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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, March 19, 2018, at the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m. "To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees," "For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems," and "For discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation or litigation that is pending or has been threatened specifically in writing."

No other subject matter was discussed or voted on.

Board members present were:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gabe Widmer	X	
Edward Schroeder		X
Robert Sondgeroth	X	
Patrick Thurston	X	
Trenton Lindenman	X	

The executive session adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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Vice-President

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Regular Meeting  
 Board of School Trustees  
 April 16, 2018  
 Administration Building

Board members present were:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Gabe Widmer	X	
Edward Schroeder		X
Robert Sondgeroth	X	
Patrick Thurston	X	
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Also present were administrators, faculty, staff, and patrons.

#### Call to Order, Recognize Quorum

Patrick Thurston called the regular meeting to order at 7:18 p.m., and recognized a quorum. The Board, administrators, faculty, staff, media, and patrons stood for the pledge of allegiance and took a moment of silence. Mr. Thurston indicated that Mr. Hoover was not in attendance as he was attending the funeral of a close friend. There were no emergency additions to the agenda. The board approved the agenda on a motion by Robert Sondgeroth and a second by Trenton Lindenman. The motion carried.

#### Audience to Visitors

None

#### Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Executive session and Regular Meeting of March 19, 2018 on a motion by Gabe Widmer and a second by Robert Sondgeroth. The motion carried.

Tracy Albertson presented the Vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. The board having no questions, Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the vouchers as presented. Trenton Lindenman moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$251,501.68 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$815,769.62 for a grand total of \$1,067,271.30. The motion carried.

#### Communications

Ms. Lauren Brost and her sixth grade science class from Boswell Elementary made a presentation to the board about their science curriculum and experiments they have been working on. The students each spoke to the board regarding a portion of the class. The students then staged the experiment for the school board. The board thanked the students for the efforts in the classroom and for sharing their experience with them.

Mr. Weitlauf spoke to the board about this year's Super Mileage Club and their accomplishments at the competition. Mr. Weitlauf informed the board that the group did an excellent job and even broke a school record with 742 mpg for their vehicle.

Mr. Weitlauf introduced the Nanoline teams to the board. He indicated that each team advanced to the national competition and won awards for their projects. He stated that the Jiggy Inc. project won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the competition and won a trip to Disney World in June. Each team brought

their projects to the board meeting and made a presentation to the board about them and gave demonstrations of the projects, one being a soft touch tomato harvester and the other being a "juke" box. The board congratulated the students on their accomplishments and were very impressed with the projects. The board thanked the students for sharing their projects.

Mr. Thurston acknowledged the following donations to the school corporation.

Corporation

- Substantial donation from State Farm of equipment and supplies.

Benton Central

- \$2000.00 from ZF Community Care Fund Grant to the Super High Mileage Club.

Mr. Weitlauf indicated that Kayli Loflin, a member of the Nanoline teams, was the author of the grant the Super High Mileage Club received.

Mr. Thurston presented the updated fundraiser report to the board. The board had no specific questions.

Mr. Thurston reminded the board members that the ISBA regional meeting was on April 30, 2018 at the Trails in Lafayette. He indicated that if a member wanted to attend to contact Ms. Burton to register them.

Mr. Thurston indicated to the board that the corporation received the approval for the state to use eLearning days for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Thurston relayed to the board the I-Read results. He stated that 132 students took the exam, 114 passed the exam and 18 did not pass. He indicated that of those 18 student 10 of the students had exemptions and 8 of the students would retake the exam during summer school.

Mr. Thurston indicated to the board that the corporation had purchased and was in the process implementing an app known as Safe Stop. Mrs. Albertson explained that it was an app that gave a real time picture of where buses were and arrival times. She indicated it has the ability to send out messages to parents as well. She stated it was being tested in a small group and should be up and running for all at the beginning of the next school year.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mr. Thurston presented the staff report to the Board. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the following staff report as presented:

Leaves

- FMLA leave for Erin Budreau from approximately May 10, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Resignations

- Holly Logsdon as a 1:1 aide at Benton Central effective April 6, 2018.

### Employment

#### Benton Central

- Sheila Cain for ECA remediation 2 hours per day/four days.

Motion carried.

Mr. Thurston asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindeman to approve the field trip requests of 1<sup>st</sup> Place Nanoline Team to Disney World, Orlando Florida June 10 - 16, 2018; Special Olympics team to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, IN on June 8-10, 2018 to participate in the Special Olympic State Games; Benton Central Marching Band to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, June 10, 2019 through June 15, 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Thurston asked the board to approve the 10 hour work days for the summer period. Mrs. Albertson indicated this is something that had been done for several years and that the board just needs to routinely approve them each year. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the 10 hour work days starting May 31, 2018 through August 15, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Thurston indicated that this month's review of the Board policy manual was Sections 8.3-8.9 pages 222-235. He indicated that the board had been provided with that section to review. Mr. Thurston indicated that the early entrance policy matches what was enacted at the state level. Mrs. Albertson reiterated that the state's policy for state tuition support for kindergarteners is that the student has to be 5 by August first to receive state tuition funding for that student. She indicated that we rarely have any and she does not foresee it to be a problem as of right now. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the review of the School Board Policy Manual sections 8.3-8.9. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board for approval to advertise the bread and dairy bids for the 2018-2019 school year. Trenton Lindenman moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the advertisement of the 2018-2019 dairy and bread bids. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson indicated to the board that the State Board of Accounts were currently at the school corporation doing their audit of the 2015-2017 years.

Robert Sondgeroth thanked all the students and teachers for coming and sharing their projects and classroom activities. Mr. Sondgeroth indicated he would be attending/presenting at the ISBA regional meeting at the Trails.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 21, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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