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BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
405 South Grant Avenue
Fowler, Indiana 47944

The Board of School Trustees of Benton Community School Corporation met in an EXECUTIVE SESSION Monday June 24, 2019, at the Administration Building at 6:32 p.m. "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining".

Board members present were:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gabe Widmer	X	
Edward Schroeder	X	
Robert Sondgeroth	X	
Jennifer Barce	X	
Chad Tolen	X	

The executive session adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

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Secretary

Regular Meeting
 Board of School Trustees
 June 24, 2019
 Administration Building

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Gabe Widmer	X	
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Also present were administrators, faculty, staff, and patrons.

Call to Order, Recognize Quorum

President Edward Schroeder called the regular meeting to order at 7:04 p.m., and recognized a quorum. The Board, Superintendent, administrators, faculty, staff and patrons stood for the pledge of allegiance and took a moment of silence. The board approved the agenda on a motion by Jennifer Barce and a second by Robert Sondgeroth. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

None

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019 on a motion by Chad Tolen and a second by Gabe Widmer. The motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson presented the vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. Mr. Tolen inquired as to the purchase of tires from Pomp's tires as opposed to using local vendor. Mr. Hoover indicated that the particular tire purchased from Pomp's was not available from our local vendor. Mr. Tolen then inquired what expenses had come out of the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Albertson indicated that the only expenses taken from Rainy Day are for teacher professional development expenses. There being no other questions Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the vouchers as presented. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$342,652.31 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,703,374.15 for a grand total of \$2,046,026.46. The motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson indicated that the monthly updated financial reports had been uploaded to the board packet but had nothing specific to point out at this time.

Communications

Mr. Richardson and Mrs. Hu with the music department gave the board highlights of the Marching Band trip to Disney World where they marched through Magic Kingdom. They stated there were 67 students that went and marched. They also were proud to announce that the band program earned the ISSMA All-Music Award for the 5th year in a row and for the second year in a row earned the Total Department award as well. Mr. Richardson indicated that Benton Central was 1 of only 14 high school music departments in the state to earn the Total Department award. The board

congratulated them on the accomplishments of the department and wished them future success.

Jim Schoen of Hoosier Associates presented the board with an update and explanation of insurance coverage and costs for the school corporation. There was discussion regarding the use of facilities and what activities fell under the school corporation's liability insurance.

Mr. Hoover acknowledged the donation of \$100.00 from Brenda Fultz to the Benton Central Choir ECA Fund.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2019-2020 fundraiser report with additions since last month's meeting. The board had no questions. Mr. Hoover indicated he would continue to keep the board apprised of the fundraisers taking place in our schools and out in the community.

Mr. Hoover relayed to the board that Otterbein Elementary received a waiver for the day missed on May 28th due to power outages.

Old Business

Mr. Hoover presented for review and discussion school board policy 8.1.6 Non-Traditional Students. The board along with Mr. Hoover and administrators Corey Robb and Tony Coleman discussed at length the impacts and possibilities that could accompany with a revision to the current policy. The board made the decision to table the matter for further discussion in the future.

New Business

Mr. Hoover presented the staff report to the Board. There were no questions from the board regarding the staff report. Jennifer Barce moved, seconded by Chad Tolen to approve the following staff report as presented:

Resignations

- Amanda Cayton as a part-time special education aide at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Kathy Moyars as a part-time aide at Otterbein Elementary effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Ceyeria Parrish as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective June 3, 2019;
- Jacqueline Adwell as a cafeteria employee at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective June 3, 2019;
- Lindsey Kyle as an elementary teacher at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective August 1, 2019;

Terminations

- Cancellation of Teacher Contract of Bailey Geswein effective June 24, 2019.

Employment

Corporation

- Mike Hammons in the grounds department beginning June 4, 2019 for the summer months;

- Jacob Wilkinson and Alec Yuill in the School Bus Maintenance Department effective immediately through and including August 9, 2019;
- Jennifer Richey as 2019 Summer School Health Aide effective June 11 - 27, 2019;
- Rafael Otero as school bus driver effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

Benton Central

- Teresa Gretencord to fill FMLA leave of Ashley Silver for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Velma Martinez as Life Academy Summer School Aide - Monday - Thursday, June 4 - 27, 2019;
- Amy Scherer as part-time aide effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Zack Rea as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately;
- Sarah Jacoby as an English Teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Transfer of Ashley Roberts to a 4.5 hour cafeteria position effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

Prairie Crossing Elementary

- Transfer of Jaime Brost to the 5.75 hr. cafeteria position effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Zac Rea as a 5th grade teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.
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Motion carried.

Mr. Robb introduced the board to Sarah Jacoby and indicated she would be filling the vacant English teaching position at Benton Central. Mr. Coleman introduced Zac Rea and indicated he would be filling one of their elementary teaching positions and was also taking on the role of Varsity Basketball Coach. The board welcomed the new staff and looked forward to them joining our schools.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the AP Textbooks and Curriculum as presented. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired if there were extra copies of the books and curriculum materials in the schools. The administrators indicated that there is normally just enough to be distributed to their students and not often are there extra copies. Mr. Hoover invited Mr. Sondgeroth to a training meeting the following day on the new reading curriculum materials for the elementary schools. There being no other questions or comments Robert Sondgeroth moved seconded by Jennifer Barce to approve the adoption of the AP Textbooks and Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Motion carried.

The board was presented with the Benton Central Jr./Sr. High consumable fees for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Albertson indicated that there was a revised copy at each board members seat. She indicated that the revisions from the previously supplied list were that a fee for advanced child development was removed and the 7th grade FACS fee was reduced to \$3.00. Chad Tolen moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the Benton Central Jr./Sr. High consumables as presented to the board. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented a list of textbook rental fees, curricular materials (Devices), consumables and fees for the elementary and Jr./Sr. High

schools and asked that the board approve same. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the textbook rental fees, curricular materials (Devices), consumables and fees as listed for the elementary and Jr./Sr. high schools as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented School Board Policy Manual sections 3.4-3.6.2 for review. There were no changes to these policy sections so no motion was made.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to award the 2019 bread, dairy and produce bids as presented to the board. Robert Sondgeroth moved seconded by Jennifer Barce to award the 2019 Bread bid to Aunt Millie’s Bakery, the 2019 Dairy bid to Cloverleaf Farms Distributors, Inc. and the 2019 Produce Bid to Piazza Produce. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson presented the board with a Substitute Wage Scale effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Albertson indicated there were some issues that arose last year that needed clarified/revised as to what an employee who is a corporation employee in a different capacity then what they are substituting in and what wages should be paid for those hours worked in a substitute capacity. Mr. Tolen inquired if it was hard to find substitutes. Mrs. Albertson said that in some cases yes it was difficult to find enough substitutes to fill absences. Jennifer Barce moved seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the Substitute Wage Scale effective the start of the 2019-2020 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover indicated it had been a busy summer so far. He stated summer this was the last week of high school summer school. Mr. Hoover relayed that he had attended a presentation of new school laws. Mr. Hoover welcomed the new teachers to the school corporation and wished them luck in the coming school year.

Mr. Sondgeroth relayed that he had attended the ISBA quarterly meeting and there were many interesting topics discussed. He stated he is very much appreciative of ISBA for all they do for school corporations in Indiana.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, July 22, 2019, at the Administration Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
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