

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616.

President Childs called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Members Absent: NONE

18-19-115 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Brown to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-116 It was moved by Mrs. Cota Hill and supported by Mr. Gary to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: May 13, 2019 - Regular

B. Business: General Fund Bills \$910,173.08

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication:

Mrs. Johnston informed the board that the District Impact team wrapped up on May 30th in which they implemented Professional Development planning for the last Professional Development Day. The team will travel to Ann Arbor on June 17th, where they will collaborate as a team to road map Professional Development for the upcoming 2019-20 school year.

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA Update- The House in Lansing has come out with their budget proposal, which unfortunately is quite a bit lower than the respective Senate and Governor's proposals. The proposed increase of \$180 / student for Benzie would be significantly less than the \$270 from the Senate and approximately \$360 from the Governor's proposals. In addition, the House proposal removes a significant source of revenue to the School Aid Fund through shifting the current sales tax on gas out to fix roads with no proposed replacement revenue. They have proposed removing higher ed. funding from the SAF, but have no guarantees that it would not return in the future.

B. Food Waste Audit – Fuel Up to Play 60 – Betsie Valley Elementary – Caitlin Lorenc from the MSU Extension touched on the grant funding and partnership. Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by National Dairy Council and NFL, in collaboration with the USDA, to help encourage today's youth to lead healthier lives. Betsie Valley parent, DeAnn

Mosher and students Moraya Mosher (5th grade) and Destiny Johnson (4th grade) shared their food waste audit statistics. Their goal is to survey students on their preferred menu items to lower waste. They are composting current waste in which they would like to network with local farmers and eventually start a garden of their own. They too would like to eliminate the use of Styrofoam. The team would like to incorporate 3rd graders in 2019/20.

C. Future Planning Committee – Bond Proposal Recommendation – Megan Barnard- Megan shared the committee’s proposal. The Future Planning Committee met immediately following the defeat of the district proposal on May 7, 2019 to discuss the next steps. Following sessions focused on feedback of community and discussion of priorities, the committee came to consensus recommendations on the following:

- Dollar Amount – 47.85 Million Dollars
- Scope of Project – Same project priorities as previous proposal
- Term – Shortened to 25 years from 30 on previous proposal
- Millage Rate – Lowered to 2.98 from 3.00 on previous proposal

There is no consensus for the timeline of the project just yet, however the majority are recommending November 2019.

D. 2019-20 Budget Projections – Michele Murray - Michele Murray presented a projected fall 2019 blended count of 1415.5 which arrived from an estimate of 1355 FTE for the fall 2019 count window. The House proposal provides for a \$180/pupil increase to the foundation allowance, while the Senate proposal included a \$270/pupil increase. With current estimate, the former would result in a 10.06% fund balance at the end of the 19-20 school year, while the latter would result in a 10.91% fund balance. Superintendent Olson discussed unknowns such as whether or not the TBAISD would disburse funds to locals. The final proposal will include a \$180/pupil increase to the foundation allowance with an expected amendment in November once the fall count and first state aid payment for the school year arrives.

E. Benzie Academy Presentation – Elaine Taghon – Elaine presented on the Benzie Academy Alternative and Virtual Education. Benzie Academy was founded in 2009. During the first two years, students took “live” (face-to-face) classes in the core academic areas (science, math, history, and English) as well as online courses to meet graduation requirements. All students were given options for scheduling. In 2013, the advent of “all online” with alternate day scheduling (Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday/Thursday). In 2015, two session days: AM and PM. In 2017, the Benzie Academy moved locations to our main campus in the previous Central Business Office. This has allowed for more flexibility with transportation, school activities, and class offerings. Students are now able to participate in sports, fine arts, Career Tech Center, SEEDS and summer activities. The teacher/student ratio is 1:15 allowing for total commitment for students to be successful, which also includes supports from MS/HS teachers. In 2018/19 alone, enrollment was 61-68 students, 15 students received Special Education Support, (12) students finished before graduation, (10) took part in Benzie Central’s graduation ceremony, (1) took part in Frankfort’s graduation ceremony,

and one completed graduation requirements just this past Thursday. Of these graduates, (3) will be attending college. Collectively, the students have completed over 200 courses this year. The Benzie Academy will be undergoing a summer renovation: New entry lights, interior wall paint, new tables and chairs, new computers and new carpeting. Mrs. Taghon is very appreciate of the upgrades. Graduating Benzie Academy senior, KaLee Boorsma, expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Taghon, Benzie Academy teacher supports and the program itself. The program was what she needed as an alternative to a traditional classroom setting.

F. Chartwells Food Service Program – Lisa Purchase – School year 2018-19 has shown a healthy increase in the number of breakfasts sold district wide. An increase of 7,683 for the year with a few days left remaining. Lunch has also shown a definite increase in meals purchased. To date, they have sold 7,343 more meals than last year at this time. Overall increase is 15,026 compared to the year prior.

With increased sales, comes increased revenues for the Food Service Department. These revenues go directly back into the program to help with repairs, new equipment purchases, etc. At this time, Chartwells in in the process of replacing the condensing unit for the walk in freezer at the high school, replacing the garbage disposal at the high school, purchasing (14) new cafeteria tables with the Huskie logo on them for the MS/HS cafeteria, and also will be purchasing a new dish wash machine for Betsie Valley Elementary. The combined cost of these items total approximately \$34,000. These expenditures will not be general fund district dollars, but rather food service dollars.

G. Resignations –

- a) Scott Kubit – High School Social Studies Teacher
- b) Katie Synder – Lake Ann Elementary Paraprofessional
- c) Shianna Thorpe – Crystal Lake Elementary Paraprofessional
- d) Cindee Pallin – Crystal Lake Elementary Paraprofessional

Board of Education/Committee Reports – NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – DeAnn Mosher, Thompsonville, expressed her concerns regarding a stovetop for Betsie Valley Elementary. She also requested the future planning committee translate the ballot language for possible upcoming election, ensuring that it be advertised to the public.

Discussion Topics:

- A. **2019-20 Budget Projections- Superintendent Olson discussed unknowns such as whether or not the TBAISD would disburse funds to locals. The final proposal will include a \$180/pupil increase to the foundation allowance with an expected amendment in November once the fall count and first state aid payment for the school year arrives.**

Action Topics:

18-19-117 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Bond Proposal Recommendation – November 2019 ballot.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-118 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the 2019-20 Food Service Management Company Contract-Chartwell K12.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

18-19-119 It was moved by Mrs. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Non-Union Contracts.

Members of the Board discussed the responsibility of the board to approve contracts and the timeline required. Superintendent Olson clarified that contracts should be approved before the end of the fiscal year on June 30th. Discussion was held regarding potential individual performance concerns and what potential ramifications could be should an individual contract not be renewed. It was clarified that there are laws and timelines regarding addressing such concerns through evaluation should they arise. Concerns regarding individual performance should be directed to Superintendent Olson.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 1 Noffsinger

Motion Carried

18-19-120 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the MHSAA 2019-20 Membership Resolution.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: The board discussed “coffee with board members and administration”, meeting in pairs at different times and in different locations.

Announcements:**1. Summer Projects**

- Lake Ann Elementary flooring installation scheduled right after school breaks for the summer.
- Betsie Valley Elementary flooring installation scheduled after the 4th of July holiday.
- MS/HS Digital Sign estimated completion time is late July.
- Athletic field work – Turf Maintenance Company

2. Transportation Negotiations are ongoing but getting close**3. June 12th – Last day of school**

18-19-121 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Gray to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35p.m.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried


Secretary, Board of Education