

## REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, April 08, 2019, at the Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616.

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

**Members Present:** Mrs. Pomper, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cota Hill, Mrs. Johnston, Mr. Childs (Tardy), Mr. Gray

**Members Absent:** Mr. Noffsinger

**18-19-093** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the agenda as written.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**18-19-094** It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Cota Hill to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

**A. Minutes: March 11, 2019 - Regular**

**B. Business: General Fund Bills \$822,187.77**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Board Blueprint Communication:**

Mrs. Johnston gave the board an update regarding the *Blueprint* and Fidelity Assessment. Superintendent Olson touched on the Talent Management Systems and Hiring Systems.

**Student Council Report:** Student Council member, Thea Gray shared their upcoming plans for Teacher Appreciation Week. Their surprise will take place the first week of May. In addition, they will soon be planning meetings to connect with underclassmen for future membership and the election of new officers.

**Administration Report:**

**A. NMSLA Update-** No update, as they have not yet returned to session from Spring Break. *Snow Day Update* - House Bill 4206 is currently still under consideration which would provide relief for districts experiencing an overage of snow days (which is most districts in our state, such as ourselves). The bill would excuse snow days that occurred while under a state of emergency.

**B. Twisted Trails Permit Renewal – Donna Humphrey-** Twisted Trails gave updates as they are seeking approval for another year of permitting for the 160-acre parcel in Copemish abutting their property. She shared that with the 80-acre addition in June and the 80-acre addition in August, they are now at 400 total acres. They have been able to add driveways, fencing, gate, signage, and additional trails and space. Twisted Trails continues to host many events for both entertainment and awareness, such as the Music Mudathon and DK5K Veterans Race. The DK5K Tough Run is a 5K obstacle course aiming to raise awareness about the

challenges veterans face every day and the issue of suicide. Funds raised are donated to local organizations that offer free services for veterans. Ram Truck Commercials were filmed on site this past winter. Additional special events are scheduled for this summer, with possible additions such as the Monster Trucks Fairground and an amphitheater.

- C. **Social Environmental Learning Grant – Betsie Valley Elementary – Amiee Erfourth.** Betsie Valley Elementary is one of eight schools in the state selected to participate in the building healthy schools SEL Pilot. They received a \$5000.00 grant to educate staff on SEL practices and implement SEL lessons with students. The purpose is to create healthy school environments that address mental health, mindfulness, and well-being, as well as to establish best practices for implementation of social and emotional learning strategies in Michigan schools. Research shows that increased physical, social and emotional well-being can improve academic performance. It also supports that emotional, behavioral, and social difficulties diminish the capacity of children to learn and benefit from the educational process. The goals of the SEL programming is to promote students' social-emotional skills, positive attitudes, lead to improved adjustment, and academic performances striving for the *Michigan top 10 in 10 Years* strategic goals.
- D. **Crystal Lake Co-op Preschool Contract Renewal –Crystal Lake Co-op Preschool** requested renewing their rental contract in their current classroom at Crystal Lake Elementary school for both the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. The program enrolls (24) families in their three-year-old and four-year-old classes. The program take pride in building positive partnerships with families and promotes early education.
- E. **Bond Proposal 5.7.19 Update – Superintendent Olson** shared information on the upcoming bond, as we are in the last month in the sprint to the finish. Yes for BC Kids is meeting weekly through the month of April, with Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> being the next meeting. They currently have an online system set up to reflect your support in creating stronger schools and promoting a stronger community. [yesforbckids.com](http://yesforbckids.com). At this time, the biggest challenge going forward is trying to combat the misinformation. There are several Q & A sessions scheduled as well as a (4) article series by Robert Myers in the Record Patriot. Radio and News outlets will be explored. Educating the public is key.
- F. **Resignations –**
  - a) Bethany Nowak – High School Special Education Teacher
  - b) Michael Flynn – Bus Driver – Transportation
  - c) Caleb Simerson – Boys Varsity Basketball coach
  - d) Donna Balazovic – High School Social Studies

#### **Board of Education/Committee Reports**

- A. **Buildings and Grounds Committee – The Buildings and Grounds committee,** along with Kingscott, Wolgast, Benzie Central Administration, Director of Maintenance, and Board representation met to discuss and provide input on five

building designs. All were able to provide input and the dialogue was positive. Crystal Lake staff were able to share their input as well. The agreed upon design came in under square footage allowed. The location considered for the design would provide curb appeal to Homestead Rd. as well as provide for traffic flow and patterns concerning the bus garage. The layout of the inside of the building is not only welcoming, but also provides safety measures for our staff and students.

**Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – NONE**

**Discussion Topics:**

**A. Policy Update – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the proposed winter 2018/19 NEOLA Policy Updates in reference to policies:**

- Bylaw 0100, Bylaw 0122, Bylaw 1031.1, Bylaw 0143.1, Bylaw 0165.6, Bylaw 0166, Bylaw 0167.1, Bylaw 1067.2, Bylaw 0167.3, Bylaw 0167.6, Policy 1422/3122/4122, Policy 1662/3362/4362, Policy 2260, Policy 5517, Policy 5517.02, Policy 2112, Policy 2261.01, Policy 2261.03, Policy 2700, Policy 3120, Policy 3120.04, Policy 3130, Policy 4162, Policy 5330, Policy 5460, Policy 5540, Policy 5610, Policy 5610.01, Policy 5611, Policy 5630.01, Policy 6325, Policy 6350, Policy 8210, and Policy 8510.

**B. Considering Appointment of TBAISD Elector for Board Elections – The intent would be to nominate (1) board member to carry the over-all board vote.**

**Action Topics:**

**18-19-095 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Twisted Trails Permit Renewal.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-096 It was moved by Mrs. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Crystal Lake Co-op Preschool Contract Renewal.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-097 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the Maintenance Truck Purchases, both through Watson Benzie.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-098 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Policy Updates – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading as presented.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-099 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Cota Hill to approve the 2019/20 District Calendar as written.**

**Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-100** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the appointment of Jared Fekete – Middle School Track and Field Coach.

**Ayes: 6** **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

**18-19-101** It was moved by Mrs. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the appointment of Samantha Downs – Lake Ann Elementary Secretary.

**Ayes: 6** **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

**Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE**

**Board Communication: NONE**

**Announcements:**

1. April 12 – Bingo Night – Betsie Valley Elementary 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM. 101<sup>st</sup> District Representative, Jack O’Malley will be the guest caller from 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM.
2. April 6 – Early Childhood Fair – Betsie Valley Elementary – Well attended by local families as well as surrounding areas. Bond table was present.
3. April 16- Business Expo & Job Fair – Benzie Central High School – 11:00 AM- 3:00 PM. Bond Proposal table will be present.
4. April 23 -TBAISD Budget Hearing Meeting – 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM.
5. April 10, 17, 18 – Q & A Sessions – Bond Proposal
  - April 10 – Betsie Valley Elementary 6:00 PM
  - April 17 – Lake Ann Elementary 6:00 PM
  - April 18 – Benzie Central Auditorium 7:00 PM - 101<sup>st</sup> District Representative, Jack O’Malley, has graciously offered to attend and speak to the importance of the bond proposal as well. We appreciate his support and attendance.
6. April 9 – Personnel Committee Meeting 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.
7. April 26/27 – Blueprint Trainings
8. April 15 – MASB Grassroots Advocacy Workshop – TBAISD - 5:30 PM -6:30 PM

**18-19-102** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston supported by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 p.m.

**Ayes: 6** **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

*Stephanie L. Anst*  
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 Secretary, Board of Education