

## REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, February 21, 2022, in the Board of Education Conference Room. *MDHHS has amended its order to now allow for in-person 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.)* (US) +1 978-254-3679 PIN: 624 349 060#

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

**Members Present:** Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Pomper, Mrs. Johnston. Ms. Cota Hill (tardy), Maya Musgrave, Student Representative (Non-voting member)

**Members Absent:** Mr. Childs, Mr. Noffsinger

**21-22-111** It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the agenda as presented.

**Ayes:** 4

**Nays:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**Opening Statement:**

We are a team. We leave our personal opinions at the door and we are bound by Policy 2302 to faithfully discharge the office of a board member and keep in mind our primary concern is the educational welfare of students focusing on governance and fiduciary obligations of the district including duties of loyalty and care, placing the District's interests above the Board member's personal interests.

**21-22-112** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

**A. Minutes:** January 10, 2022 Organizational and Regular | January 30, 2022 Special | February 15, 2022 Special

**B. Business:** General Fund Bills – 1,742,374.35

**C. Support Staff Appointments:**

1. Rebecca Kik – Secondary Counselor – Benzie Academy
2. Dana Shepherd – Secondary Mathematics Teacher – High School

3. Rich Gottardo – Head Varsity Baseball Coach

4. Irvin Meachum – Bus Driver -Transportation Department

**D. Staff Assignment Changes:**

1. Lisa Dood – Secondary Mathematics Teacher – High School – partial day – AP Calculus and Pre Calculus

**E. Leave of Absence:**

1. Wakako Wynkoop – (continued extension)

**Ayes:** 4

**Nays:** 0

**Motion Carried**

**District Impact Team Update:** Board of Education Secretary, Stephanie Johnston, shared the following regarding the DIT team. The MS/HS administration presented an update regarding the Building-wide behavior data as did Lake Ann Elementary, Betsie Valley Elementary, and Crystal Lake Elementary. The DIT members all went through the Tuning Protocol to provide feedback on the data to bring back to the BITs. District ISSN Leadership was provided a direction and met. Next they will be updating the DIT. The Formative Assessment Walkthrough data was reviewed for the purpose of checking in with admin regarding the frequency of walkthroughs this school year. DIT Team spent a good deal of time working on action plan steps for Results Driven Accountability. Sharyl Corey and Matt from Northwest Education, will now look at Dynamic Results Driven Accountability. The next meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, February 22, 2022.

**Student Council Report:** Student Council Board of Education Representative, Maya Musgrave shared that this was snowcoming week. Wednesday is Beach Day, Thursday is Pajama Day, and Friday is Red and White Day. Currently, the high school students are taking nominations for their snowcoming court. The king and queen, prince and princess, and sophomore and freshmen representatives will be announced at half time of the varsity basketball game this Friday night. Student Council is also looking to put out an electronic survey to students, so that they may address concerns or offer suggestions. Together, they are hoping to solve arising issues. National Honor Society tutoring has been going so well, that it is now extended into the middle school. The top ten will be announced this week. The next student council meeting will be held on February 22, 2022.

**Administration Report:**

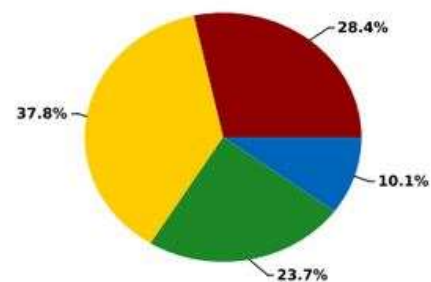
- A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth shared that there was a special meeting in Lansing on February 16, 2022. Senator Wayne Schmidt and Representative Paquett joined area superintendents to seek input on budgetary priorities. The focus was on supporting an increase in per pupil funds, looking at ways to support schools with funds from the Governor's infrastructure package, special education cost offsets, and increasing funding for transportation especially for districts with a large coverage area.
- B. Academic Goals & Benchmark Assessments – Public Act 48 of 2021, Section 98b – Superintendent Erfourth – Mrs. Erfourth updated the Board of Education on project proficiency and students who have met their grown projection.

