

BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** - President Jan Byler called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** -PRESENT: Jose Albarran, Jan Byler, Bob Cary, Tyson Franks, Jordan Houtz, Brenda Kelley, Dennis Sikorski
- III. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Wilson, Kate Wall, John Herbert, Alanna Denton, Wes McCrea
- IV. **Good News** Anderson- Staff Appreciation Week, Kindness Month with Our Student Lighthouse Team, many of the materials for the grants received have been purchased, and thanks to our Maintenance Staff who put up the Tetherballs so quickly for the students. Jr/Sr High - 6th graders participated in the Kids Consider College hosted by KCC and the BACC. Ryan- M-STEP is wrapping up , students will be at Bronson's Backyard for a Headsprout program celebration. Haley Houtz shared information from the counseling department including the addition of a new therapy dog named "Oscar", scholarships that have been awarded to our students, and orientation for St. Mary's students that will be attending BJSHS in the fall.
- V. **Consent Agenda:** Added item E for board discussion to add the date of Graduation: Thursday, May 25, 2023. It was moved by Sikorski ,supported by Franks to accept the consent agenda which included the general fund voucher and minutes of the 4/10/23 meeting, Closed Session, and 4/26/23 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Voice vote; 7-0 motion carried.
- VI. **Public Comments**
 - A. Mr. John Herbert- Community & Staff Message about the communication to the Board & Staff at Bronson Jr/Sr High School.
 - B. Mrs. Deb Balowski- Concerned about Non Compliance, she wanted the Board to know classrooms are not smoothly run and there are discipline issues. She had a meeting with staff in January and things haven't changed since then at Jr/Sr High School.
 - C. Mrs. Darcy Henning-Bronson Alumni- Presented a Proposal for collaboration between the BOE & Bronson Alumni Association.
 - D. Mrs. Michelle Barker-Concerns about the Track Maintenance & the future of a new track. It's important to our students.
 - E. Haley Houtz-Concerns about the Track for students and their safety. The students can't practice most of the time since they are working on recovering from injuries they have.
- VII. **Presentation of School Groups**
 - A. Presentation of ISD Budget-Diane Shiery presented the BISD General Fund Budget.
 - B. Student Council-Lisa Franks reported the Picnic last Friday for Seniors. They are discussing plans for Homecoming.
 - C. BEA- Thank you so much to the Community for all the teacher appreciation last week. Ms. Blemaster's class went to Univ Of Notre Dame to participate in the STEM Project. The elementaries are starting to go on

their Field Trips. The 8th Grade went on their field trip to Detroit. They visited the Michigan Science Museum and went to a Tigers Game.

- D. PTO- Teacher appreciation week was a success. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped the Schools. This year the PTO raised \$ 20,000 through fundraising.
- E. Bronson Alumni spoke during Public Comment

VIII. Action Items

- A. Approve the 23/24 ISD Budget. It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Albarran. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- B. Approve the ISD Election the candidates are: Brian Eley & Kerri Jakubczak. It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Franks to select Brian Eley for the ISD Candidate. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- C. Approve the second reading of the Neola Policy. It was moved by Albarran, seconded by Sikorski. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- D. Approve the use of School Property during 2023 Polish Festival July 21, 2023-July 22, 2023. It was moved by Franks, supported by Sikorski. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- E. Approve Skillman as the Construction Manager for 2024 Bond Project It was moved by Franks, supported by Cary. Roll call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- F. Approve the resignation of Ryan Elementary Principal Kristen Frisbie. It was moved by Sikorski (as long as she doesn't get paid past 6/30/23.), supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- G. Approve the purchase of K-5 Curriculum, Open Court (ESSER III) for Reading. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- H. Approve the purchase of the 6th Grade ELA Curriculum, Amplify ELA (ESSER III). It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Albarran. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- I. Approve the 4-year extension of the Interactive Science Curriculum for Grades K-5. It was moved by Houtz, supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- J. Approve the 1-Year extension of Go Math Curriculum for Grades 6-8. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Kelley. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- K. Approve the hiring of Elementary Music Teacher Erin Enright. It was moved by Sikorski, and supported by Franks. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- L. Approve the hiring of Anderson Elementary Kindergarten Teacher Ashley Mack. It was moved by Kelley, supported by Albarran. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- M. Approve the purchase of (4) Portable Phase II radios from J & K Communications. It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Franks. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- N. Approve the Wrestling summer overnight trip June 25-June 28, 2023. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Franks. Roll call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- O. Approve the retirement of Elementary Music Teacher Betty Metzger. It was moved by Sikorski and supported by Franks. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.

IX. Discussion Items

- A. Building Reports- Anderson-Mrs. Ferry, our counselor, has started to run some organized games for our second graders during recess. Kindergarten registration: we currently have 61 students enrolled. Family Surveys-We've had a lot of them returned- thank you to all the families that have returned them. Ryan-Students names announced for Art Awards, Field Trips- 3rd grade going to Preston Farms, 5th grade-Sauder Village, 4th grade-has already gone to the Capital Fall 22. HS-Master Schedule is almost complete, evaluations going on, the Jr/Sr school awards will be 5/16/23 in the morning. Wes McCreia explained about the Discipline report handout.
- B. Curriculum, Instruction, and Grants Report: Thank you to the K-6 ELA review team for their time and dedication to the review process. The Math Review team met and discussed the materials reviewed. At this time, the team does not feel comfortable making a recommendation to the Board for next year. MICIP Update, School Safety and Overall Student Survey was discussed.

- C. Superintendent's Report: HVAC project update-Meeting with Tower Pinkster & Neil every 2 weeks. Technology E-rate has been approved. We have the following job openings Elementary Teacher, Elementary Counselor, and Social Worker or Certified Behavioral Analyst. I would like to look into hiring a Elementary Certified Technology Teacher, and another paraprofessional at Ryan. Considering opening a Capital Funds account with interest earned for Capital Projects. Bond Update-Meetings coming up on June 1, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Ryan and the Steering Committee to meet on June 8, 2023 at Jr/Sr High School 6:30 pm. Thanked the Maintenance & Custodial Staff for all the great work they do for our District. Also, thanked the members of the audience for their concerns about the Track.
- D. Committee Reports: Policy: Tyson Franks & Jordon Houtz met with a parent regarding the parents concern about the Dress Code. Facilities: Brenda Kelley reported that they met and discussed the options for Construction Managers and decided to recommend Skillman. Personnel: Met regarding the IDP for Mr. Wilson.
- E. 2023 Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Board Members please arrive at 5:45 PM.
- F. Next Board Meeting Monday, June 5, 2023 6:30 PM Jr/Sr High Library.
Budget Hearing Meeting Monday, June 26, 2023 6:30 PM Jr/Sr High Library
- X. Board Comments: Dennis Sikorski asked about follow up for Deb Balowski and the Personnel Committee will set up a meeting time with her. Jordan Houtz-Thank you and appreciation to the PTO and appreciation for presenting concerns about the HS Track. He has seen the injuries by volunteering and knows what the conditions are doing to our students. Jan Byler-Thanks to the Bronson Alumni and announced the following classes will be honored The Alumni Banquet: Class of 1953, 1963, 1973, 1998, 2013, and 2023.
- XI. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Cary to go into Closed Session at 8:01 pm for the Purpose of Superintendent Evaluation.

It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Cary to come out of the Closed Session at 8:49 pm. Roll Call 7-0.

It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Franks, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 pm.

BOE President Jan Byler

BOE Secretary Brenda Kelley