

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
April 18, 2023 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The President, Cindy Riker, called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Other board members present were Linda Gekle, Jim Gilligan, and Rick Navarre. Our teacher, Dr. Susan Rowell, was present. Our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur and Tom McKee, Administrator, were able to attend via teleconference. Public present and in attendance via teleconference.

Approval of Agenda: Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. Supported by Rick Navarre. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Recognition/Presentation: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from our regular meeting on March 14, 2023, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$12,000 from saving to checking. Supported by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Navarre, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Windstream (long distance provider) legacy conference calling services will be disconnected on April 27, 2023. We do not use the conference calling service so this is a non-issue. Cindy to call and confirm this is the only feature that will be disconnected.

Reports by:

Superintendent:

- Administration update: Angie with Tom about pulling back some of his services as his current role does not allow him enough time with the BBPS. Angie spoke with Cindy about doing an hourly fee as needed for evaluations. If there are other needs, Cindy is to contact Angie directly.
- High School: Can easily change the designation from K8 to K12. However, consider the experience of the children. Current certification requirements are that for every high school you have to have a certified teacher per content area, not just a single teacher. Other options are for the student to take virtual school (either through a partner school or a virtual school). Edgenuity provides virtual classes at \$240-500 per semester per course per student where there would be a certified teacher through the program as well as the mentor teacher on-site at the BBPS. Need to think about what is best for the student considering extra-curricular activities and social experience. In past years students have gone off island for high-school.
- Financial updates:
 - Headlee rollback factor: when property values increase faster than inflation there is a rollback factor, which is established by the county. This continues each year until we pass a Headlee override where voters approve to cover the gap or there is a renewal that takes the rate back to the whole rate without the Headlee rollback. BBI just had a renewal, which expires in 2026, and we passed the Headlee override, so our milage is up to the whole amount. The only other option is to update the tax to also be collected on homesteaded properties.
 - 4.1 percent: In 1993 most schools were capped to levy 18mils, and the districts that were over the state minimum payments were allowed to collect a lower milage, which is in effect indefinitely.
 - If there was no school on BBI then the voters would select which school they wanted to contribute to, either Cheboygan (currently at 18mils) or Mackinac Island (currently at 14 mils).
 - Fundraising is another option.

Administrator:

- Completed the teacher evaluation.
- MICIP meeting was held April 17. Goal established by Dr. Rowell: close reading (1-on-1 reading with students). Need for resources to support this – need to figure out how much REAP money is available. Tom estimated \$1200 for materials.
 - Angie brought up that there is also at-risk funds available, but this is more stringent on what it can be used for, which could be used for reading materials.

Teacher:

- Social Emotional Learning: practicing positive self-talk and talking about the effects of teasing and bullying, how to maintain ourselves, having relationships with one another
- Academics: focusing on informational text, biographies, and humorous fiction. Focusing on summarizing, monitoring, and clarifying meanings, using precise words and descriptive details, asking appropriate questions about text materials. Also working on close reading activities including summarization and annotation.
- Math: patterns, plotting and graphing data, ordered pairs, numerical patterns, modeling equivalent fractions
- Projects completed (applying what they have learned): personal budgets (employment and housing including decimals and percentages, taxes)

Playground Committee:

- Michael planning to come to the island once the boat starts running, and will meet with Jamie, Mandy, and the architect. Looking at budget with what is possible.

Old Business:

Gibson Park/Pavilion: Cindy was unable to speak with the lawyers regarding the deed. Deferred until May meeting.

Maintenance: Cindy to post notice for a maintenance position.

Substitutes: Cindy to post notice for a substitute position.

New Business:

EUPISD Annual Budget: Cindy reviewed the annual budget. Nothing out of the usual. Ordinary.

- Cindy Riker made a motion to pass a resolution to support the EUPISD general funds operating budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Supported by Jim Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Navarre, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly. Motion carried.

EUPISD Board of Education Election/Designee Resolution: Election coming up in June and we normally delegate someone in the EUPISD to vote for us. What is needed at this meeting is to pass a resolution to consider someone to be designated as a voting representative for the BBI Pines School. Next month we will pass a resolution designating the individual that would vote for us. We cannot pass a resolution designating a candidate before May 15, 2023. So the options are to either have a special meeting on that day or soon after, or reschedule the May board meeting to following May 15. Decision made to move the May school board meeting from May 9, 2023 to May 16, 2023.

- Cindy Riker made a motion to pass a resolution to consider designation of a voting representative for the June 3, 2023 EUPISD Board of Education Election. Supported by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Navarre, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly. Motion carried.

Business Services Agreement: New contract from the EUPISD that covers a lot of services for us. Contract goes into detail on the EUPISD background, resources, personnel, and responsibilities. At the back is a list of all of the things that they perform for the BBI Pines School.

- Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the Business Services Agreement. Supported by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Navarre, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly. Motion carried.

Amended Budget: This is the first amended budget for the 2022-2023 school year. We will have a final budget at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Cindy reviewed the amended budget with the school board.

- Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the Amended Budget. Supported by Rick Navarre. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Navarre, and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Beugly. Motion carried.

Repair List for 2023-2024 Budget: Not many repairs left over from 2021-2022 school year. Remaining is the shed including the door, lock, and foundation area in front of the door (may need backfill dirt added).

Ramp: Jamie will be on the island the first week of May and will take measurements for the ramp. The ramp can then be ordered and we will need installation.

Preliminary Discussions on Teacher and Custodial Contracts: No movement on teacher contract. Custodial contract – currently cleaning 3 times per week, Cindy proposed changing this to 2 times per week. Michelle to provide estimates for snow removal, year work, annual opening, and weekly cleaning during the school year.

Board Comments: Ice rink has been taken down, needs cleaned and stored.

Public Comment: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mandy Beugly, Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board

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