

SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at Benzie Central CBO, 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia, MI. 49616

For the health and safety of all involved, this special school board meeting took place electronically/virtually. Call-in information to access the meeting, is located on our district website, www.benzieschools.net. meet.google.com/bvn-pmxe-sae

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President Childs called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

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

Members Absent: Noffsinger

20-21-074 It was moved by Mr. Gray and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve the agenda as written.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-075 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: - NONE

B. Business: General Fund Bills - NONE

C. Support Staff Appointments: NONE

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report: NONE

Board of Education/Committee Reports: NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – NONE

Discussion Topics:

- A. MDHHS Epidemic Order – Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order. This order takes effect on November 18, 2020 at 12:01 AM, at which time the October 29, 2020, order entitled Gatherings and Face Mask Order is rescinded. This order remains in effect through December 8, 2020 at 11:59 PM. Superintendent Erfourth provided the Board of Education with a copy of the Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order.

B. Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOL) update – Given Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253, the following would require ECOL amendments. High School students (9th-12th) will move to remote learning, and Kindergarten through 8th grade will remain in-person instruction;

- ***Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools for the purpose of conducting in-person instruction, sports, and extracurricular activities serving pupils in grades 9 through 12 are prohibited, except for in-person instruction of pupils who are English Language Learners or participants in special education services.***
- ***Gatherings at public, nonpublic, and boarding schools for the purpose of conducting in-person instruction of pupils in prekindergarten through grade 8 are permitted, subject to local health department and school district decisions on remote learning. Gatherings for the purpose of sports and extracurricular activity are prohibited.***

Kindergarten through 5th grade students are now required to wear masks in their cohorts/classrooms. Exceptions would require medical documentation, 504 Plans, or Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

- ***A person responsible for a business, store, office, government office, school, organized event, or other operation, or an agent of such person, may not assume that someone who enters the facility without a face mask falls within one of the exceptions specified in section 8 of this order, including the exception for individuals who cannot medically tolerate a face mask. An individual's verbal representation that they are not wearing a face mask because they fall within a specified exception, however, may be accepted.***
- ***A person responsible for a child-care organization or camp, or an agent of such person, must not allow gatherings unless face masks are worn by all staff. Children must wear face masks as indicated below : (1) All children 2 years and older when on a school bus or other transportation provided by the child-care organization or camp; (2) All children 4 years and older when in indoor hallways and indoor common areas; (3) All children 5 years and older when in classrooms, homes, cabins, or similar indoor settings.***

Exceptions to face mask requirements. Although a face mask is strongly encouraged even for individuals not required to wear one (except for children under the age of 2),

the requirement to wear a face mask in gatherings as required by this order does not apply to individuals who:

- (a) Are younger than 5 years old, outside of child-care organization setting (which are subject to requirements set out in section 7(e));
- (b) Cannot medically tolerate a face mask;
- (c) Are eating or drinking while seated at a food service establishment or at a private residence;
- (d) Are exercising outdoors and able to consistently maintain 6 feet of distance from others;
- (e) Are swimming;
- (f) Are receiving a medical service for which removal of the face mask is necessary;
- (g) Are asked to temporarily remove a face mask for identification purposes;
- (h) Are communicating with someone who is deaf, deafblind, or hard of hearing and whose ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
- (i) Are actively engaged in a public safety role, including but not limited to law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel, and where wearing a face mask would seriously interfere in the performance of their public safety responsibilities;
- (j) Are at a polling place for purposes of voting in an election;
- (k) Are engaging in a religious service; or
- (l) Are giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience, provided that the audience is at least 6 feet away from the speaker.

Action Topics:

20-21-076 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (ECOL) with the following amendments; 9th-12th grades Remote Instruction, Early Childhood-8th grade remain in-person instruction, and K-5 masks in cohorts/classrooms per Emergency Order under MCL 333.2253 – Gatherings and Face Mask Order effective November 18, 2020 at 12:01 AM through December 8, 2020 at 11:59 PM, at which time the Board of Education will revisit.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 2 Childs, Gray

Motion Carried

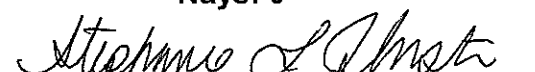
Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

20-21-077 It was moved by Mrs. Pomper and supported by Mrs. Johnston to adjourn the Special Board Meeting at 9:30 AM.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried


Secretary, Board of Education