

academic all-state. Our football teams, middle school on up to Varsity, had a great deal of success both on and off the field. Our Varsity team made it to the playoffs. 9 athletes were all- conference, 3 all-region, 1 all-state honorable mention, and 1 academic all-state honorable mention. The football program will present at the February meeting. Currently for the winter sports season, the girls' basketball team is having a great season and will be hosting districts, wrestling is strong in several different weight classes, and female participation is an option. The boys' basketball team is under the new leadership of Caleb Simerson, who brings a fresh outlook and passion for the boys. The skiing program co-ops with Frankfort and hosts one invitational each year, and the bowling team has both a red and white team this season, bringing depth and success. Mr. Graetz is proud of the sportsmanship here at Benzie Central, and was pleased to be able to present on behalf of Benzie Central Athletics.

Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. ADHOC – Mrs. Brown reported that the committee did not meet prior to this evening's board meeting. The next scheduled meeting is February 11, 2019 prior to the regularly scheduled February board meeting.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

Discussion Topics:

- A. Mr. Olson discussed the Resolution calling for the May 7th Election. The bond project consists of erecting, furnishing and equipping a new elementary school to replace Crystal Lake Elementary; erecting, furnishing, and equipping an addition to the middle/high school; remodeling, furnishing, and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping existing school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping a new bus garage; purchasing school buses; acquiring and installing instructional technology in school buildings; erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving playgrounds, playfields, athletic fields, and facilities and sites. The estimated sum of Forty-Seven Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$47, 850.00).

Action Topics:

18-19-075 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the appointment of Corey Bechler – 7th grade Girls Basketball Coach.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-076 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Cota Hill to approve the appointment of Mikel McDonald – Middle School/High School PM Custodian.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-077 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Resolution calling for the May 7, 2019 Election.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Resolution to not levy the sinking fund contingent on successful passage of bond proposal.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics):

1. Jeanne Strathman took the podium and offered her suggestions for board meeting protocol- microphones and board member positioning, and inquired as to the correct procedure to add to the monthly agenda. She expressed her concerns on safety and inquired about the protocol for school safety, as the climate is not the same as it was twenty years ago.
2. Philip Wysocki took the podium, requesting to share three items with the board. He congratulated President Brian Childs on his recent accolade of runner-up for 2018 Citizen of the Year. He challenged the board to advocate for the Arts Programs here at Benzie Central, making sure, they are not overshadowed by athletics, and he shared his concerns of potential scheduling concerns for students at the high school level concerning AP and Band classes.

Board Communication:

1. Stephanie Johnston shared a Blueprint Update – Blueprint meetings start with a quick review of the norms, and then celebrations that have occurred since the last meeting date. At the December meeting, each of the team members present were assigned a sheet to reflect and record all that was accomplished the week prior. Stephanie was amazed at what each of the administrators reported. Various reports included such things as visiting a student at New Campus, while others involved learning focused partnerships (LFP) and observations for high quality instruction (HQI). LFP consists of the district leader and building leader working together to observe teachers and coaching. Roughly, 50-75% of the time is spent in the classroom. A pulse of the district is monitored during these visits. The teaching staff determined HQI values around content area. Small groups initiated these at the conclusion of the 17/18 school year and the entire staff worked on these during the 18/19 opening Professional Development. Teams then review and discuss barriers that may be in place that would prevent further accomplishments. The January meeting focused on evaluating the tools used by the administration team during learning focus partnerships.

Announcements:

1. April 6 – Early Childhood Fair – Betsie Valley Elementary
2. Feb 22/23, March 15/16, April 26/27 – Blueprint Trainings
3. Superintendent Olson welcomed new and returning board members Amber Pomper and Lori Cota Hill.
4. January is Board of Education Appreciation month- each board member was recognized and given a certificate.

18-19-078 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Secretary, Board of Education

