

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI. 49616

President Childs called the meeting to order at 7:07 AM.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Noffsinger

19-20-001 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

19-20-002 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: June 24, 2019 – Regular

B. Business: General Fund Bills - NONE

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report: NONE

Board of Education/Committee Reports: NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – NONE

Discussion Topics: Application for preliminary qualification of bonds by the state treasurer - Superintendent Olson informed the board that the PQ application was largely similar to the last bond proposal save for several changes that were enacted in response to community feedback with the assistance of the Future Planning Committee. First, as discussed in the recommendation from the Future Planning Committee, we have reduced the term from 30 years to 25 years and the estimated millage rate required was reduced from 3.0 total mills to 2.98 total mills. Second, we have adjusted the scope of work to include a (2) classroom addition project at Lake Ann Elementary School to account for growth in the early childhood program and increased building activity in the area. Finally, the bond language was tweaked to include more clear language that indicates that this bond represents 1.38 mills more than the previous year's levy. Mr. Olson noted that it continues to be the board's intention to cease levying the 0.9 mill sinking fund contingent on successful bond passage as well, making the effective increase only 0.48 mills.

Action Topics:

A. It was moved by Mrs. Pomper and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the application for preliminary qualification of bonds by the state treasurer.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

B. It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the Transportation Contract Ratification

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: NONE

Announcements: NONE

19-20-003 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Johnston to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 7:16 AM.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried



Secretary, Board of Education