SPECIAL MEETING

A Special meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Tuesday, June 29, 2021, in the Middle School Computer Lab. MDHHS has amended its order to now allow for inperson board meetings that are exempt from the 25 person capacity limit. Updates can be found here. It is recommended that if we are holding an in-person board meeting, we not allow virtual public comment but only allow those in attendance to comment. (If a school board is not conducting a virtual meeting in whole or in part under OMA, MASB recommends that the board limit public comment to individuals who are attending the meeting in person.)
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*Please note that this Special Meeting was rescheduled from our originally scheduled Regular Board Meeting, on Monday, June 21, 2021.

President Childs called the Public Forum to order at 6:30 p.m. — One person was in attendance, but not for the Public Forum.

President Childs called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Pomper,

Mr. Childs, Mr. Noffsinger, Ms. Cota Hill (tardy)

Members Absent: Mrs. Johnston

20-21-167 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Brown to approve

the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5 Navs: 0 Motion Carried

20-21-168 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

A. Minutes: June 7, 2021 | Regular

B. Business: General Fund Bills - \$472,978.86

C. Support Staff Appointments:

- 1. Misty Tennant Betsie Valley Elementary Secretary
- D. Staff Assignment Changes:
 - Alyssa Holston Betsie Valley Elementary Paraprofessional –
 5.5 to 6.5
- E. Leave of Absence:
 - 1. NONE
- F. Public Act 149 of 2020 monthly two-way interaction rates, instructional delivery methods, Benchmark Assessments
- G. Public Act 165 of 2020 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plans Monthly Submissions June 2021

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Board Blueprint Communication: NONE

Student Council Report: NONE

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA - NONE

- B. 2021/22 ESS Midwest, Inc. Addendum to Extend Agreement Addendum to extend agreement between Benzie County Central Schools and EES Midwest, Inc., through June 30, 2022 to provide staffing to fill positions.
- C. 2021/22 Adopted Budget Director of Finance, Justin Weston Mr. Weston shared with the Board of Education the Annual Requirements, 2021/2022 Budget Adoption and Truth in Taxation 2021 Tax Rate Request.
 As of the June 29th meeting, the state had not finalized their budget for the school year. In a conservative move, the District is budgeting for a per pupil foundation allowance of \$8,236, up from \$8,111 from the previous school year. Once the state finalizes their budget, we can make adjustments in the amendment mid-year.
 Total General Fund Budget for School Year 2021-2022 is \$15,040,137 We have allocated \$14,916,742 for FY22 expenditures
 We project carryover of \$123,395.
- D. Savings Account Honor State Bank Debt Service Tax Collection This account would be opened for Bond funds.
- E. 2021/22 Tax Levy Rates Director of Finance, Justin Weston presented the Board of Education a copy of the 2021/22 Tax Levy rates.
- F. Platte River Elementary Property transfer Superintendent Erfourth Mrs. Erfourth shared that she spoke with Kirk Hearld, from Thrun, and he has advised that we pause with finalizing the easement so that Homestead Township can approve the new easement descriptions and legal documents. Once they complete their portion of the paperwork, we can sign the documents. Since the easement impacts the sale of Platte River Elementary, he also advised that we complete the easement work first, as the easement description is in the legal sale document. She has asked Kirk for an update on Thursday and he said he would reach out to Homestead's attorney. To date, she has not heard back. Her hope is to have the finalized by August 2021, so the Board of Education can take action at their regularly scheduled board meeting.
- G. Henry Road Resolution Board of Education Trustee, Jason Barnard has been working on the creation of a resolution, on behalf of the BCCS Board, to support abandoning Henry Road from the Pinecroft Golf Course to the school property boundary line on Henry Road. The Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of the school district, in the protection of public Health, safety, and welfare, that the unpaved portion of Henry Road running east and west be abandoned by the Benzie County Road Commission. The Benzie County Central School Board of Education would like to meet with the Benzie County Road Commission prior to taking action on the resolution in July.

H. Letter of Agreement – BCCS – BCCEA 2020/2021 Extra Duties Compensation – Two-Way Documentation for Virtual students - The association has agreed to a one-time \$500 stipend for extra duties as assigned for completing two-way interactions and additional teaching duties. This payment was for teachers who taught in-person classes, as well as carried a caseload of students that learned online. The students that worked online required a teacher to oversee their learning modules, open assignments/tests, and complete a minimum of two interactions a week. These teachers had to learn new platforms and track down students to ensure a two-way interaction occurred for each student at minimum of two times a week. Teachers that taught strictly online all year were not eligible as this was their full-time position.

