

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, November 13, 2017, at Crystal Lake Elementary, 7048 Severance St, Benzonia, MI 49616

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Stapleton, Ms. Johnston, Mr. Gray, Ms. Brown, Mr. Noffsinger

Members Absent: Mr. Childs

17-18-067 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-068 It was moved by Ms. Johnston and supported by Ms. Brown to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: October 9, 2017 – Regular Meeting

B. Business: General Fund Bills \$648,834.07

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report:

- A. SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS IN SCHOOLS:** Rob Couturier (Inventor of The Boot™) and Joe Thiel presented the board with a proposal for improved school safety. Products on display included The Boot™ (made on Michigan) - a rectangular-shaped plate of 1/4 inch thick cold-rolled industrial steel, offering tremendous strength in the prevention of danger from the other side of a door and an added level of security during lockdown; The Ballistics Shield - made from specially designed and tested aluminum that's nearly impenetrable when installed over key areas on doors and windows; Rapid Response Room Number Placards - reflective, 3D and visible room numbers. Also on display: a Bluetooth Lockdown System for an immediate alert to a school lockdown. The board was given a quote for the cost of installation and learned of potential future savings with the installation of the Bluetooth system.
- B. FOSTER PARENTING IN BENZIE COUNTY:** Roy Franklin, Licensing Specialist, talked with the board about the need for foster care in Benzie County. Currently there are only four (4) licensed foster care homes in the county. The need for licensed homes is tremendous with approx. 13,000 children in foster care in our state. Further interest in foster or adoptive parenting may be directed to the Main Office at 3785 Veterans Drive, TC, MI Phone: (231) 946-8975 or email: cfs@cfsmail.org.
- C. MiExcel:** Rick Vandermolen, TBAISD Consultant and district facilitator for the "Blueprint for Success" presented the board with a brief overview of Systemic

17-18-072 It was moved by Mr. Stapleton and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to accept the resignation of Betsie Valley 1st grade teacher, Stephen Laskowski, effective December 21, 2017

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-073 It was moved by Ms. Brown and supported by Ms. Johnston to accept the resignation of Betsie Valley custodian, Randy Knapp, effective November 30, 2017.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-074 It was moved by Ms. Johnston and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve the appointment of Mary Zempel to the position of Crystal Lake Secretary.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Announcements:

1. Nicki Brown was in attendance at Lake Ann to witness the generosity (courtesy of the Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation), as they joyfully provided winter wear to each elementary student. Ms. Brown expressed her appreciation for the love the Webber family has for our students.
2. Mr. Olson had the following announcements:
 1. The finalization of Dr. Nicholas Ceglarek as TBAISD's new Superintendent
 2. Kudos to Rachel Higgins and the cast of "Our Town" on an amazing production.
 3. Congratulations to Benzie Central for winning the NW Conference All Sports Award
 4. A Board reminder: Two upcoming Board Workshops scheduled for November 20th & 27th
Congratulations to Betsie Valley Elementary – No longer a Priority School
 5. Next Marketing Committee meeting : December 11th

17-18-075 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Stapleton to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried



Secretary, Board of Education