

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, February 11, 2019, at the Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616.

President Childs called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Pomper, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cota Hill, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Childs, Mr. Gray, Mr. Noffsinger

Members Absent: NONE

18-19-079 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-080 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: January 14, 2019 - Organizational
January 14, 2019 - Regular

B. Business: General Fund Bills \$785,930.31

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication:

Superintendent Olson shared a video created by MiExcel, the organization responsible for the *Blueprint for Success* movement. The video used testimonial and information from many *Blueprint* installing districts around the state, including Benzie Central, to illustrate the value of the process and give a brief introduction for some, and refresher for others, about the purpose of the work. Mrs. Johnston then gave the board an update regarding our most recent District Impact Team meetings, during which our team utilized data garnered from staff surveys to determine progress and understanding of the *Blueprint* on the part of various staff in the district.

Student Council Report: Student Council member, Annabelle Fortine shared that Snowcoming is scheduled for February 23rd with the theme being, Winter Wonderland. February 19th-22nd will be spirit week; Tuesday – Pajama Day, Wednesday – Crazy Socks and Hat Day, Thursday – Why do I have this in my closet Day, and Friday – White Out Day. Voting for Snowcoming Court will take place on the 14th, and voting for the King and Queen will take place on the 20th. Student Council also plans to incorporate a volleyball game fundraiser that same week.

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA Update-NONE

B. Platte River School Update – Platte River Community Center – Ingemar Johansson, Platte River Community Center chair presented. To date, the Platte River School transition to a community center continues to evolve. Their group of volunteers has had several conversations with the Benzie Senior Resources

(BSR) about a possible transfer of ownership from Benzie Central Schools to BSR. At this juncture, the BSR is, with full support of its Board of Directors, pursuing a feasibility study to explore such a transfer. They are pursuing their own study of likely cost of renovation of the facility and necessary additions (kitchen garage, etc.) to meet the demands of their operation. If successful, BSR would take ownership of the facility. The Platte River Community Center group is fully prepared to assist in this process to its completion and would pursue the recruitment of other entities to occupy spaces not needed by the BSR, if any. They expect the feasibility study to be completed by March of 2019.

- C. Marc Alderman – 7th grade Science teacher – VEX IQ Robotics – Mr. Alderman gave a recap of the newly formed 7th grade Husky Robotics Enrichment class. The class has had large community support: Benzie County Central Schools Educational Foundation, TBA Credit Union, Benzie Sunrise Rotary, Grand Traverse Area Retired School Personnel, Community Foundation Youth Advisory Council, Exxon Mobile Educational Alliance, and the MEEMIC Foundation. Each Enrichment rotation extends over a 9-week period, with week one focusing on the engineering notebook, design constraints, and the history of robotics, and week nine concludes with the autonomous robot design challenge. In addition to the Robotics Enrichment, two teams have also formed. Four 8th grade students 74484A, two 6th grade students, and six 7th grade students 74484B. They have competed in three tournaments; 74484B won the Judges Award at the Elk Rapids tournament and 74484A tied for second place in Skills Challenge at Williamsburg. They have hosted STEM night at Betsie Valley Elementary and have received some great press.
- D. Eric Johnston – Baseball – Spring Break trip to Florida – Mr. Johnston shared the travel arrangements, trip agenda, extra practice time and team bonding initiative behind this trip.

Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. ADHOC – AdHoc met prior to the evenings meeting. The committee has agreed to allot \$1800 for a billboard campaign to run March through May, \$1500 for a video production for our upcoming May 7th, 2019 Bond proposal for social media purposes, as well as \$500 for boosting facebook promotions. A possible fall promotion was also discussed. The committee plans to meet again before the regularly scheduled board meeting in May.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – Annie Browning took the podium and thanked the board for their concern of multiple community centers in the community. She shared she had joined a round table to ensure that features of the community centers are not replicated in terms of resources.

Discussion Topics: NONE

Action Topics:

18-19-081 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the appointment of Linda Cutsinger – Transportation.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-082 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the Spring Break Baseball trip.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-083 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the termination of Theresa Spence - Transportation

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: NONE

Announcements:

- 1. February 22/23, March 15/16, April 26/27 – Blueprint Trainings
- 2. February 14 – Future Planning Committee meeting 6:00 PM
- 3. February 14 – Band Concert 7:00 PM
- 4. February 26 – Community Forum 7:00 PM
- 5. Varsity Wrestling are District Champs – (7) wrestlers qualified for Regionals.

18-19-084 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes: 7 Nays: 0 Motion Carried


Secretary, Board of Education