## NWEA Winter 2022 Math

Projected to: **Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress** taken in **spring**.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/michigan-linking-study/>

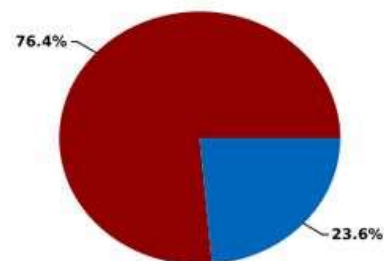
Grade	Student Count	Not Proficient		Partially Proficient		Proficient		Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	93	33	35.5%	23	24.7%	19	20.4%	18	19.4%
3	81	14	17.3%	27	33.3%	33	40.7%	7	8.6%
4	102	25	24.5%	49	48.0%	22	21.6%	6	5.9%
5	92	38	41.3%	33	35.9%	13	14.1%	8	8.7%
6	72	20	27.8%	34	47.2%	13	18.1%	5	6.9%
7	63	13	20.6%	24	38.1%	19	30.2%	7	11.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>10.1%</b>



Projected to: **SAT** taken in **spring**.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/map-growth-college-readiness-benchmarks/>

Grade	Student Count	Not On Track		On Track	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
5	96	67	69.8%	29	30.2%
6	83	64	77.1%	19	22.9%
7	78	68	87.2%	10	12.8%
8	94	71	75.5%	23	24.5%
9	73	54	74.0%	19	26.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>76.4%</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23.6%</b>



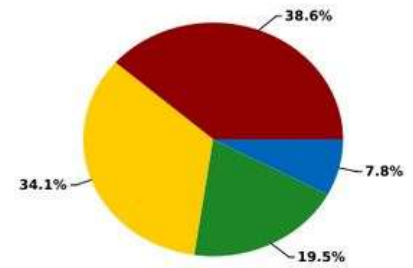
## NWEA Fall 2021

## Math

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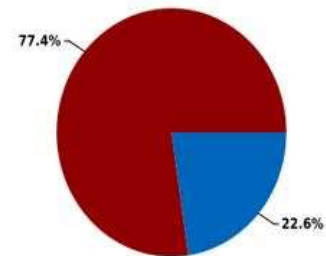
Grade	Student Count	Not Proficient		Partially Proficient		Proficient		Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	73	39	53.4%	20	27.4%	8	11.0%	6	8.2%
3	84	36	42.9%	24	28.6%	18	21.4%	6	7.1%
4	81	13	16.0%	38	46.9%	21	25.9%	9	11.1%
5	98	40	40.8%	36	36.7%	16	16.3%	6	6.1%
6	85	30	35.3%	30	35.3%	16	18.8%	9	10.6%
7	77	34	44.2%	22	28.6%	18	23.4%	3	3.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>38.6%</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>34.1%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>7.8%</b>



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Grade	Student Count	Not On Track		On Track	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
5	98	70	71.4%	28	28.6%
6	85	64	75.3%	21	24.7%
7	77	60	77.9%	17	22.1%
8	100	81	81.0%	19	19.0%
9	73	60	82.2%	13	17.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>22.6%</b>



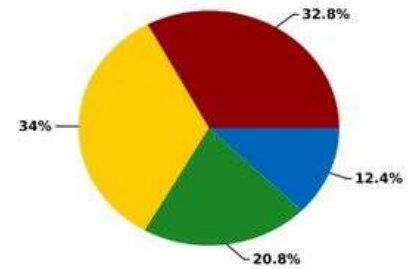
## NWEA Fall 2021

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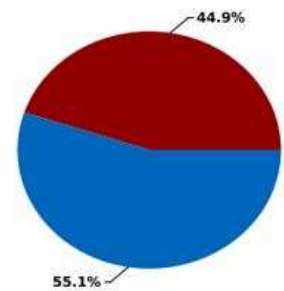
Grade	Student Count	Not Proficient		Partially Proficient		Proficient		Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	73	36	49.3%	22	30.1%	8	11.0%	7	9.6%
3	85	41	48.2%	29	34.1%	7	8.2%	8	9.4%
4	82	16	19.5%	24	29.3%	20	24.4%	22	26.8%
5	98	25	25.5%	33	33.7%	31	31.6%	9	9.2%
6	82	24	29.3%	25	30.5%	21	25.6%	12	14.6%
7	71	19	26.8%	34	47.9%	15	21.1%	3	4.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>32.8%</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>12.4%</b>



Projected to: SAT taken in **spring**.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/map-growth-college-readiness-benchmarks/>

