior High School
Monday, November 13, 2017
6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting (Special Time)

MINUTES

Members Present: Elizabeth Chun, President; Sally Beatty, Vice President; Ahmad Sulaiman, Secretary; James Chow (arrived 6:27 p.m.); Christopher Edmonds; Cabin Kim; Lou Paskalides

Members Absence: None

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; 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 6:02 p.m.

Reception of Visitors

None at this meeting.

Approval of Agenda

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

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

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the October 16, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Approve separation of employment with Plarent Luarasi, District Maintenance/Custodian, effective September 22, 2017
3. Approve employment of Adrian Gonzalez, District Maintenance/Custodian, effective October 31, 2017; pay rate of \$14.00 per hour
4. Approve employment of Buddhini Bandara, Teacher's Aide, Oak Brook Park District, effective November 13, 2017; pay rate of \$13.00 per hour
5. Approve employment of Jennifer Baldassarre, Replacement Language Arts Teacher, Butler Junior High, anticipated to be effective January 2018; pay rate prorated at \$46,000 based on the number of days of actual employment
6. Facility Use Requests
 - Pack 53 Cub Scouts 10/19 - 5/17 (Thursdays 3:25-4:45 p.m.)
7. Financial Reports

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: Dr. Beatty

Absence: Mr. Chow

Motion carried.

Board Member Comments

No comments were made at this time.

PTO Update

PTO President, Kelly Greco, announced that the Mother/Son dance held last Friday was a great event. Mrs. Greco thanked all the chairs for their efforts and said the kids had a great time. The sport boosters will be hosting their first Face Off event on Friday, November 17th. Junior high students will be facing representatives from the Oak Brook Park District, Fire Department, and Police Department in various sports. On Monday, November 20th there will be a Giordano's Day with 15% of the profits donated to the PTO. The PTO board recognized the district administration and teachers for all the hard work and dedication.

Discussion/Presentations/Committee Reports

District 53 2016-2017 Student Achievement Report

Dr. Wennstrom provided an overview for the board of the Annual Student Achievement and Performance Report for 2016-2017. Dr. Wennstrom noted that the full report would be shared with the staff and on the district website following the meeting. Board members were invited to email any questions or requests for additional data to administration. The report used three assessments: PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), MAP (Measurement of Academic Progress), and the 5Essentials data. Students, on average in Butler School District started 2-3 grade levels above the national norm in the fall of 2016, based on MAP scores. Butler 53 was one of the highest performing districts in the state based on percentile rank distribution of the state data for grades 3-8 for both ELA and Math. Students attending Butler 53 schools continue to outperform the vast majority of districts in the state, including those attending comparable school districts.

B&G Committee Report

Mr. Paskalides noted that there is an action item for a settlement agreement with Abbey Paving on the summer projects of 2015. The settlement agreement includes a \$58,636.79 credit to the district that results in a zero balance due to Abbey. Mr. Paskalides referred the board to the minutes for additional information of the B& G committee meeting.

DLT Committee Report

Dr. Chun referred board members to the minutes for the DLT committee meeting.

Policy Committee Report

Mr. Sulaiman referred board members to the minutes for the Policy committee meeting.

Technology Committee Report

Mr. Paskalides referred board members to the minutes for the Technology committee meeting.

Superintendent's Report

FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)

There were no FOIA requests received in the Superintendent's office for the past month.

Board Meeting Follow-ups

Dr. Wennstrom provided an administrative response as follow-up information regarding a few of the statements made and questions raised at the October 16, 2017 Board of Education Meeting:

Regarding:

- Brook Forest drop off times which were communicated in the 9/8, 9/15, 10/20 & 10/27 weekly updates.
- Strategic plan development and Superintendent contract.
- Proper posting of agenda items and that Board of Education members are welcome to email agenda item suggestions.
- Use of current and future curricular programs
- Discussions during meetings with staff and administration should be restricted to agenda items so that all can be prepared with background information.

American Education Week

Dr. Wennstrom recognized American Education Week, November 13-17, 2017 that provides us with a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education.

School Board Member Day

Dr. Wennstrom noted that along with American Education Week we celebrate School Board Member Day, November 15, 2017. The day gives us an opportunity to recognize the efforts of elected school board members. This is an opportunity to build community awareness and understanding about the essential role locally elected board of education members assume in a representative democracy. This year's School Board Member Day theme is "Leading by Learning." Dr. Wennstrom recognized and thanked the District 53 Board of Education members for their faithful service.

