

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, July 13, 2020, at Benzie Central Middle School, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI 49616.

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

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

Members Absent: NONE

20-21-004 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-005 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Gray to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: June 22 2020 – Regular | Budget Hearing

B. Business: General Fund Bills – 665,127.81

C. Support Staff Appointments: NONE

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication: NONE

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA – NO REPORT

B. August 4, 2020 | Bond Proposal Update – Megan Barnard – Megan shared that the committee is currently working on their postcard campaign, slated to reach 3,000 households. Yes for BC Kids will be hosting a 9-Hole Golf Scramble on Sunday July 19, 2020 at 1:00 PM to help defer costs.

C. Resignations –

- Linda Palmer – Coach– 8th Grade Volleyball

Board of Education/Committee Reports – NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) –NONE

Discussion Topics:

- A. Benzie Virtual K-5- Interim Superintendent David Clasen presented to the Board of Education the planning phases of our Benzie Virtual K-5 platform. This platform would provide students and families with virtual options. Principal, Larry Haughn, researched pricing for Edmentum, Edgenuity, and Lincoln. Michigan Virtual has announced promotional opportunities for the fall of 2020, which is another possible avenue. The district is looking toward an ISD consortium to defray costs.**
- B. One-to-One Chromebook Initiative – Interim Superintendent David Clasen shared with the Board of Education the initiative to provide each student a Chromebook device. The Initiative includes: HP Chromebooks (11A G8 EE 11.6” Touch NB and 11A G8 EE 11” NB), Management Console Licensing, Carrying Cases, Sleeves, and a three-year warranty. Technology district/parent/student agreements will be implemented at the time of distribution. The One-to One Chromebook Initiative is not to exceed \$326,917.**
- C. Marching Band Uniform Update – Marching Band Uniforms that were ordered in February 2020, have been delivered. A uniform and accessories were on display for the Board of Education.**
- D. Executive Order 2020-142 & Return to School Road Map – Interim Superintendent Clasen discussed Executive Order 2020-142 (COVID-19), effective, June 30, 2020. This executive order provides a structure to support all schools in Michigan as they plan for a return of preK-12 education in the fall. Under the order, school districts must adopt a COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan laying out how they will cope with the disease across the various phases of the Michigan Safe Start Plan. In turn, the accompanying Michigan Return to School Roadmap offers a guide to the types of safety protocols appropriate during each phase. The Roadmap provides required and strongly recommended safety protocols to keep school communities safe based on the status of the coronavirus. Additionally, the Roadmap provides recommendations across mental and social-emotional health, instruction, and operations within each phase of the MI Safe Start Plan, to support all schools in Michigan as they continue their return to school planning work and move towards implementation. Depending on the status of MI Safe Schools, there are three scenarios for school opening in fall 2020: Schools open for in-person instruction with minimal required safety protocols (MI Safe Start Phase 6), Schools open for in-person instruction with moderate required safety protocols(MI Safe Start Phase 5), Schools open for in-person instruction with more stringent required safety protocols (MI Safe Start Phase 4), Schools do not open for in-person instruction and instruction is provided remotely (MI Safe Start Phases 1-3). A school’s Preparedness Plan must be informed by the Roadmap. A school without an approved Preparedness Plan may not open or offer in-person instruction for the 2020-21 school year. Food Service, Staff Health Care, and retainer substitute teachers were also discussed. A Preparedness Plan will be voted on at the August 10, 2020 board meeting.**

- E. Face Masks – District Staff and Students –BSN Sports – Safety protocol – The Board of Education discussed providing staff, and students with face masks for the 2020-21 school year. The discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on August 10, 2020, contingent upon additional quotes/pricing and the Executive Order 2020-142 & Return to School Road Map.**
- F. Thrun- Policies and Guidelines – The Thrun Policy Service is now available for order. Thrun Policies are designed to be legally compliant and provide school officials with guidance and flexibility in a well-organized and user-friendly format. Interim Superintendent Clasen provided the board of education with a format comparison to that of NEOLA. The Board of Education plans to vote on the Thrun Policies and Guidelines Service at the next regularly scheduled August 10, 2020 board meeting.**

Action Topics:

20-21-006 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the appointment of Cassondra Bentley – Middle School/High School Special Education Teacher.

Ayes: 7

Motion Carried

20-21-007 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the 2020/21 Elementary Course Catalog.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-008 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the 2020/21 Middle School Course Catalog, High School Course Catalog, and Benzie Academy (Edgenuity) Course Catalog.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-009 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the Edgenuity District (6th-12th Grade) Virtual Course Catalog.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-010 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the 2020/21 District Calendar.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-011 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the One-to One Chromebook Initiative, not to exceed \$326,917.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-012 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the Authorized Signatory – David A. Clasen, replacing Matthew P. Olson on all of the below accounts at Honor Bank:

- General Fund Checking (also remove Diane Fernelius)
- General Fund Savings (also remove Diane Fernelius)
- Food Service Account (also remove Diane Fernelius)
- Sinking Fund 2017-2026
- Early Childhood Savings (also remove Kendra McIntyre)
- Early Childhood Checking
- Dependent Care Checking
- Benzie Central Recyclers (remove Regina Spoor; add Michele Murray in addition to David A. Clasen)

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication: NONE

Announcements:

1. Congratulations to Interim Superintendent, David Clasen, on a great first meeting.
2. July 31, 2020 - 4:00 PM – Special Meeting Board Workshop – Auditorium.
3. August 10, 2020 – 7:00 PM - Board of Education Meeting.

20-21-013 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Gray adjourn the regular meeting at 8:25 PM.

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Motion Carried


Secretary, Board of Education