

MINUTES  
BLOOMINGDALE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL  
November 25, 2013

1). Call to Order

The meeting of the board of education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the auditorium of Bloomington High School.

2.) Roll Call

Absent: D. Bale (arrived at 7:04)

Present: C. Hassing, M. Harris, J. Walle, W. Harrison, P. Rankin, T. Remington

3.) Approval of Agenda/Changes

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Hassing to approve the agenda as presented. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

4.) Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was moved by Rankin and supported by Hassing to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2013 regular board meeting as presented. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

5.) Public Comments

None.

6.) Board Information/Reports

A. Building Reports

Bloomington Middle/High School – Rick Reo presented. Kevin Farmer and Mr. Reo have been participating in a leadership grant with WMU. Two additional teachers have been brought on board from the staff to help create a plan for the dimensions for a successful school. The “Students in Crisis” program is one element of this plan and is still in the planning stages. “Be The Change” program is continuing this year. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders did a Challenge Day for this program last week. A change assembly is coming up for 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades and will consist of some cool surprises. 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are reading the book, “The Pact”. There is a performance group that is going to come in and put on a play for this book in January. The middle school students are reading “The Misfits” which is a book about combating bullying. This precludes an activity week that is planned in January for the “No Name Calling” week. The band will be playing in the holiday parade on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Bloomington Elementary –Jennifer Bloomfield presented. Veteran’s Day program on November 8<sup>th</sup> was well attended. 3<sup>rd</sup> and special education rooms will be having a Thanksgiving Feast tomorrow. As part of the positive incentive rewards activity, there will be a movie for the students on Wednesday that have not received a discipline write-up so far this year. Good feedback was heard from students and staff about the recent elementary collaboration day for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. These activities really help build relationships amongst the students from the two communities.

Pullman Elementary – Jonathan Swegles presented. Veteran’s Day program consisted of a flag ceremony and singing. There was a 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade collaboration day on November 14<sup>th</sup> with Bloomington Elementary. Also, on November 14<sup>th</sup>, there was a math night that was attended by an estimated 60 parents. A senior luncheon was held on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Kalamazoo Nature Center will be visiting tomorrow and Santa Shop is December 2-6 for the elementary students. December 12<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas program.

B. Building, Transportation and Grounds Update

A written report from Tod Odell was distributed with the board packet.

C. District-wide Calendar of Events

A written calendar for December was distributed to the board members as part of the board packet.

7.) OLD BUSINESS

A. Title I Policies

It was moved by Rankin and supported by Harrison to approve the Title I policies as presented. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion passed.

8.) NEW BUSINESS

A. Employee Resignations

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Harris to approve the resignation of Pedro Bautista, with regret. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bale and supported by Walle to approve the resignation of Deb Rinehart as paraprofessional, with regret. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Hassing to approve the resignation of Jodi Sower, with regret. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.

B. Employee Recommendations

It was moved by Rankin and supported by Harrison to approve Jeana Dykman as the middle and high school guidance counselor on Step 4 of the BEA Masters schedule. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion passed.

It was moved by Hassing and supported by Harris to approve Kirsten Allison as the girls J. V. basketball coach and Joel Douglas as the boys J. V. basketball coach for the 2013-2014 season. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion passed.

C. BESPAs Tentative Agreement

It was moved by Bale and supported by Rankin to approve the tentative agreement between the Board of Education and the BESPAs organization effective December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion passed.

D. NEOLA Policies

Presented as a first reading

9.) PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Levi Abernathy** – commended the district for fundraising for the community; expressed appreciation that the elementary schools did a Veteran's Day program; would like a follow-up about the ALICE program that was previously suggested as a safety program.

10.) Approval of Bills

It was moved by Harrison and supported by Harris to approve paying the bills as presented. Roll call vote, all yes. Motion passed.

11.) Adjournment

It was moved by Hassing and supported by Bale to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Voice vote, all aye. Motion carried.