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**BARRINGTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 220**

**Minutes of Regular Board of Education Meeting**

**February 19, 2019**

**Members present**

Brian Battle, Penny Kazmier, Gavin Newman, Joseph Ruffolo, Mike Shackleton and Angela Wilcox

**Members absent**

Sandra Bradford

**Location**

Barrington High School, 616 West Main Street, Barrington, Illinois

**Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM**

**1. FEBRUARY 19, 2019 REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING - AGENDA**

1.01 Call to Order

**2. 5:30 p.m. - CLOSED** - For the purpose of discussing: Employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, litigation matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease or sale price of real property.

2.01 Closed Session (Board Only)

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing: Employment matters, performance of a specific employee, collective negotiating matters, litigation matters, security procedures, student disciplinary matters, and the purchase, lease or sale price of real property.

Motion by Penny Kazmier, second by

Final Resolution: Motion carries

Yea: Penny Kazmier, Joseph Ruffolo, Brian Battle, Gavin Newman and Mike Shackleton (via phone)

The Board entered Closed Session at 5:32 pm.

Angela Wilcox entered Closed Session at 5:34 pm.

Mike Shackleton entered Closed Session at 5:37 pm.

2.02 Adjourn Closed Session

Motion to adjourn closed session and move into Open Session.

Motion by Angela Wilcox, second by Mike Shackleton.

Final Resolution: Motion carries.

Yea: Penny Kazmier, Joseph Ruffolo, Mike Shackleton, Gavin Newman, Brian Battle and Angela Wilcox

**3. 7:00 p.m. - OPEN SESSION**

3.01 Roll Call

3.02 Pledge of Allegiance

3.03 Report: President, Board of Education - Brian Battle - no report.

3.04 Public Comment

3.05 Report: Superintendent of Schools - Brian Harris

Dr. Harris reported on being named to the AP District Honor Roll. We are one of just 373 school districts across the U.S. and Canada. We have increased our participation in AP and have also increased the percentage of students earning a 3 or higher on the exams. Dr. Harris also reported on our extremely cold weather and how great our Buildings and Grounds staff has been with getting the buildings open and safe for students and staff. He also reported about the state legislative activity. There are a lot of bills being proposed and he feels that will continue. One item that did pass was the \$15/hr. minimum wage that will increase over the next 2 years. We will look at how this will impact us in terms of our staff and vendor contracts. Dr. Harris also announced that Roslyn Road has been nominated for a Blue Ribbon Award. They will submit paperwork to proceed with this nomination.

3.06 Informational Reports - The Fall Discipline Report was briefly discussed, but there were no questions.

3.07 Board Committee Reports: Finance Committee, Facilities Committee, Policy Committee, Blueprint 220 Committee, Legislative Committee  
Penny Kazmier reported for the Facilities Committee. She reported that they discussed replacing the BHS turf. Does the Board want to do that this summer or next summer? The price is only going to go up and the Board had previously agreed that it would come out of capital projects and not out of summer projects. The cost will be somewhere between \$650,000 - \$700,000; there is still work to be done to get a final number. It was originally planned for next summer, but there has been further deterioration of the field. We can make it work if we need to; it's just not very good. A straw vote showed 4 board members would go forward to have paperwork finished and a bid through a cooperative bidding group be completed with the intent that the turf would be installed this summer.

A discussion was had regarding the outside classroom proposed on Hart Road. A recommendation was made to put a barrier between the outdoor classroom and the parking lot to the south of it.

Angela Wilcox reported for the Safety and Security Committee. That committee is looking at applying stickers to windows (that would be the same across the district). Additional stickers on doors would show which way you turn a lock to put it in the lock position. Also, the need to heighten awareness of doors that are left open (accidentally). We will have an Intruder Drill at BHS on March 22nd in the morning.

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

4.01 Consideration to Approve Consent Agenda

Resolution: Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda.

