

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, November 12, 2018 at Crystal Lake Elementary, 7048 Severance St., Benzonia, MI 49616.

Vice President Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Stapleton, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Taylor,
Mr. Gray

Members Absent: Mr. Childs, Mr. Noffsinger

18-19-045 It was moved by Mr. Taylor and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-046 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: October 8, 2018 – Regular

B. Business: General Fund Bills \$1,480,156.62

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Student Council Report: Student Council member, Thea Gray, shared a student council update. Homecoming week was a success with approximately 225 in attendance, and Thea shared it was one of their smoothest homecoming weeks yet. Next on their agenda, is the holiday luncheon to be held on December 21, with games and raffle completing the festivities.

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA Update – Superintendent Olson shared the Election Update. Governor's office switched parties, but both house / senate remain with Republican majorities. Majorities are tighter than previous years. "Lame Duck" session of legislature is unknown as to scope of work, but there will almost certainly be some level of legislative activity as many senators and representatives are term limited or otherwise leaving office. The focus on next year's governor's agenda will most likely be roads, but schools will likely also be a larger focus as well.

B. Crystal Lake Presentation-Principal Brooke Capser introduced Music teacher, Nancy Reed and several kindergarten and first grade students. The students presented several Thanksgiving songs, which they will perform at their upcoming Thanksgiving program. Nancy expressed her gratitude to retired Benzie Central teacher, Carol Yalch, who kindly comes backs each year as their accompanist. Brooke also introduced teacher Crystal Milne and Kids Hope member, Al Jongekrijg. They gave a brief presentation on the newly formed Crystal Lake mentoring program that was established during the 17/18 school year. Former

principal, LeeAnn Stephen envisioned a need for it, and Kids Hope, the Benzonia Public Library, and the Crystal Lake community came together to make it happen.

There are (13) mentors to date, each working one on one with a student, checking in on them weekly. Some members have even added a second student to mentor. Al thanked Crystal for her organization, and Crystal shared that LeeAnn would be very proud, as she wanted this mentoring program to continue on as her legacy, something that she could proudly leave behind.

- C. **2018-19 Budget Amendment #1-:** Director of Finance, Michele Murray, presented the board with the recommended 2018-19 1st Budget Amendment. Amendment was reviewed with revenue recommended to increase from \$14,327,277 to 14,838,672 and expenditures recommended to increase from \$14,160,829 to 14,579,104. The fund balance is now expected to end at \$1,772,400 or 12.16%. The fall 2018 pupil count resulted in 1,414 students.
- D. **Chartwells Update – Food Service Director, Lisa Purchase,** shared news that the breakfast and lunch counts have increased across the district. She was excited to announce that they are experiencing a steady increase in the number of student meals served district wide. Their breakfast lunch counts are up 15% from 17/18 and their lunch counts, for the same timeframe, are up an additional 8%. The staff lunch counts have also shown a healthy increase of 75% more participation. Increases are to be expected when a district has CEP status in some of the buildings but their increases are also coming from their non-CEP MS/HS student population. MS/HS served an additional 999 breakfast and an additional 479 lunches over those counts in 17/18. Chartwells has made several positive fund purchases to benefit our buildings district wide, and have also introduced breakfast smoothies, a Sono Station, and the famous Uncrustables PB&J. The month of November will focus on dried cranberries, and in October, they celebrated Apple Crunch Day celebrating local farmers and locally purchased apples. Lisa was pleased to announce that every Chartwell staff member has been certified in Allergen Safety and are committed to making sure that they continue to remain educated and diligent in their abilities to keep our students healthy and safe.
- E. **Resignations**
1. Racquel Huddleston – 7th Grade Girls Basketball
 2. Donna Balazovic – 8th Grade Girls Basketball
- F. **Future Planning Committee Presentation – John Parkin, Keith Schaub, and Lori Cota-Hill** spoke on behalf of the roughly 39 members of the Future Planning Committee about bond planning. The presentation included the timeline of the facilities assessment from the fall of 2016, to the committee formation, and now to the present with the committee reconvening to determine the scope of work and bring a presentation to the board. Such projects in the proposal, consist of remodeling/renovation of Lake Ann, Betsie Valley, and the HS/HS buildings and grounds to include all projects identified as “sinking fund” projects, and the construction of a new elementary on the MS/HS campus to replace Crystal Lake Elementary. Additional projects include the construction of a new bus garage

and the purchasing of two new buses per year for the next ten years, as well as the construction of a new locker room/fitness/walking track complex alongside the remodeling and renovation of our main gym facility at the high school. The summary of proposed timeline would begin in 2019 and extend through 2022. The financial bottom line this recommendation represents is an increase of approximately \$25/year or just over \$2/month for the owner of a \$100,000 home. This modest increase raises over 47million dollars for district improvements. Strong Schools = Strong Communities.

Board of Education/Committee Reports:

- A. Ad Hoc Report – The committee did not meet prior to this evening meeting. The intent was to bring a \$3,000-5,000 marketing campaign up for board support. It will be tabled until December when all seven board members will be present.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – NONE

Discussion Topics: NONE

Action Topics:

18-19-047 It was moved by Mr. Stapleton and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the resolution to accept recommendation of Future Planning Committee

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-048 It was moved by Mr. Taylor and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve the appointment of Jennifer Koscielski –Special Education Paraprofessional – Lake Ann Elementary

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-049 It was moved by Mr. Taylor and supported by Mr. Stapleton to approve the snow bids as presented

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-050 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the 2018-19 Budget Amendment #1

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication:

- A. Blueprint District Impact Team Report-Stephanie Johnston shared that the District Impact Team continues to meet on Thursdays, and they are currently deep diving in to the high quality instruction, encouraging principals to visit classrooms multiple times. She also shared an App, allowing for a look inside the

classroom. Mrs. Johnston continues to speak highly of the MI Excel facilitators and appreciates the time invested.

Announcements:

1. December 8- Superintendent Olson, Nicki Brown and Stephanie Johnston will be attending a Blueprint Training. Mr. Olson also expressed that there would be ongoing training available to all board of education members, as well as to the two newly elected.
2. Superintendent Olson congratulated both Amber Pomper and Lori Cota-Hill on their newly elected board of education positions.
3. Superintendent Olson shared that there were several NEOLA policies to be addressed by our policy committee.
4. Benzie Central was the recipient of the Lock-Out Grant covering a majority of our security system cost this past summer.
5. It is a good time to be husky! Superintendent Olson boasted on our amazing fall sports season. Notably, our football team who made an impressive run to round one of playoffs. Congratulations also to our soccer team on making it to the districts, our cross-country teams who made it to the state finals and our volleyball team on their successful season. The homecoming spirit was evidence of the energy here at Benzie Central.
6. December 6-Holiday Band Concert
7. December 12-Winter Choir Concert

18-19-051 It was moved by Mr. Stapleton and supported by Mr. Taylor to adjourn at 8:32 PM.

Nicolette J. Brown

Secretary, Board of Education