REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, May 13, 2019, 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: Mrs. Pomper, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cota Hill, Mrs. Johnston,

Mr. Childs, Mr. Gray

Members Absent: Mr. Noffsinger

18-19-103 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve

the agenda as written.

Aves: 6

Navs: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-104 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve

Consent Grouping items as presented.

Minutes: Α.

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B.

Business: General Fund Bills \$840,085.36

Aves: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication:

Mrs. Johnston informed the board that the District Impact Team has worked this past month on the "Talent Management" system of the Blueprint with attention focused on our hiring and interview processes. Superintendent Olson also indicated that Grant Chandler from MiExcel would be a part of our professional development day next Friday, May 24th.

Student Council Report: Student Council member, Thea Gray was unable to attend due to an athletic event. Scott Gray shared on her behalf. Teacher Appreciation week went well. Student Council decorated the teacher's lounge and supplied treats. In June, a new student council member will report, as Thea is a senior and will be graduating.

Administration Report:

- A. NMSLA Update- Budget discussion in Lansing continues at a slow and frustrating pace. There is concern that a final budget may not occur until late summer or even fall, meaning our budget in June may require significant adjustment in the fall. Snow day forgiveness was officially signed off and passed last Friday, which allows us to move our last day back to our originally scheduled last day -Wednesday June12 (1/2 day).
- B. Geoff Miller School Resource Officer (SRO) Deputy Geoff Miller presented on his active role here at Benzie Central. He began in January of 2019 and is happy to report that each month gets better and better. He touched on the updated security system, the positive relationships established between law enforcement and juveniles, and truancy procedures. Deputy Miller divides him time between

MS/HS and elementary buildings. He participated in a 3-day Michigan State Police T.E.A.M. training where he gained knowledge and education regarding how to implement educational lessons to students from kindergarten through high school. Major topics explored were Bullying, Drug Education, and keeping Violence out of schools. Deputy Miller will continue to bring multiple programs to our Benzie Central School District. He thanked the district for being so welcoming and extended the invitation to stop in his office or send an email should anyone need anything. sheriff@benzieschools.net

- C. Kendra McIntyre Early Childhood Coordinator -Early Childhood Report The current enrollment for our Benzie Central District Preschools is thirty-six; twenty-one Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), six Head Start, and nine Tuition. There are currently two classrooms at Lake Ann Elementary. The 2019-2020 projected enrollment is sixty-two, with sites at Lake Ann Elementary (Head Start, Tuition, and GSRP) and Betsie Valley Elementary (GSRP, 1755 Special Education, and Tuition), for a total of four classrooms. The Early Childhood Program currently includes families from other districts enrolling, supports data showing effectiveness of programs, and continues to grow.
- D. Early Middle College Application Benzie Central has explored such a program for some time. Students in such a program would generally do more college level dual enrollment during their regular high school years and attend a "5th year" at a local college or university with state foundation allowance dollars paying tuition and fees. As part of the program application, the board is required to resolve that a student's math/math related course the 5th year fulfills local graduation requirements. A formal agreement with each postsecondary partner, in this case, Baker College, is required for both the EMC application, but we would be free to partner with other schools as well.
- E. Election Results In a close election (48% Yes to 52% No) our bond proposal was defeated. Overall, (9) townships voted with majority support and (7) townships voted with majority dissent on the proposal. Much feedback was garnered in the months leading up the vote and we fully intend to come back, likely in November, to try again to address our needs.
- F. Resignations
 - a) Renee Osgood High School English Teacher
 - b) Kevin Kennedy JV Boys Basketball

Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Committee Report The Personnel Committee met to discuss possible options regarding bus drivers and non-union contracts.
- B. Alternative Education Committee Report The Alternative Education Committee met. The committee praised teacher, Elaine Taghon, citing that she was amazing and the perfect fit for Benzie Academy and our alternative education students. To date there are twenty seniors, twelve of which will walk at graduation. Benzie

Academy is pleased to be back on our main campus. Proximity allows for some of their students to attend elective classes on our main campus, such as band and choir. The committee is addressing the Benzie Academy wish list, eager to provide supports. BACN continues to help supply basic needs items and the committee is looking to implement additional mental health professionals.

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – Mark Greiner, Lake Ann, took the podium and spoke about Bid Concerns and Bond Clarifications. Megan Barnard, Benzonia, spoke on the recent non-passing of the bond, and shared that there is "a fire" in the community and that the committee is eager to get back to work going forward.

Discussion Topics:

A. Policy Committee - It has come to our attention, that Thrun Law firm is beginning a new policy service that would be a potential alternative to NEOLA. This is of great interest to the superintendent as we have had some issues with NEOLA policies in the past. As Thrun is generally tasked with working with us when policies are being challenged, having their policy in place would be potentially advantageous. Superintendent Olson will continue to receive updates and let the board know when the service is available with a recommendation for or against a potential change.

Action Topics:

18-19-105 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the Roadmaster Driving School Renewal for 3rd Party Road Testing at Benzie Central's High School Campus.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-106 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the Adoption of Resolution to Designate Board Representative Amber Pomper and Alternate Lori Cota Hill and to designate the candidate the board supports, Joseph Fisher, Rachael Birgy, and Nicolette Brown.

Ayes: 5 Abstain: Brown Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-107 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the Adoption of Resolution to Approve the ISD General Fund Operating Budget.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-108 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the Digital Monument Sign Bid.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-109 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the January 14, Minutes Amendment.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-110 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the Flooring Asbestos Abatement Bid.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-111 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Flooring for Betsie Valley Elementary and Lake Ann Elementary.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-112 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the 5th year Graduation Plan Requiring a 5th year math/math related course for potential Early Middle College students.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

18-19-113 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the appointment of Jody Hernandez – Transportation.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: NONE

Announcements:

- 1. June 12 -Official last day of school Early Release
- 2. June 2- Graduation 3:00 PM Staff arrive at 2:30 PM
- 3. Racquel Huddleston TBAISD Outstanding Educator Recipient
- 4. The Memorial Committee met; board member representation, two teachers, and two students. Cindy Olmstead and Julie Mountz have been approved for the memorial garden located in front of the auditorium. A celebration will be scheduled to take place early fall.

18-19-114 It was moved by Mr. Gray supported by Mrs. Pomper to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Secretary, Board of Education