

# BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Monday, March 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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## AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. 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.
- IV. Consent Grouping  
*The Board has asked that certain items be grouped together and dealt with in a single motion for efficiency. A board member may ask that any listed item be considered separately.*
  - A. Minutes
    1. February 12, 2024 –Regular
  - B. Business – General Fund Bills- 1,580,912.54
  - C. Support Staff Appointments –
    1. Jim Catts – Bus Driver – Transportation Department
    2. Jerika Currie – Substitute Bus Driver – Transportation Department
    3. Julie Grant – Substitute Bus Driver – Transportation Department
    4. Melissa Wallington – Varsity Volleyball Coach
  - D. Staff Assignment Changes
    1. Cynthia Herron – 6.5 to 5.5 Paraprofessional – Homestead Hills Elementary
    2. Christa Gillison – 5.5 to 6.5 Paraprofessional – Homestead Hills Elementary
    3. Frederick Haynes – Bus Driver – Transportation Department – Deceased
  - E. Leave of Absence
    1. NONE
  - F. Recommendation for Tenure:
    1. NONE
  - G. Recommendation for Termination:
    1. NONE
  - H. Contract Updates:
    1. Danielle Banasiak – Interim Contract to Finance Director Contract
  - I. Approval to enter into closed session after the second round of audience participation for purposes of *Superintendent Evaluation* and *Approval of Early Graduation for Alivia Gray*
- V. District Impact Team Update – Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith -
- VI. Student Council Report – Student Council Board of Education Representative, Jessica Whaley -
- VII. Administration Report
  - A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth
  - B. Vex Robotics World Championships – Dallas, Texas - 74484A and 74485B – Coach Marc Alderman
  - C. Homestead Hills Elementary Update – Principal, Steve Graetz

- D. Middle/High School Update – Principal, Kyle Taylor & Assistant Principal, Nicole Torrey
- E. Proposed Project for Fiber Networking Construction
- F. Resignations
  - 1. Melissa Wallington – Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach
- G. Retirements
  - 1. Michelle Herban – Elementary Teacher – Betsie Valley Elementary
  - 2. Dave Grimes – Elementary Teacher – Homestead Hills Elementary

**VIII. Board of Education/Committee Reports**

- A. Building and Grounds Committee
  - 1. Bond Project Updates –
  - 2. Construction Updates –
  - 3. Building and Grounds Modifications –
    - 1. Rich Gottordo – Baseball Barn Concept
- B. Policy Committee
  - 1. No Changes
- C. Finance Committee – Smith – Gray -
- D. Educational Foundation – Cota Hill -
- E. Liaison/Curriculum – Cota Hill
- F. Negotiations – No Update

**IX. Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)**

**X. Discussion Topics**

- 1. Crystal Lake Property Discussion
- 2. Current District Enrollment Summary Review Exit Out v. Transfer In

**XI. Action Topics**

- A. Administrative Appointments
  - 1. Danielle Banasiak – Director of Finance
- B. Approval of Vex Robotics Worlds Championships – Dallas, Texas - 74484A and 74485B
- C. Approval of Project for Fiber Networking Construction
- D. Approval of Baseball Barn
- E. Approval of the purchase agreement between Benzie County Central Schools and the Benzie Aquatic Center, a Michigan nonprofit corporation – Crystal Lake Elementary Property
- F. Approval of Authorized Signatory -Danielle Banasiak, replacing Justin Weston on all the below accounts at Honor Bank and State Savings Bank
  - 1. State Savings Bank  
Sr. High School Internal Fund
  - 2. Honor Bank  
General Fund Checking  
General Fund Savings  
Food Service Account  
Sinking Fund 2017-2026  
Early Childhood Savings  
Early Childhood Checking  
Debt Retirement Savings  
Dependent Care Checking
  - 3. Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus  
Bond Proceeds 2021  
Bond Proceeds 2023  
General Fund

**XII. Audience Participation (Open Topics)**

**Enter into *Closed Session* for purposes of *Superintendent Evaluation* and *Early Graduation Request* – Alivia Gray**

**XIII. Approval to enter into *Open Session***

**XIV. Board Communication**

- NONE

**XV. Announcement**

1. **Congratulations to the Cast and Crew of The Addams Family**
2. **March 22, 2024 – Early Release**
3. **March 25- April 1 – Spring Break**
4. **April 8, 2024 – Regular Board of Education Meeting**
5. **April 8, 9, & 11 – Kindergarten Round-Up**
  - **April 8 – Homestead Hills Elementary**
  - **April 9 – Betsie Valley Elementary**
  - **April 11- Lake Ann Elementary**

\*Audience Participation: The Board will invite your comments and concerns twice during tonight's meeting. First, you may address items on tonight's agenda. A second opportunity to speak will occur later, when you may address any issue. Though it is the board's usual practice to listen without immediate comment, your concerns are noted, and you may request follow-up. To address the board, please approach the lectern and give your name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.