REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, October 14, 2019, at Lake Ann Elementary School, 19375 Bronson Lake Rd., Interlochen, MI 49683.

Vice President Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Ms. Cota Hill, Mrs. Johnston,

Mr. Gray, Mr. Noffsinger, Mrs. Pomper

Members Absent: Mr. Childs

19-20-034 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve

the agenda as written.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

19-20-035 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve

Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: September 9, 2019 – Regular B. Business: General Fund Bills \$786,203.99

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication:

Mrs. Johnston shared that meetings have resumed on Thursdays from 3:30 - 5:00 pm. She was able to attend two meetings already this fall and work will initially be focused on teaching the acronyms, so all understand the language.

Student Council Report: Reeve Katt – Reeve shared that the student council was fortunate to have Ms. Cline and Ms. Briggs volunteer to lead as directors for the current school year. The students are excited for the upcoming elections, which will include executive seats as well as class specials.

Administration Report:

- A. NMSLA Update- Superintendent Olson reported that Governor Whitmer submitted dozens and dozens of vetoes. He is hopeful negotiations will bring back Isolated Districts 22d funding. This is a current loss of \$73,000.
- B. Larry Haughn Lake Ann Elementary Update Pete Milne has 38 students in cross country. Lake Ann PTA has been supportive, as always, with helping support the building's students.
- C. Ann Parker CETUSA Coordinator Foreign Exchange Program Update: Council for Educational Travel, USA (CETUSA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Americans and those from other cultures to gain better understanding of one another. CETUSA strives to reach out, encouraging a lifelong journey of

global peace and understand. This is Ann's 10th year organizing host placements for over 120 students of which she herself, has hosted 14 students. Each student introduced him or herself by stating their country of residence and host family name. Ann invited Marvin Jones to share his experience as a host parent since the beginning. He had nothing but positive remarks and stated that hosting these students will allow them to share the truth of what Americans really are. Mrs. Johnston shared that what she enjoys most is that she is able to "bring the world to (her) kids."

- Linnea Pernille Ankjaer Denmark Paul and Karen Mallon
- Ada Deniz Aydin Turkey Mary Straubel
- Federico Lorenzo Bruno Italy Marvin and Amy Jones
- Lisa Johanna Maria Gustafsson Sweden Asa and Traci Kelly
- Emmy Lihn Annie Monica Halkola Sweden Tyler and Caribe McClellan
- Charlotte Natella Likkei Germany Brian and Kim Childs
- Alessandro Mancino Italy Ken and Lisa Purchase
- Lau Moeller Milling Denmark Eric and Stephanie Johnston
- Willy Ahlmann Moeller Denmark Jamie and Mandy VanPoortfliet
- Javier Prego Figueroa Spain Chris and Janna Urbasic
- Maria Brunan Saldanha Rodrigues Brazil Scott and Kim Jones
- Mathias Dahl Thomsen Denmark Brent and Cindy Niswonger
- Nicholas Leonardo Telles Arruda V B Vicentini Brazil Ken and Lisa Purchase
- D. 2018/19 Audit Review Dennis, Gartland & Niergarth / Julie Burks, CPA: Ms. Burks discussed highlights of changes that have happened and are to occur with the next audit reporting, such as that activity accounts must be reported differently due to new law changes. The timing of the record of the July and August state aid interest will be recorded in the current year, rather than what has been happening historically. The tax revenue source changing from state to local/county was a main point. This was due to the county adjusting taxable value multiple times after June 30 and before the August 20 state aid payment. The county currently still owes the district, and Ms. Murray continues to communicate with the county to ensure the district recoups all unpaid and expected revenue. The county's current stance is that they are awaiting payments and the results of possible PRE denials. Ms. Burks finished her presentation by explaining the graph summary pages. She noted that it is visible that the district is spending more for repairs and capital expenditures it could not do in previous years.
- E. Administrative Growth and Evaluation Superintendent Olson showed a PowerPoint presentation discussing the current plan for administrative growth for school leaders. LFP stands for Learning Focused Partnership. Superintendent Olson meets with principals weekly for LFP to dialogue about what is happening in his or building. The principal shares how he or she will help to be an instructional coach to lead teaching staff to the next level. Mr. Olson has offered to share the PowerPoint presentation with the board after the meeting.

F. Resignations -

- a) Ashley Nye Middle School Track and Field Coach b) Corey Bechler 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

Board of Education/Committee Reports - NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

Discussion Topics: NONE

Action Topics:

It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Benzie Central Middle School Course Catalog pending language.

Motion Failed Nays: 6 Ayes: 0

Superintendent Olson suggests a committee to address concerns regarding language and course offerings/ descriptions.

19-20-037 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and approved and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Benzie Central Middle School Course Catalog, Benzie Central High School Course Catalog, Benzie Central High School Online Course Catalog -Apex, Benzie Academy Course Catalog, and the Benzie Academy Online Course Catalog -Apex Virtual as presented, with the intention that they will create sub committees to amend the course catalogs.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 **Motion Carried**

19-20-038 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the appointment of Michelle Laffleur – Betsie Valley Elementary Paraprofessional. **Motion Carried** Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

19-20-039 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the appointment of Lukas Krolikowski – MS/HS Alpine Ski Coach.

Aves: 6 Navs: 0 **Motion Carried**

19-20-040 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Bretzke - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Nays: 0 **Motion Carried** Ayes: 6

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: Mrs. Pomper asked if there is a plan in place to go to The Senior Gathering Place and inquired as to whether or not the Benzie Bus has bond pamphlets. Superintendent Olson confirmed that we have been meeting with seniors in the

community. Board members stated the mailer was great and Mrs. Pomper's Facebook post was awesome. Superintendent Olson stressed that it is important to focus on the positive.

Announcements:

- October 17th Final Future Planning Committee Meeting Lucky Dog 6:00 PM.
 October 23rd Digital Sign Update Meeting
- 3. October 24th Memorial Dedication Cindy Olmstead, Julie Mountz, and Kitty Norman 5:00 PM.
- 4. October 25th Webber Foundation Outwear Distribution
- 5. November 1st- RSDD Benzie Central Blueprint Professional Development site.

It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried