

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021**

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 14, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Eitel, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Keown, Mr. Maxwell, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Lake, and Mrs. Morgan, along with Mr. Engerski were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Crews led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, there were three community members who spoke concerning the governor's mandates and vaccines. Stephanie Rasner, Amie Smith, and Darren Lycan spoke to the board. Also during the open comment session, Patricia Avent offered a prayer.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and the bills from the month of September. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes,  
treasurer's report, bills

Mr. Keown, Athletic Director, reported to the board that Molly Farrell and Marley Heighton both qualified for the state conference. Brooklyn Bender came in first at the LIC.

Mr. Ritchey told the board that the homecoming dance was a huge success. It was held out in the quad under a tent and was well attended. He said the kids danced almost the entire time of the dance.

Mr. Ross shared with the board that as of meeting time (October 14), there were no students or staff with Covid and that only 4 were in quarantine.

There was a first reading and discussion on some board of education policy updates. These updates will be voted on at the November meeting.

First reading of boe  
policy updates

Mr. Ross discussed the ESSER II and ESSER III funds and what they will be used for. They will be used for air quality and ventilation work at the high school, learning loss, 3 extra teachers, classroom technology, and Covid mitigations.

Discussed ESSER funds

During Christmas break, the asbestos abatement in McNary Gym will begin so that work can get started at the high school. The other projects will begin in the summer of 2022 and continue through the 2022-2023 school year, and will be completed in the summer of 2023.

Discussed projects to be  
done

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the Execution of a Guaranteed Energy Savings Performance Contract pursuant to Illinois School Code 105 ILCS 5/19b. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. This contract is with Honeywell at a fixed price.

Approved the execution  
of guaranteed energy  
savings performance  
contract

Other projects include: adding air conditioning at McNary Gym, Ross gym, the high school cafeteria, electric panel updates, lighting replacements, roof replacement at McNary gym, fire alarm updates, and thermostats will be replaced at North School. Window units and radiators at the high school will be replaced with unit ventilators. Bill Cook commented, "It saves money in the long run," regarding all the projects that have been done and will be getting done.

Discussed work to be done

Mr. Cook offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to set the high school graduation date for Friday, May 27, at 7:00 p.m. All present voted aye. Baccalaureate will be held on May 22 at 2 p.m.

Set hs graduation date May 27; baccalaureate May 22

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve two field trips: Drama Club and German students in German 3 and 4. All present voted aye.

Approved drama club and german field trips

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel) and 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2)(negotiations). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:50 p.m.

Closed session

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.

Open session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve Cassie Bumba's maternity leave as presented. All present voted aye.

Approved C. Bumba's maternity leave

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. The board adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education