Grade	Student Count	Not On Track		On Track	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
5	98	38	38.8%	60	61.2%
6	82	31	37.8%	51	62.2%
7	71	38	53.5%	33	46.5%
8	97	51	52.6%	46	47.4%
9	71	30	42.3%	41	57.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>44.9%</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>55.1%</b>

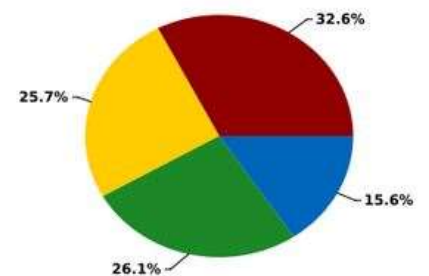


## NWEA Winter 2022 Reading

Projected to: Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress taken in **spring**.

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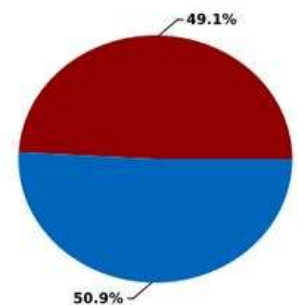
Grade	Student Count	Not Proficient		Partially Proficient		Proficient		Advanced	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
2	92	44	47.8%	23	25.0%	11	12.0%	14	15.2%
3	80	20	25.0%	21	26.3%	26	32.5%	13	16.3%
4	101	35	34.7%	24	23.8%	27	26.7%	15	14.9%
5	91	27	29.7%	17	18.7%	26	28.6%	21	23.1%
6	75	23	30.7%	28	37.3%	21	28.0%	3	4.0%
7	74	18	24.3%	19	25.7%	23	31.1%	14	18.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>32.6%</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>25.7%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>26.1%</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>15.6%</b>



Projected to: SAT taken in **spring**.

View Linking Study: <https://www.nwea.org/resources/map-growth-college-readiness-benchmarks/>

Grade	Student Count	Not On Track		On Track	
		Count	Percent	Count	Percent
5	95	39	41.1%	56	58.9%
6	78	34	43.6%	44	56.4%
7	71	41	57.7%	30	42.3%
8	86	47	54.7%	39	45.3%
9	67	34	50.7%	33	49.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>49.1%</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>50.9%</b>



**Achievement or Growth on Benchmark Assessment K-5**

Reporting Category	Fall 2021		Winter 2021	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
All Students	51%	48%	44%	53%
English Learner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female (169)	43%	33%	46%	53%
Male (205)	41%	44%	42%	53%
African American	60%	53%	33%	100%
American Indian	34%	32%	50%	50%
Asian	N/A	N/A	50%	50%
Hispanic	55%	77%	33%	33%
Multi-ethnic	54%	56%	38%	37%
White	53%	56%	44%	54%

**Achievement or Growth on Benchmark Assessment 6th-8th**

Reporting Category	Fall 2021		Winter 2022	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
All Students	35%	31%	47%	47%
English Learner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	38%	23%	46%	53%
Male	32%	39%	48%	42%
African American	1%	5%	0%	0%
American Indian	14%	15%	33%	0%
Asian	N/A	N/A	50%	100%
Hispanic	13%	77%	0%	100%
Multi-ethnic	91%	80%	50%	27%
White	28%	31%	48%	49%

**Achievement or Growth on Benchmark Assessment 9th-12th**

Reporting Category	Fall 2021		Winter 2022	
	Reading	Math	Reading	Math
All Students	59%	51%	43%	62%
English Learner	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Female	63%	47%	49%	68%
Male	54%	54%	37%	56%
African American	0%	0%	0%	100%
American Indian	50%	25%	50%	50%
Asian	66%	33%	33%	66%
Hispanic	33%	33%	33%	0%
Multi-ethnic	22%	38%	50%	33%
White	61%	52%	43%	63%

- C. School Nurse - .5 FTE shared with Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools- 31o funding – Superintendent Erfourth. Superintendent Erfourth is recommending hiring a school nurse for the 2022/23 school year, to be shared with the Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools. This would be a half-time shared position with Frankfort Schools. The nurse would help with immunizations, medical plans for students, training for staff, help with communicable disease reporting, etc. The cost to Benzie would be approximately \$10,000 per year if we apply for the 31o funds. Michelle Klein from the Health Department shared the amount for us to request is salary + fringes. We are basing this on a salary of 73,040 (the legislated salary max) + 48.5% fringes, for a total of \$108,500 for each full time nurse.**



- D. 2021/22 Budget Amendment #1 – Director of Finance, Justin Weston – Mr. Weston presented the following to the Board of Education. The Truth in Taxation for 2021 was presented as a review from what was approved originally on 6/29/2021. Rates and amounts were presented. The District originally adopted \$8,326 per pupil, with 1,250 pupils expected. The state approved \$8,700 per pupil, with 1,226 pupils currently. This works out to be an additional \$370,000 in additional funding for the District. With the amendment, the District recognizes a larger amount of federal dollars, which includes the full ESSER II allocation. There have been additional grants awarded to the District including some for the early childhood program. The Board was asked to approve a General Fund budget (excluding Fund Balance) of \$16,062,946, from the original amount of \$15,040,137. The District has a large fund balance, which will serve well for Bond projects that we continue to see bid over budget. With additional funding just over one million dollars, expenses will increase just over \$900k with a breakdown presented by function. With the presented amendment, the District expects to see an ending year fund balance of \$4,892,953 where \$2.5 Million will be set aside for District projects/upgrades. \$500k for future savings to refresh technology, curriculum, buses, vehicles, athletic equipment, and furniture/equipment throughout the District. We expect to end the year with a sinking fund balance of approximately \$1,044,616. A review of the newly established Debt fund shows funds levied and payments to be made for 2022 will be covered. A quick review of the 2020 Bond funds showed what is committed and the remaining balance. Recently awarded contracts and amounts were presented. Bond project amounts, awards, and variations from budget were shown, including money set aside for each area. Community service funds should remain steady this year with the programs receiving an abundance of funding. The food service fund should maintain three months of expenditures by year end, the District has a significant surplus of 8 months of expenditures in savings. We recently received a notice from the state that we are required to complete a plan to spend those funds. This will be compiled and sent as soon as possible. We have had many projects already take place, but faced difficulty with lead times and labor shortages due to COVID19. This amendment doesn't include the \$2.2M from ESSER III that the District needs to spend by September 2023. We have applied and allocated \$1.4M towards areas that stakeholders addressed in the community survey conducted by the District as well as within the guidelines outlined by the State. The Governor outlined her Budget last week with a proposed 5% increase to the per pupil foundation bringing up to \$9,135, another increase of \$435. The House and Senate have yet to present their budgets for next year. Additional funds have been proposed for other areas and we will monitor all proposals to plan for the upcoming school year.**
- E. Forestry Project Update - Paul Gerhart, Gerhart's Tree Service, LLC – Paul shared with the Board of Education the forestry project update on the sites of the high school and new elementary, and well as the clearing of the new Henry Road.**

Payee	Item	Income	Expense
Silverleaf Sawmill	sawlogs logs and round pulp wood	\$36,020.46	
Youker Logging	pulp chips	\$6,615.72	
Gerhart Forestry	Black locust posts (estimated @ \$80 /cord)	\$240.00	
Bradley Sand and Gravel	gravel for crossing pipeline / bus garage access		\$920.00
Total		\$42,876.18	

The above numbers reflect all proceeds going to Benzie County Central schools after the commission is paid to Gerhart's Tree Service, LLC. Paul Gerhart donated \$960.00 worth of gravel, two hours of skid work, and three hours of technical tree removal from Gerhart Forestry. Casey Youker made a donation of \$1000.00 through his meat farm business to the Benzie Central FFA program. Locust posts purchased by Gerhart Forestry in the amount of \$160, which would have been worth \$40 if otherwise chipped. There is currently one dead tree to be cut near Benzie Academy; the trees there are not yet harvested. Paul shared that there is approximately one MBF (thousand board feet) of maple to be sold yet that was cut from the clearing of the new Henry Road entrance after the logging crew left.