Motion by Penny Kazmier, second by Angela Wilcox.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Brian Battle, Penny Kazmier, Gavin Newman, Joseph Ruffolo, Michael Shackleton, Angela Wilcox

The Consent Agenda Included:

4.02 Minutes - Open and Closed Session Minutes for December 18, 2019

4.03 Finance

1. January 2018 Exception Bills

2. February 2018 Bill List

3. January Activity Accounts

4. January 2018 Payroll Wage Report

4.04 Revised Personnel Report - see attached.

#### **5. ACTION ITEMS**

5.01 Approval of General Release and Settlement Agreement

Motion to Approve General Release and Settlement Agreement

Motion by Gavin Newman, second by Penny Kazmier.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Brian Battle, Penny Kazmier, Gavin Newman, Joseph Ruffolo, Michael Shackleton, Angela Wilcox

5.02 Consideration to Approve Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes.

Motion to Approve Confidentiality of Closed Session Minutes

Motion by Penny Kazmier, second by Angela Wilcox.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Brian Battle, Penny Kazmier, Gavin Newman, Joseph Ruffolo, Angela Wilcox

Not Present at Vote: Michael Shackleton

#### **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.01 One to World Leases

The discussion started with the educational needs of the students and whether or not the iPad would cover our students' educational needs. Matt Fuller answered that yes, in most cases. We are already aware that some of the high level graphic design/drafting classes and PLTW would need desktops to have the necessary power. Some of these classes already use different equipment than the Macbooks that we have now. There was a discussion about whether we should phase in the use of the larger Macbook instead of going to the iPad. There is an expense issue (iPads will be \$397, the 13" Macbook is \$1,199). In addition, there are many creative apps on the iPad that would allow for functionality like graphing and recording while doing the graphing and many others functions. Steve McWilliams stated that he hasn't used his laptop for one week; he is only using his new iPad.

When looking at the financial options, staggering iPads in over 4 years at BHS will create major educational obstacles. Much discussion was based around either doing all of BHS at one time vs. doing all of District 220 at one time. Joe Ruffolo stated he thought it made sense to have all the iPads across the district being the same and would like the "Barrington220" option. Everyone gravitated to the Option Barrington220 plan which would replace all the iPads at once and then refresh the iPads every 3 years. Matt Fuller will work with Apple to get final paperwork together for the next board meeting.

6.02 Elementary Playground Renovations

Back in the late 90's the District did not have money to complete playgrounds. We are now coming up on the end of the life of about 3 of these playgrounds (Countryside, Lines and Rose). We haven't budgeted money for playgrounds and the question is should we re-think our position on this and set aside money to fix the playgrounds and/or partially fund the playground renovation. Grove and Roslyn have been in cooperation with their

PTO's to complete playground renovations. It's a bit different with each of the schools depending on the specific needs at each school. Joe Ruffolo would like us to come up with the base list of what should be on each playground and then the PTO's, along with the their principal, can enhance it with their fundraising efforts.

District staff will create thoughts for how to structure money and how to have that set aside and also create a standard set of playground equipment for each school. They will bring it to Facilities Committee and some PTO's for vetting and then bring it back to the Board. Dave Bein stated that he will work to complete a recommendation before we are out of school. He will come back to the Board in April. Naming rights for playgrounds is difficult, since it is based on the amount as compared to the total cost.

#### 6.03 Food Service Bid

In the K-8 NSLP bid the difficulty is playing the balance between the quality (to upgrade the program) and price.

6.04 BMS School Improvement Plan - John Bruesch, Becky Wiegel, Kristen Paul and Travis Lobbins gave a report on the two Barrington Middle Schools. The report focused on efforts stemming from the ESSA Report and the improvements that have been implemented based on the ESSA findings. In addition, from ESSA and other reports, they discussed how we will measure success for the future.

6.05 Referendum Information - The Board reviewed the Referendum Communication Summary showing the various ways we are communicating with the community. This includes all social media types that we are using, a community mailer (want to mail by next week), 220 in 2, the short videos on specific topics of interest in in the referendum and Quintessential Barrington article. The Board discussed who might be available to go onto three Facebook Live events to answer questions (one-hour each) and invited the Board to join Administration at any of the upcoming community group meetings.

#### 6.06 First Reading of Board Policy

This item was moved to our March 5, 2019 meeting.

6.07 Agenda Items for March 5, 2019 Board of Education Meeting/Future Agenda Item - The Board reviewed the agenda items for the March 5, 2019 Board meeting.

Mike Shackleton left Open Session at 9:50 pm.

## 7. ADJOURN

#### 7.01 Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting.

Motion by Angela Wilcox, second by Penny Kazmier.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Brian Battle, Penny Kazmier, Gavin Newman, Joseph Ruffolo, Angela Wilcox

Not Present at Vote: Michael Shackleton

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Brian G. Battle, President

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Sandra Bradford, Secretary