

**BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2020 4:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** The school board president, Cindy Riker, in person at the Township Hall and via Zoom brought the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Other board members present were Christine Hasbrouck and Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Jim Gilligan and Dan Reynolds were absent. Also present was our teacher, Sherry Corbett. Dean Paul, Administrator and EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur attended via zoom. In the audience were Michael Leppen and Linda Gehkle.

**Approval of Agenda:** Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

**Recognition/Presentation:**

Kathy Brown – Board Resignations: Kathy Brown asked if there were any Board resignations. She was informed there were not. Kathy wanted to know why. Angie McArthur replied that after the meeting in August, she had asked the board members not to resign and that the board and district were trying to move forward in a positive manner. Kathy then mentioned pending litigation and asked if we would rather be sued than resign. Board gave no response. She was asked if she had any other questions and she replied no.

Michael Leppen – Playground: Michael Leppen informed the board that the Earl and Miriam Hoover Foundation would like to fund the school district a new playground. He would like to see a possible soccer field, baseball diamond, basketball court, ice rink and new playground. He said that this would not cost the school district a penny. He said Earl and Miriam loved children and he felt that they would approve this project. He suggested the property be surveyed before beginning and that he would get that done. He would get in touch with a park designer and have the blueprints drafted for Board approval. Cindy Riker made a motion to approve Michael Leppen doing the research necessary for a new playground/park. The motion was seconded by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Minutes – August 11, 2020: Chris Hasbrouck made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Suzette Cooley-Sanborn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

Bills for Approval: Suzette Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to approve the bills, as amended. Cindy Riker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

Transfer from Savings to Checking: Suzette Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to transfer \$20,000. Seconded by Chris Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None

## **Reports:**

Superintendent: Angie talked about procedures for visitors to the school. We are in Stage 5. Visitors will need to be screened before entering the classroom. This should be documented. If we enter stage 3 or below new restrictions would apply. When the ferry stops running, restrictions could be removed due to isolation. Dean is in the process of working on an Extended Learning Plan. It will create and establish goals and progress. It needs to be updated by September 15, 2020. Plan needs to be approved by the board by October 1, 2020. Angie suggested we hold a special meeting after our Strategic Planning Workshop on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, in order to be in compliance with the due date.

Administrator: Dean Paul spoke about positive beginnings, team effort, teacher evaluations done virtually, and board policies and by-laws. There is training for The Thoughtful Classroom that he and Sherry need to take. The cost for the course is \$250 for teacher, and \$700 for the administration. Motion was made by Chris Hasbrouck to approve \$250 for Sherry Corbett to take the course. Motion was seconded by Cindy Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried. Motion was made by Cindy Riker to approve \$700, but not to exceed \$800, for Dean Paul to take the course. Motion was seconded by Suzette Cooley- Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Jim Gilligan and Dan Reynolds. Motion carried.

Teacher: Sherry Corbett talked about the first day of school. (A good day!) Need to call TDS for phone service and internet at school. The problem is outside the building. Still waiting on learning materials and smart-board. Smartboard has been shipped. Chromebooks are on order. Sherry and Cindy will correspond with each other as to where materials are.

Committee: None

## **Old Business:**

School Calendar/Start Time-Stop Time: Motion by Riker and supported by Cooley-Sanborn to approve the school calendar as presented with a start time of 8:15 a.m. and a stop time of 3:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None: Absent: Gilligan and Reynold. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning Workshop/September 23, 2020, 4:00 p.m.: Cindy will post this meeting and adding a special meeting following at 6:00 p.m.

Architect Services: Motion by Cooley-Sanborn and supported by Riker to post approve the architect/engineering services from IDI in the amount of \$1,850, excluding application fees. Roll call vote: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None: Absent: Gilligan and Reynold. Motion carried. Discussion: IDI will work with Brandon Schlund to get measurements they need in order to complete the paperwork for repairs. Cindy mentioned that if we cannot get the doors installed this year, we may want to look at purchasing weather stripping for them.

Septic System: Cindy Riker spoke with Brandon Schlund, a certified septic system installer. He felt that the septic was fine at the present time. He will send an email/letter to put on file.

Asbestos: School board minutes were reviewed from 1982 through 1989. It was referenced in the August of 1985 minutes that the asbestos had been removed and the siding was installed. In 1988 minutes it referenced an inspection had been done by Ahera Company, who confirmed the asbestos was gone. Copies of these minutes will be put into a folder titled "Asbestos" and filed with the school board archives.

Basketball Court: Tabled until next month. Jim Gilligan has the information.

Title IX: Motion by Riker and supported by Hasbrouck to approve the first reading of the Title IX amendment to the Policy/Bylaws. Roll call vote: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None: Absent: Gilligan and Reynold. Motion carried. Discussion: This amendment requires a designation of a coordinator, investigator, decision-maker and appeals coordinator.

**New Business:**

Policy/Bylaw Services Thrun vs. NEOLA: Upon reviewing the two proposals, it appeared we may not be looking at apples to apples. We decided to compare the two for benefits and cost. We will make a decision at the next meeting.

Maintenance Person: Reviewed the requirements for a maintenance person. There would be some certification that would be required by law, most of which are available online. Job wage is typically \$14.00 to \$18.00 per hour. A job description and posting will need to be done. Tabled until next meeting.

Teacher's Dog Jorgie: Motion by Hasbrouck and supported by Riker to approve Jorgie, a dog, being in school during school hours. Roll call vote: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None: Absent: Gilligan and Reynold. Motion carried.

**Board Comments:** Suzette wanted to review the rules for student attendance. More than 10 absences in a semester is considered truant. The teacher's concern is testing or items due. Teacher should give the student makeup work for the day(s) absent. Best to take this conversation offline.

**Public Comment:** Char McLaren wanted to clarify some information. Misty Sibbald commented on the first day of school, per her perspective.

**Other Business:** Cindy asked if Dean or Angie were aware of who could get SchoolWires training for, Chris, Sherry and herself. It was recommended she go to Marianna Ripple first.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, Acting Secretary  
Bois Blanc Pines School Board