



**B. Early Childhood Update – Kendra McIntyre – Early Childhood Coordinator –**  
 Kendra shared Growth Data for our Benzie Central Early Childhood Programs. In 2017-18, Paul Oliver serviced two classrooms with 30 students, only one being Special Education Inclusion. In 2018-19, Benzie County Central Schools serviced two classrooms with 33 students, two being Special Education Inclusion. Currently, for the 2019-20 school year, BCCS services three classrooms with 50+ students, twelve being Special Education Inclusion. Kendra shared her appreciation with the Board of Education for supporting the Early Childhood Program and shared pride regarding the growth of the program.

**C. Resignations –**  
 a) Kendra McIntyre – Early Childhood Coordinator

**Board of Education/Committee Reports –**

**A. Policy Committee Update – 34-1 Board Policies- First Reading - The Policy Committee of the BCCS School Board met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, to review the latest policy update from NEOLA. Administration reminded the committee that Thrun would be coming out with a policy service soon and that we are interested in looking at this new, streamlined policy service with great anticipation. In the meantime, the following updates were provided from NEOLA and all are recommended for adoption.**

***Policy 1420/3220 – School Administrator and Professional Staff Evaluation:***  
 Revises evaluation policies to be compliant with law, raising student growth percentage of the evaluation from 25% to 40%.

***Policies 1615, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434 -*** All of these policies are related to the prohibition of tobacco products in schools. Definitions were expanded to include “vaping” materials and ensure uniform prohibition for ALL staff, students, and visitors on school grounds and at school functions.

***Policy 2265 Child Care Center Staff and Volunteers:*** This policy is new and calls for compliance with LARA and statutes on compliance with intensive background checks for child care centers. Because we now run an early childhood program, this policy makes sense for adoption and simply puts into policy what we already do and are required to do for safety of our youngest kids.

***Policy 2628 State Aid Incentives-*** This policy relates to the “at-risk” students in our district and how the state defines what an “at-risk” student is. The updated language from the state is now included in the policy which has a direct impact on funding.

***Policy 3210 – Staff Ethics -*** This revision includes provisions from the recently approved Michigan Code of Educational Ethics from MDE. Its boilerplate language that gives further direction on what professional expectations are for our professional staff.

***Policy 5230 – Late Arrival and Early Dismissal*** - This revision clarifies that we can require a photo ID when a person other than the parent/guardian comes to pick up a child from school. This is already a practice in our buildings (excepting of course when we already know and are familiar with the person as a recognized, documented emergency contact for a child).

***Policy 6800 – System of Accounting*** - This revision is to reflect the recently updated GASB 84 requirements of the Governing Accounting Standards Board regarding student and school related activity funds and reflects requirements now outlined in the Michigan Public Schools Accounting Manual.

***Policy 7300 – Disposition of Real Property*** - This language has been clarified to list options for disposition of real estate property (listing with agent, auction, bid process) as well as to clarify language regarding boards being required to have final approval over a sale. Good reminders given our tasks ahead.

***Policy 7440.03 Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems*** - This is a new policy to prohibit use of unmanned aircraft (drones) except with approval from the district (superintendent). This is a rapidly growing area and gives us some options to control their use now and in the future. Don't be surprised to see further clarification on this one in the future.

***Policy 8400 – School Safety Information*** - This revision includes a revised threat assessment protocol. In practice, our work with our school liaison officer as well as with our county emergency management directed School Safety Group (SSG) has put us in strong compliance with this policy as updated.

***Policy 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect***- This revision simply clarifies who “mandated reporters” are in accordance with statute so as to broadly encompass school staff. Previously it had referred only to “professional staff” which was not seen as sufficiently inclusive. FIA verbiage changed to DHHS.

**Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – NONE**

**Discussion Topics:**

- A. Bond Proposal Scope Timeline** - Superintendent Olson provided the Board of Education a Bond Proposal Timeline for both August 2020 and November 2020, as well as a Revised Bond Proposal Draft Concept for consideration. The Board of Education discussed timeline and scope considerations for the future bond proposal. Superintendent Olson recommends both bond timeline and scope be an action item at the regularly scheduled February 2020 Board of Education meeting.

**Action Topics:**

**19-20-079** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the Elementary Course Catalog.

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**19-20-080** It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the Superintendent Evaluation and Rating.

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**19-20-081** It was moved by Mrs. Cota Hill and supported by Mr. Gray to approve the authorization of the Superintendent to seek sale of Platte River Elementary.

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Audience Participation (Open Topics):** Karen Frederick – Thompsonville, took the podium. She inquired on the voting turn-out, age range, and demographics for the May 2019 and November 2019 Bond Proposals. She suggested we keep the full scope on the ballot, and focus on marketing going forward.

**Board Communication: NONE**

**Announcements:**

1. January 17 – End of 1<sup>st</sup> Semester – Early Release
2. January 20 – No School for staff and students.

**19-20-082** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:11 PM.

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

  
Secretary, Board of Education