

- B. Superintendent Olson described Benzie's MStep scores as a "mixed bag." He explained that we have many "bubble kids," described as those teetering on the border of passing. Superintendent Olson presented a brief PowerPoint with slides showing our scores compared to the State average.
- C. Superintendent Olson cautioned the student count will likely end up in the mid-1470s, rather than the budgeted 1485. Mr. Gray asked if the decline was a result of the school closure of Platte River Elementary. Ms. Johnston asked who was calling the no-shows. Superintendent Olson replied "building secretaries." He reminded the Board of the 3-year blended count.

Board of Education/Committee Reports:

- A. Ms. Johnston, Mr. Noffsinger, Ms. Brown, Ms. Crossman, Superintendent Olson and the LA PTA attended the recent promotions committee meeting. Mr. Noffsinger will be picking up t-shirts for the Sept. 15th game, which will feature a tunnel of K-5 students and the team led in by a group of huskies. He hopes to have the event posted on Facebook Live and talked about the possibility of future pride nights. Superintendent Olson will send a message through SchoolMessenger regarding the #OneBENZIE night. The next promotions committee meeting is scheduled for October 3rd at 7:00 pm.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)

- 1. Lori Hill suggested the Board reach out to Betsy Evans of Alliance for Economic Success.

Discussion Topics:

- A. Michele Murray presented the Board with the comparison of MILAF to Honor Bank rates. Mr. Stapleton stressed the importance of Honor Bank's other involvement with Benzie Schools, including in-kind donations and quick turn-around for borrowing.

Action Topics:

17-18-049 It was moved by Mr. Stapleton and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the two-year Recycling Lease Agreement (commencing January 1, 2018 and terminating on December 31, 2019) between Benzie County and the Benzie Central Board of Education, property located at Lake Ann Elementary.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-050 It was moved by Ms. Johnston and supported by Mr. Stapleton to accept the resignation of transportation bus driver, Jenna Drake, effective August 30, 2017.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-051 It was moved by Mr. Childs and supported by Ms. Brown to accept the resignation of transportation bus driver, Tracy Baily, effective August 30, 2017.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-052 It was moved by Ms. Johnston and supported by Mr. Stapleton to resignation ECSE teacher, Katie Westfall, effective August 31, 2017.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-053 It was moved by Ms. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to appoint Kelly Carpenter to the position of secondary English teacher, effective with the 17-18 school year.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics):

1. Wendy Kalush stated that, from a MS/HS standpoint, this has been the “best start they’ve had in a long time.” Mr. Graetz and Mr. Clasen have been very positive and supportive.
2. Crystal Milne expressed her praise for the consolidation of Crystal Lake and Platte River. She was happy to report that Crystal Lake is now finally back at capacity, which hasn’t been the case for the past 16 years. It is “full and alive.” There were “some hiccups” but it was “quite a feat.”
3. Amiee Erfourth thanked Brian Childs for building a shed at Betsie Valley and presented him with a thank you card signed by the students.

Announcements:

1. Superintendent Olson shared information he gained at NMSLA.
 - a. CTE grants potentially becoming competitive
 - b. Board Members should reach out to legislatures
 - c. Discussion regarding the post-Labor Day start to school year
 - d. Potential Personal Property Tax eliminations would affect state aid budget which would affect school district state aid
 - e. Talk to allow retired teachers to sub without paying into MPSERS
 - f. MStep test may end and a new test in its place

17-18-054 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Ms. Brown to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried



Secretary, Board of Education