- F. **BCCS-FEAS 2021/22 Bus Maintenance Contract Agreement – Superintendent Erfourth.** Mrs. Erfourth shared that this is an ongoing contract between us and Frankfort Elberta Area Schools for the services Bo Hebel provides to them for bus mechanic work.
- G. **Bus Purchase Update – Superintendent Erfourth – Superintendent Erfourth** shared the following on behalf of Mary Radtke, Director of Transportation. The company making the gas engines for the International buses has pulled out. We will have to get all diesel buses. We are able to upgrade to the diesel engine at no extra cost which does save us \$3,000 per bus and we should see them by the end of the school year .
- H. **Bryce Ropp – BCCS|BCCEA Letter of Agreement - .9 FTE to 1.0 FTE Semester 2.** Superintendent Erfourth shared that the Letter of Agreement is between BCCS and BCCEA to move Ropp from .9 FTE to 1.0 FTE for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Bryce is filling in for the Betsie Valley Elementary Physical Education Teacher, Leah Bowman, who is out on maternity leave. Bryce is dual certified in both music and physical education.
- I. **Approval of Northwest Education Services 2.0 Technology Contract – Effective February 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 – Superintendent Erfourth – Mrs. Erfourth** shared that this contract would allow for both Bernie Killeen and Dennis Bailey to be full time for the remainder of the 2021/22 school year. The increase in need of services was created due to the 1 to 1 chromebook initiative. We will reevaluate this contract in June of 2022 to determine if the need will still be required for the 2022/23 school year.
- J. **Paging System Update – Commtech Design – Superintendent Erfourth – Superintendent Erfourth** shared that the project is still moving forward. To date, they have completed wiring for Betsie Valley Elementary and Lake Ann

Elementary. Currently, they are still working on the MS/HS. Speakers have arrived for Betsie Valley Elementary and Lake Ann Elementary. We are still waiting on equipment for the HS/MS. They were planning to complete the transition over to the new system at Betsie Valley Elementary today. Lake Ann Elementary should be completed by the end of the month. The whole project is estimated to be completed by the end of March 2022. This system will support calling the entire district at one time, which is a wonderful safety feature.

- K. Generator Proposals/Bids – Superintendent Erfourth – Superintendent Erfourth shared that we received bids from three vendors for purchasing generators at Betsie Valley Elementary, Lake Ann Elementary and the MS/HS. Homestead Hills Elementary will have a generator included as part of the building package. Glen Lake Electric was the low bidder at \$62,321. They are projecting a 6-9 month turn around for equipment to arrive. Windemueller was \$69,238 and Feyen Zylstra was \$179,138. Superintendent Erfourth is recommending to the Board of Education going with the lowest bidder, Glen Lake Electric.**
- L. New Elementary Bids - Kris Gerke, Wolgast Corporation – Kris Gerke shared the bid openings from Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Bids were accepted until 2:00 PM and read aloud publicly at 2:02 PM. Kris presented to the Board of Education, the Wolgast Corporation report on bid results for the Benzie County Central Schools 2020 Bond Project BP#4 – Homestead Hills Elementary School. The report contained solicitation activity, bidder response, bid results and recommendations.**
- **Bid Solicitation Activity:** Wolgast sent bid documents to (8) plan rooms, posted on the Sigma-State Website, posted an advertisement in The Record Eagle, The Record Patriot, and sent out announcements to 1.769 contractor/supplies from our bidders list based on bid divisions.
  - **Bidder Response:** As recorded on the bid tabulation, there were a total of 46 bids received for these 21 bid divisions. Bids were received until 2:00 PM on February 15, 2022, and read aloud publicly at 2:02 PM on February 15, 2022.
  - **Bid Results:** Wolgast Corporation conducted post bid interviews with 23 bidders for these 21 bid divisions.
  - **Recommendations:**
    - **Wolgast recommends accepting the Award Recommendation as presented and proceeding with the work as scheduled.**
    - **The current total award recommendation for the 2020 Bond Project BP#4 project totals \$13,562,273.88 and includes the clarifications as presented.**
    - **Graham Construction did not include the 4 required items in their proposal discovered during the post-bid interview. They provided a cost of \$154,086.48 to cover the General Trades scope of work.**
    - **Bloxom Roofing bid a PVC roof and offered a voluntary add alternate to increase the membrane from a 60mil to an 80mil to match the new MS/HS roof installed in 2021. This is an additional \$18, 201.00.**

- Flairwood did not receive pricing from the mobile casework vendor prior to the bid and had to exclude these items at bid day. Contractor did receive pricing from the supplier for this alternative casework for a cost of \$31,507.00. This increased the Alternate Casework amount to \$44,718.49.
- Elmer's Excavating was the real low bidder but did not include the digging and backfilling of the building, interior slab grading and compacting, or the domestic water well. They did provide a transportation site restoration cost.
- AJ's Excavating has the scope of work covered. They provided a transportation restoration cost of \$10,602.00 included in the project total above.
- The project, as recommended, is \$116,341.12 under budget.

