

REGULAR MEETING

A Regular meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, June 24, 2024, in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Budget Review and Hearing

President Childs called the meeting to order at 6:31

Members Present: Mr. Childs, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Gillison, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Noffsinger

Members Absent: Ms. Cota Hill, Mr. Gray, Sophie McLaren (non-voting member)

6:53 PM – Finance Director, Danielle Banasiak gave the following report: The District will levy 18 mills for Operations with a maximum of 18.9250, 0.8579 mills for Sinking Fund, and 1.99 for Debt Retirement. State funding is expected to increase, though the actual amount has not been released. This has forced an estimated per pupil funding amount of \$9,849, the lowest of the proposed increases. Additionally, we are estimating a continuation of declining enrollment and estimating a pupil count of 1100 students. When calculating the General Fund Property Tax Revenues, the increased property tax rate was reported at just over 9% by the Equalization Department, this was used in calculating tax revenues. This leads to estimated General Fund revenues at \$18,959,144. The expected expenditures are \$18,785,881 as an estimate, as multiple groups are still bargaining contracts. If all of these assumptions are accurate, this will leave a remaining budget of \$135,217 for any unexpected expenses. Items expected to impact the Fund balance this year are the resurfacing of the track, Savaas and other planned curriculum purchases, as well as some capital improvement projects.

23-24-145 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Noffsinger to adjourn the regular meeting 7:00 pm.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Childs called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Mr. Childs, Mr. Smith, Mrs. Gillison, Mr. Barnard, Mr. Noffsinger

Members Absent: Ms. Cota Hill, Mr. Gray, Sophie McLaren (non-voting member)

23-24-146 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 5

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.

23-24-147 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve Consent Grouping items as presented.

- A. Minutes: NONE**
- B. Business: General Fund Bills – NONE**
- C. Support Staff Appointments:**
 - **Kyle Taylor – BA/MS/HS Principal to Betsie Valley Elementary Principal**
- D. Staff Assignment Changes:**
 - **NONE**
- E. Leave of Absence:**
 - **NONE**
- F. Recommendation for Tenure:**
 - **NONE**
- G. Recommendation for Termination following Probationary Period**
 - **NONE**
- H. Recommendation for Termination:**
 - **NONE**
- I. Contract Updates:**
 - **NONE**

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

District Impact Team Update: Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith reported the following: No update.

Student Council Report: Student Council Board of Education Representative, Sophie McLaren – Sophie will report beginning September 2024.

Administration Report:

A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth – Superintendent Erfourth shared the following: No update.

B. Quotes for Summer Construction:

- **Bouma Quote for Flooring for Betsie Valley \$24,806**
- **Bouma Quote for Flooring for Lake Ann \$49,218**
- **Preferred Roofing Services Quote for Portico Roofs at Lake Ann \$39,975 in Patriot Red**

C. 2024/2 Winter Tax Levy Rates – The following 2024 Tax Rate Request was shared with the Board of Education. [L-4029](#).

D. 2024/25 Non-Union Contracts - The plan is to go with the next step according to schedules, then adjust depending on what we find out from the Williams & Co study.

E. Adoption of 2024/25 Budget – Director of Finance, Danielle Banasiak - Danielle Banasiak gave the following report: The District will levy 18 mills for Operations with a maximum of 18.9250, 0.8579 mills for Sinking Fund, and 1.99 for Debt Retirement. State funding is expected to increase, though the actual amount has not been released. This has forced an estimated per pupil funding amount of \$9,849, the lowest of the proposed increases. Additionally, we are estimating a continuation of declining enrollment and estimating a pupil count of 1100 students. When calculating the General Fund Property Tax Revenues, the increased property tax rate was reported at just over 9% by the Equalization Department, this was used in calculating tax revenues. This leads to estimated General Fund revenues at \$18,959,144. The expected expenditures are \$18,785,881 as an estimate, as multiple groups are still bargaining contracts. If all of these assumptions are accurate, this will leave a remaining budget of \$135,217 for any unexpected expenses. Items expected to impact the Fund balance this year are the resurfacing of the track, Savaas and other planned curriculum purchases, as well as some capital improvement projects.

F. Resignations:

- NONE

G. Retirements:

- NONE

Board of Education/Committee Reports –

A. Buildings and Grounds Committee –

- 1. Bond Project Update – President Childs shared there is no update.**
- 2. Construction Update – President Childs shared that there is no update.**
- 3. Building and Grounds Modifications Request – NONE**

B. Policy Committee –Superintendent Erfourth – No update.

- C. Finance Committee –Board of Education Treasurer, Scott Gray – Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith – No update.**
- D. Educational Foundation – Board of Education Trustee Lori-Cota –No update.**
- E. Liaison/Curriculum –Board of Education Trustee Lori Cota Hill – No update.**
- F. Negotiations – Superintendent Erfourth – Superintendent Erfourth shared that negotiations are ongoing, and are continuing to be worked through.**

Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only) – Bill Kennis, 962 Michigan Ave. Frankfort-On behalf of the BWAC, brought a rendering of their current plan. BWAC continues to work with the village and may need to put in a dual septic system. They may need some more property adjacent to the current parcel.

Discussion Topics:

- A. BWAC 6-month Contract Extension with \$5000 nonrefundable deposit to extend through June 12th.**

Action Topics:

**23-24-148 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve Alexander Byland – Middle School Principal and Cheryl Smith – High School Principal.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**23-24-149 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith to approve the Bouma quote for new flooring at Betsie Valley Elementary.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**23-24-150 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the Bouma quote for new flooring at Lake Ann Elementary.
Ayes:5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

**23-24-151 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith to approve the Preferred Roofing Services quote for new Portico roofs at Lake Ann Elementary.
Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

23-24-152 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve the 2024 Winter Tax Levy Rates.

Ayes: 5 **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

23-24-153 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve the 2024/25 Non-Union Contracts.

Ayes: 5 **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

23-24-154 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve the 2024/25 Budget.

Ayes: 5 **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

23-24-155 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Barnard to approve the Saavas Curriculum Purchase 6-12.

Ayes: 3 **Nays: 2** Noffsinger, Gillison **Motion Carried**

23-24-156 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve the Dual Enrollment Policy and Language Updates to 4.5 weight (grade scale) for DE.

Ayes: 3 **Nays: 2** Noffsinger, Childs **Motion Carried**

23-24-157 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith to approve the 6-month extension for BWAC with \$5,000 non-refundable deposit.

Ayes: 5 **Nays: 0** **Motion Carried**

Audience Participation (Open Topics): NONE

Board Communication:
NONE

Announcements:

- **July 8, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting**

23-24-158 It was moved by Mr. Noffsinger and supported by Mr. Barnard to adjourn the regular meeting 7:33 pm.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Secretary, Board of Education

Please note that June 24, 2024 Regular Board Minutes (Budget Review/Hearing) are subject for approval on July 8, 2024.

****6/24/2024 Minutes taken by Shannon Gillison, Board of Education Secretary***

Respectfully Submitted,

Catina M. Crossman

Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Board of Education Administrative Assistant

Pupil Accounting Specialist

Director of Communications

Benzie County Central Schools

Go Huskies!