

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
July 13, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The School Board President, Suzette Cooley-Sanborn called the meeting to order at 4p.m. Other board members present were Linda Gekle, Chris Hasbrouck and Cindy Riker. Jim Gilligan was absent. Our teacher, Sherry Corbett, was present. Our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur attended via conference call. Public also in attendance via teleconference.

Approval of Agenda: Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Riker. All in favor. Motion carried.

Recognition/Presentation: None

Approval of Consent Agenda: Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of the Public Hearing Meeting and the Regular Meeting on June 8th, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$20,000 from saving to checking. Cooley-Sanborn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Reports by:

Superintendent:

- House Bill 4411 has been passed increasing per pupil funding. That means approx. \$576 per student for our school district. There has also been a small increase for special education.
- The EUP Connect Collaborative has been working with other groups to get affordable internet for everyone with the EUPISD. We would be entitled to a portion of that funding. We informed Angie that we are fortunate enough to have internet via TDS, our phone provider.
- There has been some interest from local administration to take on the Administrator role for us. That would be a benefit to us in that they are already doing the work and are familiar with requirements.
- Michigan Dept. of Education is looking at waiving some certification requirements for teachers in small schools. There is a survey available if we are interested in giving our public comment.
- On the return to school topic the current CDC guidelines state if unvaccinated should mask. This is a recommendation not a mandate. For school they are recommending masking, if unvaccinated, continued use of screening, proper ventilation, hand washing, 3 foot distance, contact tracing and only staff and students in the building. The variant is the question now. We will review more in our August meeting.

Administrator: No report

Teacher:

- Sherry has been approved for Grad School. She will have her masters one year from now.
- She will be attending a “water environmental class” on July 20th. She is trying to determine whether to fly or take the ferry. Riker made a motion to approve expenses not to exceed \$350. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.
- Curt will deliver her new desk by the end of the week.
- Reviewed the Lakeshore order. Riker made a motion to approve the order for \$302.94. Supported by Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.
- Working on getting the digital component of curriculum up to date. Most are paid through

December. If not over \$100, she will reorder on school credit card.

- Still working with HMH. New person on the account. We need to renew some digital and need new workbooks. We will need information for a purchase order.
- The garden died. We will try again.
- She will work with Michelle to get the school cleaning done before start of school.
- She would like to know student enrollment as soon as possible, in order to make certain she has what would be needed for the grade level.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Architect Services: IDI getting bids out by July 28th. We will need a special meeting to review bids. Looking at the 29th or 30th. Decided on July 29th at 4pm. A posting will go out.

Covid-19 Learning Plan/Monthly Reconfirmation: Each month we will be required to reconfirm our Learning Plan, as well as give attendance results for the 4 week period. This was for June and we had 2 weeks. The public and Board was asked if they had any questions or concerns. No reply. Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to approve the reconfirmation as presented. Supported by Riker. All in favor. Motion carried.

NEOLA Update: Cindy still has to finalize the first draft done by NEOLA. She will do as soon as possible.

Heaters: Suzette had Straits Area Electric look at our present heaters. They needed more info. Sean thought all information was sent to us. Angie said there is an email with the specifications for the heater. And then we could have a licensed electrician install. She said the email had the make and specifics. She will resend the entire string of notes. Cindy will let Sean know we were missing an email.

Maintenance Person/Job Posting: We have not received any responses. Cindy did reach out to the realtor to see if he may know of anyone interested. Right now we will let it go. When we review the repair list we may try to piece meal this work out somehow. We may want to look for contracted services through another agency. We may find a volunteer. We could have someone do some of the work that does not require licensing. Fingerprinting would be required is that person is regularly in the school not just once or twice.

Ice Rink: Suzette mentioned we need a new liner. Cindy has this in a follow-up file for November meeting.

New Business:

New Playground: The Board was asked by Michael Leppen to prioritize a list of what we would like to see in the potential new playground other than the standard equipment. The Board agreed to this wish list: 1. A minimum of a half basketball court and preferably a full court. We could do multiple activities on a concrete area. So it would be utilized for more than basketball. 2. Only if we can't get a full court, we would like a baseball/soccer area. However, if we do get a full court, then we would like a grassy area for the children to play a game of ball if they wanted. 3. Benches, depending on the size of the entire playground. This would allow adults to sit and watch their children during various activities. 4. Covered sandbox. Note on standard equipment: We would like 6 swings which would include an infant seat. And we would like the slides were the covered tube slides. Cindy will send an email to Michael with our response.

Boogie Board (Re-write tablets): This will eliminate the high usage of paper and can be reused over and over. A minimum order is for 12 tablets at \$12.99 each. Riker made a motion to purchase the boards. Supported by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

Teacher Stipend for Professional Development: There is some professional development in August in Brimley. Angie asked if we would cover pay of the cost. Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to cover stipend and other expenses up to \$400. Riker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

MASB Training for Board Members: Put on next month's agenda. Suzette to follow up with MASB.

Water Softener/Water Test: Northern Well Drilling has given us an estimate for a water softener. We will approve during the review of the school repairs.

School Repairs/Prioritize: Cindy provided the Board a list of purchases and repairs needed for the school. We discussed the prioritization of the projects. The item that is really a deciding factor on whether we can do all or part of these will be the cost of the doors. We have budgeted \$12,500. The four priorities are the doors, railing & concrete repair, heaters and the water softener. Lower priority would be the accordion doors, updated lockers/area and the electric snow blower. The projects that must be done by an electrician or plumber would be the outdoor water spigot, the outdoor electrical outlet and all new electric receptacles in the school. We should be able to do these. The other items are replacement of the two toilets, replace the sink, clear area and add gravel for burn barrel, remove old swing set that is not used, fix boards in the hallway and caulking needed throughout the school. Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to approve the purchase of the water softener. Supported by Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried. Cindy will also ask about incorporating the water testing at the time the softener is installed.

Open House/Round-up: Angie wanted us to give her a couple of dates. The Board discussed. We decided on August 6th. The association meeting is on the 7th. From 2 to 4pm. Angie could come over on 11:30 and go back on the 5pm. Perhaps we could have lunch. An alternate date would be August 13th. Need to get treats and drinks. I would put them outside. We could be put up signs for being covid responsible.

Board Comments:

- Teacher's contract was reviewed with Sherry, specifically clarifying the insurance portion. Some typos were found. Cindy to retype and present to Sherry for signature.
- The updated calendar we approved last month is in the folders.
- Emergency plan needs to be completed. Pictures need to be taken and pictures need to be included. Cindy asked Suzette to complete.
- Suzette is currently without Wi-Fi. The ISD has sent us two new hotspots. We only needed one. Riker made a motion for Suzette to utilize one of the hotspots at approximately \$80 per month, until she gets her Wi-Fi installed from TDS. Supported by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Abstain: Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Clover Schlund was going to talk about the toilets in the school and how bad they are. But we have already discussed. She mentioned they are at least 62 years old.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, Secretary/Treasurer
Bois Blanc Pines School Board