

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
held on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00 PM
in the Batesville High School Bulldog Center

Attending:

Board Members: Jeremy Raver, President; Larry Merkel, Vice President; Stephanie Davidson, Secretary; Stephen Stein, Board Member; and Mike Baumer, Board Member

Administrators: Paul Ketcham, Superintendent; Melissa Burton, Assistant Superintendent; Tim Hunter, Director of Operations; and Lynn Gosser, Director of Special Education

Others: Laura Cole, Administrative Assistant; Mike Schipp, Fanning-Howey Representative; Media Representatives; and patrons as shown from sign-in sheet.

REGULAR SESSION

ITEM # 1 Call to Order

A. Pledge and Moment of Silence – Mr. Raver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Hunter and was followed by a Moment of Silence.

B. Other – None.

ITEM # 2 BCSC Vision Statement

Mr. Ketcham reviewed the vision statement.

ITEM # 3 Consent Agenda Items

A. Minutes – Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Regular Session were previously sent to the board for review. Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the February 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel

Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson

Action: Unanimous approval

B. Payroll Journals and Register of Claims – The payroll journals and register of claims were previously provided to the board for review. The following motion was made: The Board of School Trustees approves the payroll journals and register of claims as presented.

Motion to accept: Stephanie Davidson

Seconded by: Mike Baumer
Action: Unanimous approval

- C. Personnel – The most recent personnel changes were previously provided to the board for review and are attached to these minutes. The following motion was made: The Board of School Trustees approves the personnel list as presented and attached to these minutes.

Motion to accept: Stephanie Davidson
Seconded by: Stephen Stein
Action: Unanimous approval

- D. Other – None.

ITEM # 4 Update on BHS Improvements – Mr. Mike Schipp, representative from Fanning-Howey came forward to present information regarding BHS improvements.

ITEM # 5 Financial Report

- A. Monthly Financial Report - Mr. Hunter reported that there was a current balance of \$1,382,572 in the Education Fund as of February 28, 2021. The total of all funds as of February 28, 2021 was \$5,003,637.

- B. Other – None.

ITEM # 6 Patron Comments/Questions

Mr. Andy Jaisle asked how much is remaining of the \$5 million allocated for the initial projects. Mr. Hunter reported that there is currently \$1.8 million remaining of the initial \$5 million. \$675,000 is contained in a separate construction account leftover from refinanced bonds. Between the two amounts, there is a total of just under \$2.5 million remaining for improvements. Mr. Schipp confirmed that the prospective costs of the stadium renovations is \$600,000 and prospective cost of the cafeteria renovations is \$425,000.

Mr. Luke Kaiser thanked all staff for their dedication to keeping school open during this difficult school year. He expressed his hope that we can continue improving on the out-of-classroom experiences for students. He expressed his concern with administrators filling extra-curricular positions. He encouraged more community support through the Booster Club. Mr. Ketcham offered to meet with Mr. Kaiser to discuss this topic further.

ITEM # 7 Action Items

- A. Approval of Neola Update 33, Volume 1 – Mr. Ketcham requested that the updated policies be approved. Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the policies contained in Neola Update 33, Volume 1.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson
Action: Unanimous approval

- B. Permission to Advertise for Renovations to Batesville High School – Mr. Hunter asked for the following motion: The Board of School Trustees grants permission to BCSC to advertise for renovations to Batesville High School.

Motion to accept: Mike Baumer
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson
Action: Unanimous approval

ITEM # 8 Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent

- 1) Recognition of Dr. Stein – Dr. Stein announced that he is retiring from his position on the school board. Mr. Ketcham thanked Dr. Stein for his service on the board for over nine years and presented him with a small gift of appreciation from the corporation.
- 2) April Bond Council – Mr. Ketcham reported that Baker Tilley will give a presentation in April to discuss what the next round of bond money looks like for Batesville schools.
- 3) Governor Holcolmb Update – The governor has announced that Indiana’s mask mandate will become an advisory on April 6. This does not apply to schools. Indiana schools will continue with mask mandates through at least the end of the school year.
- 4) Goal 2 Update – Mr. Ketcham reported that exercise diet and mental health are all included in Goal 2, which is to provide staff and students with a safe and productive environment to promote overall wellness. Mrs. Burton reported that a committee has been established to work on this goal. A partnership has been formed with a team from IU. A representative from IU met with our committee to walk them through a self-assessment so that we can begin developing a strategic plan to achieve Goal 2.
- 5) Upcoming Events – Mr. Ketcham shared upcoming events with the board.

ITEM # 9 Patron Comments/Questions

Mr. Raver took the opportunity to thank Dr. Stein for his service and informed those present that the board would be looking to fill Dr. Stein’s seat.

There were no other comments or questions.

ITEM # 10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Bulldog Center at BHS.

PERSONNEL

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1. Resignation and Extended Leave Certified
 - a. BPS – Guili Zhang, Kindergarten DLI Teacher, Extended Leave
 - b. BCSC – Brandy Westrick, Educational Consultant/Special Education Teacher, Extended Leave
 - c. None
2. Recommended Certified
 - a. BPS – Maggie Caldwell, Preschool Teacher Extended Leave
 - b. BIS – Shannon Wilson, Homebound Instructor
 - c. None
3. Resignation and Extended Leave Classified
 - a. BPS – Emily Denning, Media Clerk, Resignation (effective 3/5/21)
 - b. BPS – Linda Hardebeck, Speech Paraprofessional, Retirement (effective 5/27/21)
 - c. BHS – Mary Wallpe, Guidance Registrar, Retirement (effective 6/25/21)
 - d. BHS – Steve Macke, Maintenance, Retirement (effective 4/1/21)
 - e. BHS – Jim Elder, Technical Support Specialist, Resignation (effective 3/3/21)
 - f. None
4. Recommended Classified
 - a. BPS – Amanda Hammond, Preschool Teachers Aide Extended Leave
 - b. BHS – Jena Cummins, Part-time Cafeteria Staff
 - c. None
5. Resignation Extra Curricular
 - a. None
6. Recommendation Extra Curricular
 - a. None
7. Resignation Transportation
 - a. None
8. Recommended Transportation
 - a. None
9. Open postings:
 - a. BIS – Mandarin Immersion Fifth Grade Teacher
 - b. BIS – Special Education Teacher
 - c. BMS – Special Education Paraprofessional
 - d. BMS - Custodian
 - e. BMS/BHS – General Music and Band Teacher
 - f. None