Kris recommends to the Board of Education to move forward with the recommendations, and states will have a new elementary school for the fall of 2023. Kris also shared that the High School Phase II is out for bids right now.

**M. New Elementary School Name – Superintendent Erfourth shared the staff/student/community survey results. An overwhelming majority, 76% to 24% preferred Homestead Hills Elementary over Platte Lake Elementary.**

**N. Resignations:**

- Raine Johnson – Middle/High School Secretary – effective January 31, 2022
- Tina Page – Bus Driver – Transportation Department – effective February 25, 2022

**O. Retirements:**

- Andrea Harig – Paraprofessional- Amended Retirement Date August 31, 2021 to July 1, 2021 – Early Retirement – ORS – Superintendent Erfourth shared with the Board of Education that the ORS is willing to amend her retirement date for early retirement options should the Board of Education approve the amended date. The amended date does align with contractual language.

**Board of Education/Committee Reports –**

**A. Buildings and Grounds Committee –**

1. Bond Project Updates – Board of Education President, Nicki Brown, shared that as Kris Gerke shared earlier this evening, Elementary bids have been opened and publicly read. Nicki also shared that that high school phase II bids went out this past Friday and closes on March 16, 2022. This requires our Regularly March Board of Education meeting to be moved from March 14, 2022 to March 21, 2022. The CORE team continues to meet weekly and they are all breathing much easier now that those elementary bids are in.

**B. Policy Committee –**

1. ***Policy 2306 Board Member Compensation – This policy was intentionally left blank in September 2020 when the Board of Education adopted Thrun Policies. The Board of Education will take action this evening, though no changes have been made to compensation or number of meetings annually. “Board of Education members will receive \$30.00 per meeting, with a max of 52 meetings per year. Payments will be dispersed in December and June of each year.***
2. ***Form 5206-F-17 Board Resolution: Reinstatement of Expelled Student -Due to a recent change to Section 8 of the Open Meeting Act, the attached Form was updated to comply with that change. The only change made was to No. 6 on page 1. Reference to “Sections 8(b) and 8(h)” were changed to “Sections 8(1)(b) and 8(1)(h).” This form is part of the Administrative Guidelines and Forms. (Guidelines and Forms do not need approval)***
3. ***Policy 5206A Student Conduct and Discipline –This policy aligns with Policy 5206 and complies with all relevant laws and rules and reflects the most common practices to address student discipline.***

Superintendent Erfourth shared that Administration and the Policy Committee will be meeting soon to go over the Student Handbook for the 2022/23 school year. She explained that the Student Handbook was originally written under NEOLA polices, and it is important to be sure that it now aligns with our Thrun Policies.

**C. Finance Committee –** Newly elected Board of Education Treasurer, Jason Barnard, shared that he and Finance Director, Justin Weston, met for the first time this past week. They hope to meet at least monthly going forward, if not twice if time allows. Mr. Barnard would like to update the Board of Education monthly in regard to Bond Expenditures. Jason also made mention of the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) conferences and workshops, for networking and experience purposes.

**D. Educational Foundation –** Board of Education Trustee, Chris Noffsinger was not in attendance, so Board of Education President, Nicki Brown, shared on his behalf. A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Schools Educational Foundation was held Wednesday, January 19, 2022 via virtual Zoom meeting. Nicki shared that the Foundation was allotting \$25,000 for scholarships; \$1000 Vocational, \$4000 Purkis, and \$20,000 for Foundation. The Foundation is proposing no teacher grants for 2022.

**E. Liaison/Curriculum –**Board of Education Trustee, Lori Cota Hill shared that the next meeting will be held on February 22, 2022.

**F. Negotiations –** Superintendent Erfourth shared that the Letter of Agreement between Benzie County Central Schools and the Benzie County Secretarial Association was voted down. They are not interested in moving forward.

