

# BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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*Every Student ~ Every Day*

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time set for public comments during the meeting as indicated on the agenda.

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2023

- I. **Call to Order** -President Jan Byler called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.
- II. **Roll Call** -PRESENT: Jose Albarran, Bob Cary, Tyson Franks, Jordan Houtz, Brenda Kelley, Dennis Sikorski, and Jan Byler.
- III. **OTHERS PRESENT:** Steve Wilson, Kate Wall, Alanna Denton, Kristen Frisbie, John Herbert, Wes McCrea, and Jean LaClair.
- IV. **Good News**-Anderson-The Carnival & Food Drive was a success. Ryan-Kids Heart Challenge & Family Reading night was a success. Athletics-Spring Sports has begun with warm weather. HS Counseling- Chloe Norton received a \$ 500.00 scholarship and Lydia Grate was awarded a Hagan Scholarship will receive \$ 7,500 each semester.
- V. **Consent Agenda:** It was moved by Sikorski , supported by Franks, to accept the consent agenda which included the general fund voucher and minutes of the 3/6/23 meeting as presented. Voice vote; 7-0 motion carried.
- VI. **Public Comments**
  - A. Mrs. Megan Butters-Concerned about Safety, Discipline, & Follow Up Actions at Ryan Elementary. (Provided handout to Board).
  - B. Mrs. Leigh Parker-Concerned about Staff, Discipline, Safety and what solutions we can put in place at Ryan Elementary asap.
  - C. Mr. Jacoby Wisman-Concerned about Safety, Discipline and Communication at Ryan. Received an anonymous letter. (Provided copy of letter to Board).
  - D. Mr. Trevor Ferry-Concerned about the Communication, the rumors going on at Ryan Elementary. Parents feel like they are left in the dark about what's going on.
  - E. Mrs. Maria Barrera-Concerned about Bullying, Safety, Discipline, and also requested a meeting with Ryan Elementary.
  - F. Mrs. Teresa Kilburn-Concerned about the disrespect the students have and that no consequences are given to students. The emotional well being for both students and staff, we need to work with our students and not let them do whatever they want at Ryan Elementary.
- VII. **Presentation of School Groups**
  - A. Student Council- Lisa Franks reported a successful Food Drive for the Bronson Food Pantry with 3 truckloads of donations. The End of the Year Picnic is scheduled for May 5, 2023 and any help would be appreciated.
  - B. BEA- Jon Milliman reported March Is Reading Month-Great job! 15 Staff members at the HS participated in the Staff vs Student Basketball game. Thanks to Lisa Kubel and the Kids Heart Challenge that raised \$ 12,000 under her vision and leadership. Haley Houtz worked hard getting the SAT ready for this week. The Anderson concert

was amazing, nicely done by Mrs. Metzger and the staff at Anderson. Thank you to Cory Champion to allow the district to utilize his sound equipment. Thank you to Joni Siler and Cory Champion for their work in the school play. Thank you to the Ryan Elementary Staff for having the Reading Night for students. Thank you to Lisa Franks for all her hard work for Making a Difference and Student Council.

- C. PTO- Thank you to Staff for all you do. Coming up is Teacher Appreciation week.
- D. Presentation of BCS amended budget.

## **VII Action Items**

- A. Approve the Overnight Softball Trip. It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Franks. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- B. Approve the Safe Return to Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- C. Approve the first reading of the NEOLA Policies. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- D. Approve the resignation of Ryan Elementary Teacher Jennifer Griggs. It was moved by Franks, supported by Houtz. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- E. Approve Gabridge and Company as District Auditors. It was moved by Franks, supported by Kelley. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- F. Approve BCS amended budget. It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Kelley. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.
- G. Approved the retirement resignation of Cindy Schrader. It was moved by Albarran, supported by Cary. Roll Call Vote 7-0; motion carried.

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

- A. Building Reports- Alanna Denton reported that we are receiving another grant and Kindergarten registration has started. Kristen Frisbie reported students read the most minutes and/ FB donated prizes for the students, and John Herbert reported that testing will begin this week.
- B. Curriculum, Instruction, and Grants Report: Kate Wall reported that K-5 Science will be requesting a 4 year renewal, K-5 ELA will meet this month and have a recommendation at our May Board Meeting, reported on Grant Updates.
- C. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Wilson reported that the HVAC documents have been signed and are moving forward. The Technology project -E-Rate will start at the end of April and will go through August. Personnel update we have 3 postings: Kindergarten, Elementary Teacher Opening, and Elementary Music Teacher. Our Health Insurance is going up next year \$840.00 hard cap for Messa. The Bond for Facilities met recently with Tower Pinkster and there will be 9 different groups that will be created to be part of the planning for the Bond Request. Neola has a handbook that we could receive and they would "Bronsonize" it and ensure that everything is in it. Thank you to Mrs. Coco, Mrs. Long, Ms. Strawser and Mrs. Schrader for inviting me to read in their classrooms the book that Myra Belote gave me I read to the classes. Thank you to Maggie who is such a positive to us, thank you to our Administrative Professional staff: Andrea, Lisa, Megan, Tiffany, Staci and Jolette thank you for all you do and Administrative Professional Day this month.
- D. Facilities Committee Report: Mrs. Kelley reported that the Facilities survey so far has 55 responses. There were 3 construction managers that went to the Buildings to evaluate.

Tower Pinkster and the committees that are created will be meeting. Note not just board members but community, staff all need to work together as a team to make this happen.

E. Next Board Meeting Monday, May 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM Jr/Sr High Library.

X. Board Comments:

Dennis Sikorski: Thank you for coming, I hear your concerns, Please be patient with us.

Tyson Franks:: I wish that this many people would come to our other meetings, great conversations I've had and they have been very beneficial .

Jose Albarran: Thank you to Cindy Schrader for all the years here and for letting me read to your class!

Brenda Kelley: Agreed what other members stated.

Bob Cary: This is sad that society and our country is going through. Please bear with us.

Jordan Houtz: Thank you for the calls, and learning from the MASB courses he's taking.

Jan Byler: Thank you for caring about our kids,

XI. It was moved by Cary, supported by Albarran, to go into Closed Session at 7:41 PM for the purpose of personnel evaluation.

It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Franks to come out of Closed Session at 9:42 PM Roll Call 7-0.

A motion for an IDP for Steve Wilson was made by Sikorski, supported by Franks. Roll Call Vote: 7-0.

It was moved by Albarran and supported by Cary to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:50 P.M., Roll Call 7-0.

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BOE President Jan Byler

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BOE Secretary Brenda Kelley