

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting
High School Auditorium

April 26, 2021
6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Remington at 6:03 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
Absent: Josh Odell
Present: Maria Sustaita (arrived at 6:09pm), Christy Case, Frank Hardester, Tim Remington, Mark Parsley, William Harrison,
4. Public Comments
Tricia DeVries - PE teacher. Read a letter that she sent to the Board recently regarding the superintendent interviews.

Katie Rojas - PE paraprofessional. Reiterated what Tricia presented. Questioning how the voting was tallied.

Magan Scherer - speaking for the following: Carly Parsley, Kristin Kubiszak, Hayley Serdel, Lindsey Nelson
Questions regarding planning for the next year. What is the structure for next school year? Will any specials be coming back? Virtual school? Dedicated teacher for remote? If in person - relying on chromebook? (this is a hurdle for younger students)
Concerns with communication in the district. There is a gap between what's happening in the classroom vs what the parents are hearing from the district. Requesting increased District communication.
How can we bridge the gap since involved parents are no longer allowed in the building?
How is the health of the administration and the union?
There is a cultural shift in the community - how will not only the minority voice be heard?
Due to Deb's retirement, who does Magan follow up with and what is the timeline?
5. Approval of Agenda/Changes
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Case to approve the agenda with the change for 9.G. to COVID Leaves. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester - yes, Parsley - yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.
6. Board Information / Reports
 - A. Building Reports
Board member requests:
 - All meetings be available via live stream. Deb to follow up with Tristan.
 - Board packet information be publicly available prior to the meeting to increase transparency. Should seek legal guidance prior to making this decision.

- Great to see people in the audience. Microphones should be available.

BMHS - CLEP testing will provide the opportunity for college credits for students while taking high school classes.

7. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes from Regular Meeting – March 22, 2021
- B. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting – April 15, 2021
- C. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting – April 21, 2021
- D. Approval of Minutes from Special Meeting – April 22, 2021
- E. Employee Resignation
- F. Bills

It was moved by Parsley and supported by Harrison to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

8. Old Business

- A. Spring 2021 Policy Update – Second Reading

It was moved by Hardester and supported Case to approve the following policies as presented. 2260.01, 2266, 5341, 5342, 5343, 7440.01, 8321, 8330, 8400, 8450.01, 8500, 8510, 1422, 3122, 4122, 1623, 3123, 4123, 1662, 3362, 4362, 2260, 5517. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- B. STEM Purchase Update

It was moved Parsley and supported by Sustaita to approve an additional \$15,500 in STEM curriculum material purchases. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

9. New Business

- A. Employee Recommendation

It was moved by Case and supported by Harrison to approve Administration's recommendation to hire Jacqueline Tidey with 11 years of experience at Level 2 for \$55,415 as presented. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- B. VBISD Budget

It was moved by Parsley and supported by Sustaita to approve the 2021-2022 VBISD General Fund Budget as presented. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- C. Budget Amendment

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Case to approve the general fund amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with total anticipated revenues of \$14,087,070.00 and total projected expenditures of \$13,185,821.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Case and supported by Sustaita move to approve the food service amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$769,682.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$785,696.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parsley and supported by Harrison to approve the 2001 debt retirement fund amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$798,667.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$794,350.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sustaita and supported by Case to approve the 2020 SBLF Refunded Debt fund amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$113,326.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$109,100.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Hardester and supported by Parsley to approve the 2016B School Bond Loan Fund amended refunded debt for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$1,946,899.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$1,822,628.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Parsley and supported by Harrison to approve the 2016A debt 01 & 07 retirement funds amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$729,718.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$727,300.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Case and supported by Sustaita to approve the capital improvement cap project fund amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$51,600.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$0.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Parsley to approve the trust fund amended budget for the 2020-2021 school year as presented with anticipated revenues of \$520.00 and anticipated expenditures of \$0.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

D. ESL Curriculum Materials Purchase

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Hardester to approve an ESL curriculum materials purchase for \$15,748.00. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

E. VBISD Instructional Services Proposal

It was moved by Hardester and supported by Case to approve the Van Buren County Instructional Support Services Proposal with a contribution of

\$156,877.57 from the Bloomingdale Public Schools ESSER III allocation. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- F. Return to Learn Plan Update and Emergency Continuity of Learning Plan
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Sustaita to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- G. ~~ARPA Leave Extension~~
COVID Leaves
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Case to support administration working with employee groups to create letters of understanding regarding COVID-related leave. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- H. Final Forms Recommendation
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Sustaita to approve Final Forms agreement for online enrollment services for \$6,225.00 contingent upon security provisions reviewed by Tristan. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- I. New Positions
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Case to approve the administration's recommendation to add the BEA teaching positions as presented. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- J. Capital Improvement Transfer
It was moved by Case and supported by Sustaita to approve a \$50,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund. Case - yes, Sustaita - yes, Hardester – yes, Parsley – yes, Harrison - yes, Remington - yes. Motion carried.

- K. MASB Search Services
Candidate resumes are available on fb for the public to review.

10. Adjournment
It was moved by Hardester and supported by Sustaita to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Voice vote. Motion carried.

“Empowering all students to maximize their potential.”

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item 4.