Paul Butler Endowment – 42nd Street

Dr. Martin informed the board of the endowment for the Arts left by Paul Butler. This year 200 tickets for the performance of 42nd Street at Drury Lane on December 10th will be available for the Oak Brook Community at no cost. The tickets will be available for pick up on Monday, December 4th from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the administrative service center.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Wennstrom informed the board that the ECRA staff will be in the district on December 4th and 5th for interviews of board members, community members, faculty, staff, parents, current and alumni students, and administrators. Focus group sessions will take place at both Butler Junior High and Brook Forest Elementary. The base plan will be ready for board review in February with final approval in March.

Brook Forest Building Report

Dr. Prosen announced that this week is Bully Prevention Week with great events planned at

Brook Forest. Students will be taking a Bully Prevention pledge. 3rd & 4th grade students will be choosing kindness along with a book study on “Wonder.” 3rd & 4th grade students will be watching the movie this Friday and doing some writing actives. The 2nd & 3rd grade musical performance will be on Thursday, December 7th. The 4th & 5th grade band/choir performance will be on Tuesday, December 12th. The Brook Forest Student Council will be sponsoring a non-perishable food drive and mitten drive in the month of December.

Butler Junior High Building Report

Ms. Read reported that parent visitation took place on November 3rd with parent/teacher conferences scheduled for November 9th & 16th. There has been an increase in attendance at “White Out” athletic games due to the support of the PTO Athletic Boosters. BJH also took part in the Anti-Bullying campaign with student lead groups creating public service announcements. We will be hosting BJH alumni from Hinsdale Central that will hold small group discussion on issues students may face called “Breaking Down the Walls.” Ms. Read hoped everyone was able to see the flag display in honor of Veteran’s Day.

Action Item

Administrative Academic Achievement Goal Statement

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to approve the Administrative Academic Achievement Goal Statements for Heidi Wennstrom, Bob Jakupi, Amy Read, and Farheen Beg.

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

Policy Revisions and Changes - First Reading

Policy 3905 - Identity Protection

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

Policy 6323 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Policy 6375 - Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Policy 6618 - Maintaining Student Discipline

Policy 7252 - Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information

Moved by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to accept policies 3905, 6305, 6323, 6375, 6618, and 7252 as presented for first reading as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Superintendent.

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

Abbey Paving and Sealcoating Company Settlement Agreement

Moved by Mr. Edmonds, seconded by Mr. Paskalides to approve the settlement agreement with Abbey Paving and Sealcoating Company for a final change order credit to the District in the amount of \$58,636.79 resulting in a zero balance due to Abbey.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Weiss Snow Removal, Inc. Proposal

Moved by Mr. Paskalides, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to approve the proposal from Weiss Snow Removal, Inc. for snow removal at Butler Junior High from December 1, 2017 through March 30, 2018, for a total cost of \$2,300.20, plus \$195.30 for each salt application.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Resolution Regarding Estimated Levy for 2017

Moved by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to adopt the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2017

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Contract with J.S. White and Associates for Accounting Services

Moved by Mr. Paskalides, seconded by Mr. Kim to accept the agreement with J.S. White and associates for completing monthly bank reconciliations and related services for July, 2017 through June 30, 2018, in the amount not to exceed \$9,200, as recommended by the Business Manager

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Announcements

Future Board of Education Meeting Dates:

Technology Committee Meeting	Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
Finance Committee Meeting	Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 8:00 a.m.
B&G Committee Meeting	Thursday, December 7, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
Policy Meeting	Monday, December 11, 2017, 5:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Monday, December 11, 2017, 6:30 p.m.

Other Important Dates:

BF & BJH Parent Teacher Conf.	Thursday, November 16, 2017, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Non-Attendance Day	November 21 & 22, 2017
NO SCHOOL	
Thanksgiving Break	November 23 & 24, 2017
NO SCHOOL	
42nd Street Tickets Available (Performance date 12/10, 2 p.m.)	Monday, December 4, 2017, 9-12 noon
BJH Parent Teacher Conf.	Wednesday, December 6, 2017, 4:00-8:00 p.m.
PTO Meeting	Friday, December 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

Closed Session according to 5 ILCS120/2(c) 13 for “Self-evaluation, practices and procedures, or professional ethics, when meeting with a representative of a statewide association of which the public body is a member.”

Moved by Mr. Kim, seconded by Mr. Sulaiman to move into closed session at time 6:47 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 10:40 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sulaiman, seconded by Mr. Edmonds to adjourn the regular meeting at 10:41 p.m.

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

Elizabeth Chun, Board President

Ahmad Sulaiman, Board Secretary

BOE approved at the regular meeting on 12/11/17.