

### REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, June 24, 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. Johnston (Virtual)  
Mr. Childs, Mr. Noffsinger**

**Members Absent: Mr. Gray, Ms. Cota Hill**

**18-19-122 It was moved by Mr. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the agenda as written.  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**18-19-123 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.  
A. Minutes: June 10, 2019 - Regular  
B. Business: General Fund Bills \$604,844.95  
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**Board Blueprint Communication: NONE**

**Student Council Report: NONE**

**Administration Report:**

- A. Dallas Bell – Success Cyber Schools – Dallas Bell presented on Success Virtual + Learning Centers. Success is a non-traditional education program partnering with public school systems to better serve students. The Learning Centers focus on students who have dropped out or are at-risk for not completing high school. Success combines virtual, online courses with the optional support of physical brick and mortar tutoring centers. Their facilities and technology equip students with all of the tools they will need to succeed. The staff members at Success are selected carefully, ensuring all Relationship Managers/Teachers have the mindset of a counselor and a heart for helping youth. The Learning Centers provide an environment in which building relationships and providing support is just as important as learning. Success strives to invest in the lives of kids who do not have opportunities, and give them hope. The proposal is that Benzie Central become a charter authorizer for facilities in Southeast MI that will follow a similar model to Success VLC sites, but through a "cyber school" authorization structure from the state of Michigan. As the Charter authorizer, we would have oversight over the school and be able to collect a 3% administrative fee which would be utilized for the benefit of Benzie Central students. The board is encouraged to read up on materials regarding the proposal and take action at a later meeting.**

**B. Budget Hearing** –Director of Finance, Michele Murray, presented the board with the recommended 2018-19 Final Budget Amendment. Amendment was reviewed with revenue recommended to increase from \$15,011,587 to \$15,169,488 and expenditures recommended to decrease from \$14,640,030 to \$14,283,138. The fund balance is now expected to end at \$2,399,181. The initial 2019-20 Budget held end of year revenue at \$14,417,955 and end of year expenditures at \$14,807,219, which would set the end of year fund balance at \$2,009,917. Mr. Olson and Mrs. Murray emphasized that the budget amendment was impacted by a number of factors and delineated what a number of those were, including invoices that were unable to be processed during this fiscal year as well as a number of revenues that were different than expected or unexpected. It was also clarified that our 2019-20 proposed budget is based on anticipated state action, but that this was truly a guess as the state’s budget is far from determined at this point. Board members should anticipate further discussion and a substantive budget amendment in the fall. Overall, the budget was a very positive one, with the district continuing to be in good financial standing despite many outside challenges and pressures.

**Board of Education/Committee Reports – NONE**

**Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)** – Phillip Wysocki took the stand and recommended to the board that the band/choir/art programs have their own line item, \$30,000- \$10,000 each. He would like to see an emphasis on these programs.

**Discussion Topics:**

**A. 2019-20 State Aid Borrowing Note – 1.2 Million**

**Action Topics:**

**18-19-124** It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the 2018-19 Amended Budget.

- General Fund
- Food Service
- Community Service Fund (Early Childhood)

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**18-19-125** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the 2019-20 State Aid Borrowing Note Authorization.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**18-19-126** It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the Adoption of 2019-20 Budgets/2019 Tax Levies

- General Fund
- Food Service
- Community Service Fund (Early Childhood)
- Non-Homestead Millage Rate – 18.00 Mills
- 2012 Debt Retirement Fund – 1.60 Mills
- 2017 Sinking Fund - .8969 Mills

Ayes: 5

Motion Carried

**18-19-127** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the Non-Union Contract -Mechanics

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

**Audience Participation (Open Topics):** Paul and Sue Campana, Thompsonville, Michigan, took the podium and shared their concerns regarding the Betsie Valley Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade large class size for the upcoming 19/20 school year. The Campana's would like to see reduced class sizes as they feel the needs would more likely be met for both general education and special education students in a smaller size setting.

**Board Communication: NONE**

**Announcements:**

1. A Special Board Meeting date was determined for the purposes of approving the Preliminary Qualification Application for the State Bond Program. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 AM.
2. July 15<sup>th</sup> - Next Regular scheduled board meeting

**18-19-128** It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:35p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

  
Secretary, Board of Education