

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, December 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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. November 11, 2024 –Regular
 - B. Business – General Fund Bills - 1,508,687.25
 - C. Support Staff Appointments
 1. Joshua Barrett – 6.5 Paraprofessional – Homestead Hills Elementary
 2. Patricia Perkette – 5.5 Paraprofessional – Homestead Hills Elementary
 3. Corey Bechler – 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 4. Lewis Herman – PM Custodian – Homestead Hills Elementary and High School
 - D. Staff Assignment Changes
 1. NONE
 - E. Leave of Absence
 1. Stefanie Peterson – Early Childhood Lead Teacher – Maternity Leave – November 25, 2024 through February 17, 2025
 - F. Recommendation for Tenure
 1. NONE
 - G. Recommendation for Termination following Probationary Period
 1. NONE
 - H. Recommendation for Termination
 1. NONE
 - I. Contract Updates
 1. NONE
- V. District Impact Team Update – Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith -
- VI. Student Council Report – Student Council Board of Education Representative, Sophie McLaren -
- VII. Administration Report
 - A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth
 - B. Early Childhood Update – Early Childhood Director, Melinda Coger
 - C. Betsie Valley Elementary Update – Principal, Kyle Taylor
 - D. MS/HS Athletic Update – Athletic Director, Eli Harris
 - E. Operation Close-Up – Washington, DC. – High School Principal, Cheryl Smith
 - F. BusRight – Director of Transportation, Mary Radtke
 - G. Snow Plowing Bids – Betsie Valley Elementary – 3-Year

- H. Baseball Field Road Expansion
- I. Digital Donation Platform, GoFan – Director of Finance, Danielle Banasiak
- J. Resignations
 - 1. Butch Adkins – 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - 2. RuthAnn Strickland – Junior Varsity Softball Coach
- K. Retirements
 - 1. NONE

- VIII. Board of Education/Committee Reports
 - A. Building and Grounds Committee
 - 1. Bond Project Updates –
 - 2. Construction Updates –
 - 3. Building and Grounds Modifications –
 - 1. NONE
 - B. Policy Committee
 - 1. NONE
 - C. Finance Committee – Smith – Gray -
 - D. Educational Foundation – Cota Hill -
 - E. Liaison/Curriculum – Cota Hill
 - F. Negotiations – Superintendent Erfourth

IX. Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)

- X. Discussion Topics
 - 1. Current District Enrollment Summary Review Exit Out v. Transfer In – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Catina Crossman
 - 2. Crystal Lake Elementary – Property Sale Update

- XI. Action Topics
 - A. Administrative Appointments
 - 1. NONE
 - B. Approval of Operation Close-Up -Washington, DC.
 - C. Approval of BusRight
 - D. Approval of Betsie Valley Elementary Snow Plow Bid – 3-Year
 - E. Approval of Baseball Field Road Expansion
 - F. Approval of Digital Donation Platform, GoFan

XII. Audience Participation (Open Topics)

- XIII. Board Communication
 - Board of Education – Years of Recognition
 - Lori Cota Hill
 - Scott Gray

- XIV. Announcement
 - 1. December 12, 2024 – Holiday Band Concert
 - 2. December 18, 2024 – Holiday Choir Concert
 - 3. December 23, 2024 – January 5, 2025 – Holiday Break
 - 4. January 6 , 2025 – School Resumes
 - 5. January 13, 2025 – Organizational Board Meeting – 6:30 PM
 - 6. January 13, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting – 7:00 PM

*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.