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

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
May 20, 2019
Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School

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

Also present were administrators, faculty, staff, and patrons.

Call to Order, Recognize Quorum

Vice President Gabe Widmer called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., and recognized a quorum. The Board, Superintendent, administrators, faculty, staff, media, and patrons stood for the pledge of allegiance and took a moment of silence. The board approved the agenda on a motion by Robert Sondgeroth and a second by Jennifer Barce. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

None

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Work Session of April 10, 2019, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019, the minutes of the Executive Session and Work Session of May 1, 2019, and the minutes of the Work Session of May 15, 2019 on a motion by Robert Sondgeroth and a second by Gabe Widmer. The motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson presented the vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. There being 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 \$410,314.31 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,721,846.95 for a grand total of \$2,132,161.26. 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. Weitlauf spoke to the board about this year's Super Mileage Team and their accomplishments at this year's competition. He indicated they finished 4th in their division and also set another school record with average fuel economy of 767 mpg and high run fuel economy of 787 mpg. Mr. Weitlauf said they are working hard to make it up on the podium for a 1st

through 3rd finish. Mr. Weitlauf indicated the team has done an amazing job and he is confident they will continue to do so in the future.

Mr. Weitlauf introduced the Nanoline teams to the board. The teams presented their projects to the board and gave demonstrations. Mr. Weitlauf indicated that the team consisting of Mitchell Cox, Alex Stout, Connor Flook and Thomas Thurston advanced to the national competition this year. He stated that the team designed and built an automated Paint Brush Cleaner. Mr. Weitlauf was proud to announce that Benton Central's team once again won the national competition and won a trip to Disney World.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2018-2019 fundraiser report with additions since last month's meeting and also presented the board with the start of the 2019-2020 fundraiser report as well. 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 acknowledged the donation of \$1619.73 to the Sr./Jr. High Drama clubs from the Benton Community Foundation 2019 Paul & Linda Widmer Fund.

Tracy Albertson presented the 2020 Budget Calendar to the board. She indicated that she would need to know soon if any of the dates listed would be a conflict for any board member so that she could make the necessary adjustments if needed.

Old Business

NONE

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 Robert Sondgeroth to approve the following staff report as presented:

Leaves

- FMLA for Ashley Silver for the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year;

Retirements

- Janice Holihan as a Special Needs Teacher at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Resignations

- Reagan Hall as an English Teacher at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Jordan Myers as a Social Studies Teacher and Head Boys Basketball Coach at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year
- Fallon Sons as a cafeteria employee at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective April 26, 2019;

Terminations

- Jennifer Martinez as a one-on-one aide at Otterbein Elementary effective April 15, 2019.

EmploymentCorporation

- Ben Schutter as Chief of Police/School Resource Officer effective July 1, 2019;
- Carli Albertson for summer Computer Tech Assistant effective May 22, 2019;
- Logan Martin for summer Computer Tech Assistant effective June 4, 2019;
- Austin Hardebeck in the grounds department beginning May 15, 2019 for the summer months;
- The following elementary summer school positions:
 - Kayla Brant- Teacher -50 hours;
 - Rebecca Brightwell-Teacher - 50 hours;
 - Penny Cooper-Teacher - 50 hours;
 - Melissa Knox-Teacher - 50 hours;
 - Sandra Ashworth - Aide - 44 hours;
 - Reva Senesac - Aide - 44 hours.
- The following Jr./Sr. high summer school positions:
 - Carly Butler - Life Academy Aide
 - Scott Smith - Government (7 days)
 - Ed Robson - Government (8 days)
 - Edie Fisher -Junior High Remediation
 - Renee Phelps - Junior High Remediation
 - Amanda Mullins - Supervised Ag Experience (SAE)

Benton Central

- Jonathan Woessner as Industrial Technology Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year only effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Brandi Skinner as a Social Studies Teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Transfer of Jeana Rayman to the Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher position;
- Sean Kennedy as a Math Teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school;
- Deborah Brier as a 29 hour Special Education Aide effective upon the completion of the extended background check;
- Isaiah Schmit as a Math Teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year;
- Nicole Kingery as Special Education Teacher effective the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year.

Boswell Elementary

- Jeffrey Toll as Principal effective July 1, 2019, the beginning of the 2019-2020 contract year.

Motion carried.

Mr. Robb introduced the board to several of the new teacher hires for the coming school year. The board welcomed the new staff and looked forward to them joining our schools. Mr. Hoover introduced Mr. Jeffrey Toll the new principal hire for Boswell Elementary. The board welcomed Mr. Toll.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented. Jennifer Barce moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the fieldtrip requests of Boswell 6th grade to Chicago, Illinois on May

24, 2019 and the Special Olympics team to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN on June 7-9, 2019 to participate in the Special Olympics State Games. Motion Carried. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired what the Boswell 6th grade would be doing on their Chicago trip. Mrs. Lange indicated that would be site seeing and going to places such as the Willis Tower and Museums.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the Benton Community Schools Police Department Job Descriptions - Chief of Police, Police Officer and School Resource Officer and asked that the board approve same. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Jennifer Barce to approve the job descriptions as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the Benton Community Schools Police Department Handbook for Classified Staff and asked that the board approve same. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the handbook as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hoover presented sections 3.0-3.3 of the school board policy manual for review. Mr. Hoover indicated there were a couple changes to the sections, those being the changing of the fund names and numbers to coincide with the new state statute. Mr. Hoover also indicated that the language was changed to Director of Finance from Business Manager. There being no other changes and the board having no questions Mr. Hoover asked that the board approve the changes as presented. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the changes to school board policy manual sections 3.0-3.3 as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the revised School Board Policy 8.6-Homeless Policy. Mr. Hoover indicated the changes are necessary as different guidelines have come down from state and federal government. Mr. Hoover indicated that the changes were recommended by the Indiana School Board Association as well. Jennifer Barce moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the revised School Board Policy 8.6-Homeless Policy. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the School Board Policy 8.1.6 Non-Traditional Students to review. Mr. Hoover indicated that have had some inquiries regarding our policy and wanted to the board to review it for any questions and possible changes. Mr. Hoover indicated there would be no motion or changes at this time but wanted it on the boards' radar for possible future changes or revisions.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with information regarding conduction a Survey of the School District for Climate and Capacity. Mr. Hoover indicted they needed the board approval to move forward with hiring the firm to conduct the survey on the school corporations behalf. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Jennifer Barce to approve the conducting of the Survey of the School District for Climate and Capacity. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the Resolution for Canceling Existing WCCC Agreement. Mr. Hoover indicated this was necessary in order to approve the new WCCC Agreement. Jennifer Barce moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the Resolution for Canceling Existing WCCC Agreement. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the new WCCC Agreement and asked the board to approve same. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve new WCCC Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover thanked and congratulated the Super Mileage Team and Nanoline

Teams on jobs well done. He stated it was amazing the things they have been accomplishing and said they should be very proud.

Mr. Hoover indicated he attended the scholarship presentation and that over 1 million dollars in scholarships were awarded.

Mr. Hoover also indicated the fine arts festival was the past weekend and that the student did an amazing job on their projects and the music and other presentations through the weekend were a success.

Mr. Sondgeroth thanked all the staff for providing excellent service to our students this school year. Mr. Sondgeroth also reminded the other board members that there was a webinar on June 6th at noon on budgeting and referendums.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 24, 2019, at the Administration Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Secretary