

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, August 24, 2020 at the Crystal Lake Golf Club, 8493 Fairway Dr., Beulah MI. 49617

A Meet and Greet was held from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. The staff and community were able to meet the candidates and ask questions, in a series of rotations.

- **Travis Walker**
- **Dorothy Blackwell**
- **Amiee Erfourth**

President Childs called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

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

Members Absent: Ms. Cota Hill

**20-21-035 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the agenda as written.
 Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

Board of Education President, Brian Childs, shared with community members, the opportunity for public comment.

Public Comment: Bill Kennis shared that he enjoyed Dorothy's entrepreneurial background, and enthusiasm. He shared that Amiee is Amiee. Deb Frisbie added that when asking Dorothy, why Benzie, she replied that district fits her expertise. Phil Cook added that Dorothy's experience is pretty good. She already works in a district of similar size, and is a people person. Phil also added that she had a millage knowledge. Phil also shared that he knew Aimee from positive personal experiences. Phil added that Travis lacked depth of answers or knowledge base. Megan Barnard added that she seconded all that Phil had just stated. Sarah Ross shared that she felt all the candidates were great. She liked Dorothy's millage knowledge. She also stated that she felt both Travis and Amiee would support the #onebenzie, and that would be something our community could invest in. Karen Zickert appreciated that Dorothy referred to herself as being the master teacher; cohesion at all levels. Deb shared the board concern about Dorothy's possible short-term investment, and thought that Aimee could prep to take over. Megan Barnard shared that longevity wasn't always good with superintendents, and that she didn't want anyone for thirty years. Doug Taylor added that leadership will be a huge factor due to COVID-19 and uncertainties. Deb Frisbie asked if candidates were aware of the salary range. Ferd deGuia asked the Board of Education if a decision would be made that same evening.

Board of Education: President Childs shared that the board would reconvene later that evening, Monday, August 24th, for Second Round Interviews beginning at 6:00 PM. He also shared that the interviews were open to the public, available by phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation to ensure safety. Information is located at www.benzieschools.net. Mr. Childs also shared that the community would be able to send candidate questions to Jay Bennett, jbennett@masb.org, or by texting 517-327-5928.

20-21-036 It was moved by Mrs. Pomper and supported by Mrs. Brown to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 4:46 PM.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried


Secretary, Board of Education