- G. Benzie Academy – Board of Education Trustee, Lori Cota Hill had no updates for Benzie Academy. Superintendent Erfourth shared that Benzie Academy teacher, Elaine Taghon, and Benzie Academy Counselor, Rebecca Kik would like to include Lori in on their next meeting.**

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

**Discussion Topics:**

- 1. Return to Benzie Plan – Superintendent Erfourth shared that there are no changes to our Return to Benzie Plan. The most recent change occurred at our Special Board of Education meeting on February 15, 2022.**
- 2. Representative for the June 6, 2022 Biennial Election - Northwest Education Services as discussed at the Special Board Meeting held on January 30, 2022. Secretary, Stephanie Johnston | Alternate – Trustee, Lori Cota Hill.**
- 3. Per Policy 2501A - Cancelling the Regularly scheduled board meeting on March 14, 2022, and rescheduling it for March 21, 2022 to accommodate bond bid openings for the high school remodel phase II.**

**Action Topics:**

**21-22-013 It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve the School Nurse .5 FTE shared with Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools- 31o funding**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-014 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the 2021/22 Budget Amendment #1.**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-015 It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the BCCS-FEAS 2021/22 Bus Maintenance Contract Agreement.**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-016 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the Bryce Ropp – BCCS|BCCEA Letter of Agreement - .9 FTE to 1.0 FTE Semester 2.**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-017 It was moved by Mrs. Pomper and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the Northwest Education Services 2.0 Technology Contract – Effective February 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. The Board of Education will revisit for the 2022/23 school year.**  
**Ayes: 4 Abstain: N. Brown Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-018 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Ms. Cota Hill to approve the Generator Proposal/Bids; Glen Lake Electric.**  
**Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**21-22-019** It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve the New Elementary Bids as presented this evening by Kris Gerke, Wolgast Corporation.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-020** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the New Elementary School Name; Homestead Hills based staff/student/community survey results: 76% to 24%.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-021** It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Johnston to approve Policy 2306 Board Member Compensation; *“Board of Education members will receive \$30.00 per meeting, with a max of 52 meetings per year. Payments will be dispersed in December and June of each year.”*

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-022** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve Policy 2506A Student Conduct and Discipline.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-023** It was moved by Mrs. Pomper and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the Representative and alternate for the June 6, 2022 Biennial Election-Northwest Education Services; Board of Education Secretary, Stephanie Snow Johnston, and alternate, Board of Education Trustee, Lori Cota Hill.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-024** It was moved by Ms. Cota Hill and supported by Mrs. Pomper approve the Andrea Harig – Amended Retirement Date – August 31, 2021 to July 1, 2021 - Early Retirement – ORS

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-025** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve to move the Regularly Scheduled March 14, 2022 meeting to March 21, 2022 to accommodate bond bid openings for the high school remodel phase II.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**21-22-026** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mrs. Pomper to approve to adjourn to Closed Session following Audience Participation for purposes of Superintendent Evaluation. 8:31 PM.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

**Audience Participation (Open Topics):** Carrie Edgerly, Center St., Beulah took the podium. She shared that her friend passed away this past weekend, and she is helping to care for the girls in a safe, nurturing, and learning environment. She stated that the district seemed more concern about covering their own, rather than helping their own. She shared concerns regarding the girls that have been taken to administration. She expressed to the Board of Education that it was their job to make sure that administration is doing their job.

**Board Communication: NONE**

The Board of Education moved to Closed Session for purposes of Superintendent Evaluation.

**Announcements:**

- Thank you to Benzie Bus for their generous donation of water bottles to staff and students district wide
- Winter Choir Concert – February 24, 2021 – 7:00 PM
- Middle School/High School District Band Festival – February 26, 2022
- Snowcoming Dance – February 26, 2022 – 7:00 PM
- Choral Festival – March 2, 2022
- Daddy-Daughter Dance – Lake Ann Elementary – March 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM
- Maya Musgrave – 100 Women Who Care - \$13,800.00 to her non-profit, “Know if You’re Low”
- Cambrie Lawrence – State Qualifier Wrestling
- Varsity Bowling Team – Conference Champions

**21-22-027** It was moved by Mrs. Johnston and supported by Mr. Barnard to adjourn the regular meeting 10:02 PM.

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

**Motion Carried**

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**Secretary, Board of Education**

***Please note that February 21, 2022 Regular Board Minutes are subject for approval on March 21, 2022***

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Catina Crossman***

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***Board of Education Administrative Assistant***

***Benzie County Central Schools***