

**BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**January 19, 2021 4:00 p.m.**

**Call to Order:** The school board president, Cindy Riker, via conference calling, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Board members on the call were Linda Gekle, Christine Hasbrouck and Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Jim Gilligan was absent. Also on the call was our teacher, Sherry Corbett and our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur. Dean Paul was unavailable today. Public on the call was Beth Beson.

**Reorganization of the Board:**

- A. Selection of Temporary Chairperson:** Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to designate Suzette Cooley-Sanborn as our temporary chair person. Seconded by Cindy Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Abstained: Cooley-Sanborn. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.
- B. Election of Officers**
- C. President:** Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to elect Suzette Cooley-Sanborn as School Board President. Seconded by Cindy Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Abstained: Cooley-Sanborn. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried. Note: Suzette took over the meeting as the President.
- D. Vice President:** Cindy Riker made a motion to elect Chris Hasbrouck as School Board Vice President. Motion seconded by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle and Riker. Nays: None. Abstained: Hasbrouck. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.
- E. Secretary:** Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to elect Cindy Riker as School Board Secretary. Motion seconded by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle and Hasbrouck. Nays: None. Abstained: Riker. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.
- F. Treasurer:** Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to elect Cindy Riker as School Board Treasurer. Motion seconded by Linda Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle and Hasbrouck. Nays: None. Abstained: Riker. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

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

**Recognition/Presentation:** Suzette thanked Angie for the certificates of appreciation. It was the first time our board members had received these. Thank you, Angie.

**Approval of Consent Agenda:** Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the minutes of regular meeting 12/08/2020, Workshop Meeting of 12/15/2020, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$15,000 from saving to checking. Cooley-Sanborn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Reports by:**

**Superintendent:** This is Board Appreciation Month: Thank you to all for service to community and the school. Challenging year. Made decisions with best interest of students in mind. Exciting news. Based on our increased enrollment we have gotten \$10,831 more in state funding, which was not expected. Angie will take on the responsibility of liaison for Homelessness rather than have Sherry need to take 36 hours of training. NWEA assessments are due. They are done 3 times a year. Looking forward to see how our students are doing. Hope to get over to see us again. Suzette had sent Angie an email about "missing students". She was asking about students not enrolled in our school. And did we have to make sure they were registered with the state as home schooling. State of Michigan is very quiet regarding homeschooling. Angie informed us that if the families wanted any services, they would have to be registered. There only 2 families registered in the EUPISD and there are most likely many more than that across our 4,000 square miles. If anyone is concerned

about a child not receiving services, they could be reported as truant. However, there is not a lot of teeth behind that law. A better avenue is an outreach to encourage them to enroll. Cindy mentioned that she had reached out to the individual families and they had declined to enroll.

**Administrator:** None.

**Teacher:** Everything is going very well. Virtual was very difficult. Everyone is glad to be back to face to face. NWEA testing has been started. Should be completed by the end of the week. Still doing progress monitoring. Concerned about the winter testing results. Sherry was thanked for doing BLOOMZ every day to keep us updated on what's happening at school. Sherry was asked if she had any purchases that needed approval. She had none. Conferences are 1/27, 28 and 29.

**Committee:** None

### **Old Business:**

**Architect Services:** Email from Sean and he doesn't have the heaters on the radar. There is another engineer that has to be looped in for heating. Jay will help him on what we need for heaters.

**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. The public was asked if they had any questions or concerns. No reply. Riker made a motion to approve the reconfirmation as presented. Supported by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Strategic Planning/Communication Workshop:** We almost finished our communication plan at our last meeting. Suzette and Cindy were supposed to meet to complete. Cindy was not available and it didn't happen. Cindy is going to contact Lindsay and schedule a meeting for the three of them to meet and complete what is necessary. This is all important as it fits in with MICIP.

**Old Laptops:** Chris has the old laptops. The person coming from the ISD will take them back whenever she can get over. The ISD tech group is aware that they will be coming, per Sherry. Hopefully it won't take them long to do their thing. Suzette would like one sent to her. Cindy will see what she can do.

**NEOLA Update:** Cindy still working with Bill. He wanted to know if the Board would like an interim meeting with him for an update. Suzette would like something set up for March. Cindy will pursue.

**Ice Skating Rink:** The site was leveled. The rink is installed and filled with some water. We need some colder weather to get it to freeze. Cindy asked either Suzette and/or Chris to take over on getting with the lady wanting to donate some ice skating equipment. We don't know the quantity of what she has. Cindy Riker made a motion to purchase any ice skating equipment needed not to exceed \$1,000. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried. Cindy had talked with our insurance representative. He suggested we put up a sign, SKATE AT YOUR OWN RISK. The other he mentioned was a rules listing, one of which would be no public skating during school hours.

### **New Business:**

**Setting board meeting location, day and time:** Cindy Riker made a motion to hold our meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 4pm at the Township Hall. Motion seconded by Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Designation of Superintendent:**

Cindy Riker made a motion for the EUPISD Superintendent of Schools to be designated as the Superintendent for Bois Blanc Pines School District. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Designation of Principal:**

Cindy Riker made a motion for the Administrator to act a Principal for Bois Blanc Pines School District. Seconded by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Naming of Bank Depository:**

Suzette Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to retain Citizens National Bank and First Community Bank, as depositories for the school funds. Seconded by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Designation of Check Signers:**

Cindy Riker made a motion to retain our current check signing policy, which is all board members are authorized to sign, with only one signature required. Note: That signature is on file at the EUPISD Financial Department. Motion seconded by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Designation of Contractual Signers:**

Suzette Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to retain the School Board President and/or the School Board Secretary to sign contracts and agreements. Motion seconded by Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**Designation of Purchase Order Signer:**

Chris Hasbrouck made a motion to retain the School Board Secretary as the Purchase Order signer. Seconded by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan. Motion carried.

**MICIP:**

Due by June 30, 2021. Suzette, Dean and Sherry will work on this.

**Board Comments:**

Cindy mentioned we needed to start looking for an insurance policy for Sherry. Her insurance ends in August. But it is best to start the research sooner than later. Angie offered to get some information for us. We will soon be looking at contracts for this coming year.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, President/Secretary  
Bois Blanc Pines School Board