

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, March 12, 2018, at the Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616.

President Childs called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Stapleton, Mr. Childs, Mr. Gray, Mr. Noffsinger, Mrs. Johnston (Tardy)

Members Absent: NONE

17-18-128 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-129 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: March 10, 2018 - Special

B. Business: General Fund Bills \$397,288.93

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Student Council Report: Junior, Rea Pettengill, was in attendance and spoke on behalf of the student council. She touched on the Christmas luncheon, Snowcoming, the upcoming elections for 18/19 as well as their pursuit to recruit under classmen. Rea also shared the most recent beginnings of the academic hallway. All framed pictures were removed, and they are moving in the direction of an electronic keepsake. Mr. Noffsinger inquired on a future timeline for the project going forward, and Superintendent Olson shared that our maintenance crew was already working on some patch work and were scheduled to give the hallway a fresh coat of paint over spring break.

Administration Report:

A. Superintendent Olson shared with the board the NMSLA Update. NMSLA met today, and it is budget season. Mr. Olson shared the governors proposed \$120/\$240 per pupil formula, shared that the 31a language stays the same, and shared that this was the largest proposed foundation increase in 15 years. Sub and full committee budget workshops are slated to begin the end of April or early May in the legislature.

B. Rachel Sikora, IFF, took the podium on behalf of the Betsie Valley Community Center. She shared a PowerPoint on the Financial Feasibility Analysis; project overview, space needs assessment, sites assessment, development scenarios,

financial analysis, considerations and recommendations, ending with information about IFF and Q&A.

Superintendent Olson requested to amend the agenda so that those high school students in attendance could present on the missionary trip to the Dominican Republic.

Ayes: 7

Nay: 0

Motion Carried

- C. Dominican Republic Mission Trip. Sophomores Hailey Fiel, Lucy Straubel, Melia Lorenz, Ayla Leuenberger, and Emily Gelakosky shared a powerpoint depicting photos and experiences of their missionary trip to the Dominican Republic. All five girls had positive experiences and all would love to return if able. While there, they helped to build a water purification center as well as a wall around the lighthouse to help keep the children safe.
- D. Superintendent Olson shared the recent School Finance Study highlights, citing examples of the costs associated with educating different students, as individual needs are factored in, such as poverty, special education, English Language Learners, and Career and Technical Education. Mr. Olson also shared costs in other related areas, such as transportation of students, geographic isolation, state pension system costs and enrollment size. Mr. Olson also shared a presentation summarizing the recently completed School Finance Study through the Oakland Schools and supported by education and business entities throughout the state. The primary finding of the study was that schools have had systematic disinvestment since the year 2000 with losses in inflation adjusted dollars of over \$600 per pupil while average spending has increased in the country by \$1400.00 per pupil during the same time period. The study suggests funding students based on individual needs rather than a "one size fits all" funding approach set by our foundation allowance in Michigan. Mr. Olson suggested that education on this topic was key, especially as we are in an election year with many new potential legislators on the ballot.

Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. Mr. Noffsinger shared that the Marketing and Promotions Committee met prior to this evening's meeting. Items discussed were t-shirts for all students for the 18/19 school year, looking this time at community sponsorship. Also discussed was how best to take the current academic hall of fame and display the accolades in a more uniform fashion and in what location. The Early Childhood Fair was discussed and talk of perhaps implementing a video to assist with advertisement. It was shared that six banners had been purchased to promote enrollment and that Superintendent Olson has an upcoming interview with Jack O'Malley to promote the Early Childhood Fair.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

Discussion Topics:**A. Discussion regarding new official Benzie Central Husky logo.**

It was shared that the interest of the grid iron logo was probably not a viable option. Discussion took place on the adoption of one, with individual groups only being able to use their own for certain things. For the purpose of signage and school purchased uniforms going forward, they are moving toward a universal logo. Mr. Stapleton shared uniforms, should have the same logo. Mrs. Johnston feels if the BC route is taken, a huskie logo should be included, and Mr. Noffsinger would like to narrow it down to two or three and make a decision. Mrs. Brown feels like the BC should be used for signage and that the husky logo should be used for uniforms.

B. President Childs shared the hopes of adding board communication to the agenda format, to be inserted in-between audience participation and announcements. He made mention of the board president workshop that he most recently attended and felt that many board presidents shared positive experiences on the board communication agenda component.**C. Superintendent Olson shared the second reading of the following board policies having no changes from the first reading**

-1421/3121/4121: Criminal History / Record Check

-1439/3139/4139: Administrator / Staff Discipline

-2410: Prohibition of Referral or Assistance

-2414: Reproductive Health / Family Planning

-2418: Sex Education

-8142: Criminal History Record Check

-8321: Criminal Justice Information Security

D. Superintendent Olson spoke on the fire alarm system bid. There is one bid from Alpine Electric.**Action Topics:**

17-18-130 It was moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the appointment of Chris Sullivan - Transportation

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

17-18-131 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston to present 3 husky logos to the staff and student body for a vote.

Ayes:

Nays:

Motion Died-No Support

17-18-132 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger to present 2 husky logos and the block BC to the board and administration for a vote.

Ayes: 3

Nays: 4

Motion Failed

17-18-133 It was moved by Mrs. Brown to approve the BC letterhead logo for the purposes of signage going forward

Ayes: 7 Nays: 7 Motion Failed

17-18-134 It was moved by Mr. Taylor and supported by Mrs. Johnston to give Superintendent Olson the authority to hire a graphic artist for the purposes of new husky logo not to exceed \$1000.00

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-135 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Gray to amend 17-18-134 and hire a graphic artist for the purposes of a new husky logo not to exceed \$2500.00

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-136 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Brown to approve the addition of board communication to the agenda format.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-137 It was moved by Mr. Taylor and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Letter of Agreement for the BCCS Transportation Association.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-138 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the JV Girls Soccer-Self Funded Program

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-139 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the new and revised board policies.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

17-18-140 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the fire alarm system bid.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Announcements:

1. Superintendent Olson shared that we were 2 days over to apply for our state forgiven days. As of right now, we are expected to add two more additional days in June.
2. Superintendent Olson shared the rough time line of the sinking fund projects; septic field and fire alarm. More correspondence at the April board meeting.
3. Superintendent Olson also addressed school safety, sharing that we were on it. There is a scheduled March 14th Nationwide Walkout Day for students at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Olson shared that both Mr. Clasen and Mr. Graetz were aware and prepped to keep students safe and supervised.
4. Mr. Stapleton suggested we all take a moment to watch the 60 Minutes segment

on Betsy DeVos that aired yesterday.

17-18-141 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Gray to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:44 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. B.', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat illegible.

Secretary, Board of Education