I. Resignations:

- Corey Bechler JV Volleyball Coach
- Erin Schoch Middle School 6.5 Paraprofessional
- Aubrey Ann Parker Girls Varsity Soccer Middle School Co-Ed Soccer
- Nathan Lane Varsity Football
- Misty Tennant Betsie Valley Elementary 6.5 Paraprofessional
- Elizabeth Miller Lake Ann Elementary 5.5 Paraprofessional

J. Retirements:

NONE

Board of Education/Committee Reports -

- A. Buildings and Grounds Committee
 - 1. Bond Project Updates President, Brian Childs, shared that the CORE team met this past Wednesday.
 - New Elementary Exterior canopy designs and color options
 - Lake Ann Elementary Boilers have been delivered, new signage mid-July, and new membrane roof.
 - High School Addition Concession space, Gymnasium space, center the court.
 - Transportation Bus Garage In the design development stage. Bus wash stations, cranes, air compressors.
 - Betsie Valley Elementary In the design development stage. Roof will be a complete tear off, re-do parking lot.
 - High School | Middle School Phase 2. Estimates price wise came in on target. Serving line improvements in the cafeteria, pausing on life skills classroom. Gas shut off in science classrooms, rest room ceilings. Cabinetry in classrooms, cast iron replacement. Football stadium light poles.

Kingscott will be on site next Wednesday, July 7.

2. Platte River Elementary Update – Superintendent Erfourth shared that the auction held on June 12, 2021 went well. Final profit is \$7,402.80.

- B. Policy Committee -
 - 3100 General Operations 3118 Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy Update on District Designated Title IX Coordinators.
 - Emily Burrus
 - Steve Graetz
 - Kirsten Cline
 - Josh Lovendusky

Professional Development training was held on the last day of school.

- 2. Drug and Alcohol Testing Athletics Board of Education Trustee, Jason Barnard, shared that the policy committee was in the planning phases of potentially looking to adopt this policy. Before moving forward, a feedback survey will be put in place for parents, students, staff, and coaches.
- C. Finance Committee Board of Education Treasurer, Amber Pomper, shared that she met with both Director of Finance, Justin Weston, and Superintendent Erfourth on June 24th. The goal going forward is to create general budget graphs each month for the Board of Education.
- D. Educational Foundation Board of Education Vice-President, Nicki Brown shared that senior night went well. The Educational foundation is looking to partner with other foundations. The next meeting will be held on September 15, 2021.
- E. Liaison/Curriculum –NONE
- F. Negotiations Superintendent Erfourth
- Transportation Update Superintendent Erfourth, Nicki Brown, and Chris Noffsinger met with the bargaining unit. They are negotiating a salary increase, and an additional paid holiday.
- > Secretarial Superintendent Erfourth, Lori Cota Hill, and Jason Barnard met with the bargaining unit. They are negotiating a salary increase, and an additional paid holiday, and hard cap insurance rates.
- Non-Union Update These contracts were shared with the Board of Education are up for approval this evening.
 - G. Benzie Academy NONE

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) - NONE

Discussion Topics:

- A. Extended Learning Plan (ECOL) Superintendent Erfourth shared that the ECOL expires on June 30, 2021, and we are still waiting on MDHHS.
- B. Advertising –
- Commercial During Olympics July 23rd August 8th.
- District wide t-shirts

The Board of Education agreed they were interested in doing both.

Action Topics:

20-21-169 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Extended Learning Plan (ECOL).

Ayes: 6

Navs: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-170 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the 2021/2022 ESS Midwest, Inc. Addendum to Extend Agreement.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-171 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to approve the 2020/21 Adopted Budget.

- 1. General Fund
- 2. Food Service
- 3. Community Service Fund (Early Childhood)
- 4. Students/School Activity Fund

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-172 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve to open new Savings Account – Honor State Bank – Debt Service Tax Collection.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

20-21-173 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the 2021/2022 Tax Levy Rates.

- 1. Non-Homestead Millage Rate 18.00 Mills
- 2. 2017 Sinking Fund Millage Rate .8797 Mills
- 3. 2021 Debt Fund Millage Rate 1.9900 Mills

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-174 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the BCCS – BCCEA 2020/2021 Extra Duties Compensation – Two-Way Documentation for Virtual students

Ayes: 5

Abstain: Pomper

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

20-21-175 It was moved by Mrs. Brown and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the Non-Union Contracts

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Audience Participation (<u>Open Topics</u>): Terri Wilkinson, Cinder Rd., Interlochen took the podium. She expressed her gratitude to the Board of Education in regard to all the work that they are doing. She shared that more children die from the flu each year than that of COVID-19. After researching many other districts in Michigan, she urged the Board of Education to not require face masks, social distancing, and vaccinated vs. non-vaccinated separation, all of which cause division. She feels that children belong back in school at a time when suicide rates and anxiety are high in these stressed

environments. She urges for a normal environment for our students, not this so-called "new normal."

Board Communication: NONE

Announcements:

September 2, 2021 – Open Houses – Elementary 5:00 – 6:00 PM, 6th grade 5:00 – 6:00 PM, Middle School | High School 6:00 – 7:00 PM – Home football and soccer games that evening.

20-21-176 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mrs. Pomper to adjourn the regular meeting 8:34 PM

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Secretary, Board of Education

Respectfully Submitted,
Catina Crossman
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Board of Education Administrative Assistant

Benzie County Central Schools