

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:00 P.M.  
in the Batesville Middle School Commons

Attending:

Board Members: Jeremy Raver, President; Cindy Blessing, Vice President; Wanita Linkel, Board Member; and Stephen Stein, Board Member.

Administrators: Paul Ketcham, Superintendent; Tim Hunter, Director of Buildings and Grounds; Melissa Burton, Director of Student Learning; Andy Allen, BHS Principal; Dave Strouse, BMS Principal; and Brad Stoneking, BPS Principal.

Others: Laura Cole, Administrative Assistant; Media Representatives; and other patrons and students.

REGULAR SESSION

**ITEM # 1**

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Raver called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Andy Allen and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
- B. Other – None.

**ITEM # 2 Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the regular session held August 21, 2017, had been previously sent to the board for review and were approved.
- B. Payroll Journals and Register of Claims – Payroll journals and register of claims were reviewed and recommended for approval.
- C. Personnel – The personnel list was reviewed and recommended for approval.
- D. Travel Approvals – Travel requests were reviewed and recommended for approval.
- E. Butler University EPIC program – Mr. Ketcham asked approval to be a part of the Butler University EPIC program.
- F. Other – None.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves all consent agenda items as presented.

Motion to accept: Stephen Stein  
Seconded by: Wanita Linkel  
Action: Unanimous Approval

**ITEM # 3 Financial Report**

- A. Monthly Financial Report - Mr. Hunter reported that there was a current balance of \$1,188,000 (8.0%) in the general fund as of August 31, 2017. Capital Projects Fund balance was \$968,394 as of August 31, 2017.
- B. Other – None.

**ITEM # 4 Believe in Better**

- A. Batesville Primary School Garden Club – Mr. Stoneking brought forward Mrs. Vickie Heil who, along with students Lilliana Rak and Henry Laymon, shared information regarding the garden at BPS and the garden club that took place over the summer.
- B. Other – None.

**ITEM # 5 Patron Comments/Questions**

Mr. Raver asked Mr. Todd Bess, Executive Director of the Indiana Association of School Principals, to come forward. Mr. Bess thanked Dave Strouse for his work within the association. Mr. Bess explained some of Mr. Strouse’s responsibilities as president of the association this year and thanked the Board for allowing Mr. Strouse to serve in that capacity.

There were no other comments.

Mr. Raver asked the cadet teaching and mentoring students to introduce themselves.

**ITEM # 6 Budget Hearing**

Mr. Ketcham reviewed information regarding the proposed 2018 budget. A detailed presentation will be posted on the corporation’s website.

**ITEM # 7 Action Items**

A. Approval of Board Policies

- 1) Neola Policies 29.1 (Third Reading) – Neola Policies 29.1 with any suggested changes from the board, minus Policy No. 1520, were presented for approval.  
Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the Neola Policies 29.1 minus Policy No. 1520.

Motion to accept: Stephen Stein  
Seconded by: Cindy Blessing  
Action: Unanimous Approval

- B. Approval of School Improvement Plans - The school improvement plans for each building had been previously sent to board members for their review. After giving board members opportunity to ask questions regarding such plans, Mr. Ketcham requested approval of the plans with the following motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the School Improvement Plans for BPS, BIS, BMS and BHS as presented.

Motion to accept: Cindy Blessing  
Seconded by: Wanita Linkel  
Action: Unanimous Approval

**ITEM # 8 Reports**

A. Director of Student Learning

- 1) Student Count Day – Mrs. Burton reported that our average daily membership (ADM) on September 15, which was the official statewide count date, was 2,199.

- 2) Remediation/Enrichment Plans – Mrs. Burton shared with the Board the plans of each school to provide enrichment opportunities for students during Fall Break. All buildings are offering remediation either during the school day or in the form of after school tutoring.
- B. Director of Operations
- 1) Building Project Update – Mr. Hunter reported that the school board toured the construction at BHS before the meeting this night. Flooring and painting are ongoing and things are moving forward. An open house is being planned for December 2. Specific times and other details will be released soon.
  - 2) Staff Picnic Follow-Up – Mr. Hunter reported that over 350 staff members, retirees and family members attended the picnic. Mr. Hunter thanked board members and administrators for their help in serving food and assisting with cleaning up.
- C. Miscellaneous Reports
- 1) Athletic Council – Mrs. Linkel reported that the chicken dinner and raffle would be held on Wednesday, September 20.
  - 2) Wellness Council – Mrs. Blessing reported that the first meeting would be September 25.
  - 3) BCEF (Batesville Community Education Foundation) – Mr. Raver reported that Harlem Wizards tickets would be going on sale soon.
  - 4) City of Batesville Economic Redevelopment Committee – Dr. Stein had no updates.
  - 5) Coalition for a Drug Free Batesville – Red Ribbon Week stipends were distributed. A performer will be speaking to BMS and BHS students and will perform a free concert as well.
  - 6) Other
- D. Superintendent
- 1) Mr. Ketcham shared the Staff Expectations Infographic with the board.
  - 2) Mr. Ketcham thanked Margaret Mary Health for the tailgate party they hosted on Friday, September 15 as well as the athletic trainer services that they provide to our athletes throughout the year.
  - 3) Mr. Ketcham informed the board that collective bargaining would begin this week.
  - 4) Upcoming dates were shared.

#### **ITEM # 9 Patron Comments/Questions**

Mr. Strouse thanked the school board and Mr. Ketcham for their support in serving as president of the ISBA this year.

#### **ITEM # 10 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 16, 2017, at 6:00 pm in the BMS commons.

#### **Signatures**