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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 a BUDGET WORK SESSION Monday, August 20, 2018, at the Administration Building at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the 2019 Budget.

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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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Secretary

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
August 20, 2018
Administration Building

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Also present were Superintendent Gregg Hoover, administrators, faculty, staff, and patrons.

Call to Order, Recognize Quorum

Patrick Thurston called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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. Mr. Hoover indicated there was no emergency addition to the agenda. The board approved the amended agenda on a motion by Robert Sondgeroth and a second by Edward Schroeder. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

None

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Executive session and Regular Meeting of July 23, 2018 on a motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Trenton Lindenman. The motion carried.

Tracy Albertson presented the vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. Robert Sondgeroth inquired about the payments to Wetli Sealcoating and Schwartz Painting. Mrs. Albertson indicated Wetli had done all the seal coating and striping at the schools. She indicated another company did the asphalt repairs that were done over the summer. Mrs. Albertson indicated Schwartz's had done painting at the schools over the summer. There being no other questions Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the vouchers as presented. Patrick Thurston moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$408,476.42 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,117,351.57 for a grand total of \$1,525,827.99. The motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Hoover introduced Miss Sandy Herre for the presentation on the Phoenix Literary magazine. Miss Herre thanked the board for the opportunity to talk to them about the Phoenix. She introduced Corbin Dubois and Josh Meyers both members of the literary team. The students spoke to the board about the finished magazine from the previous year and this year's project and it being the 20 year edition for the magazine. The board thanked the students and Miss Herre for sharing with the board the Phoenix and congratulated all on a well done magazine.

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

Benton Central

- \$900.00 from Gen Youth Foundation to the PE-Healthy Choices program;
- \$700.00 from Purdue University to the FFA program;
- \$500.00 from State Farm to the FFA program (donation was due to volunteer hours worked by Anne Harmon a parent of BC students);
- \$100.00 from Benton County Soil & Water Conservation for the FFA program;
- \$400.00 to the BC CAAP program from Faith Presbyterian Church for catering and clean-up;

Otterbein Elementary

- 1300 books from Julia Chambers to Otterbein Library.

Mr. Hoover presented the new fundraiser update to the board. He indicated there was nothing specific he wanted to point out but would continue to update the board with new ones as they are presented to him.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Mr. Hoover presented the staff report to the Board. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the following staff report as presented:

Leaves

- FMLA for Sheryl McMillan for an undetermined amount of time.

Resignations

- Tina McCool as an aide at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year;
- Jodi Cruz as an aide at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective July 31, 2018;
- Candace Marlatt as a Kindergarten teacher at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective July 31, 2018;
- Natalie Fultz as a cafeteria employee at Otterbein Elementary effective August 2, 2018;
- Beth White as a 3rd grade teacher at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective August 6, 2018;
- Chris Lovelace as a bus driver effective August 2, 2018;
- Lisa Lovelace as a bus aide effective August 15, 2018.

Terminations

- Patricia Cournoyer as a cafeteria employee effective May 17, 2018.

EmploymentCorporation

- Bob Ponto as a bus driver effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;

- John Paul Godbey as a bus driver effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Raymond Harris as a bus driver effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Susan Brutus as a bus driver effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Keisha Stapleton as a bus aide effective the August 15, 2018.

Benton Central

- Transfer of James Warf from Boswell Elementary ½ time PE and Art teacher to Full time PE teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Jacqueline Oliver as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective August 13, 2018;
- Lisa Brown as a full time aide effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Angeline Moder to fill the FMLA leave of Nicole Strickhouser effective August 13, 2018;
- Vanessa Williams as a part time special education aide effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Melissa Galimore as a 4.5 hour cafeteria employee effective upon completion of the extended background check;
- ECA positions (see attachment).

Boswell Elementary

- Cathy A. Hayes as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective August 13, 2018;
- Jessica Gobel as ½ time PE and Art teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Elizabeth Vera as a part time aide in the Developmental Preschool effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Isabel Sepulveda as a part time one-on-one aide effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Penny Cooper from a 2nd grade teacher at Prairie Crossing to the Title 1 position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;

Otterbein Elementary

- Kristie Bernier as a 2nd grade teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Cathy Jenkins as a 1st grade teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Brayden McKinney as a 3rd grade teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Ashley Goodman from Boswell Elementary Title 1 teacher to Otterbein Title 1 teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Tiffany Sparenberg to fill the FMLA leave of Amanda Long and Whitney Widmer effective August 13, 2018;
- Jennifer Martinez as a part time one-on-one aide effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Emily Reef as a 5.75 hour cafeteria employee effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Lauren Muthig from an aide position at Prairie Crossing Elementary to a 2nd grade teaching position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Prairie Crossing Elementary

- Transfer of Paige Stacy from a part time aide position to 2nd shift custodial position;
- Christine Munson as a 5th grade teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Alice Thurston as a Teacher of Service from August 13, 2018 through the end of the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Rita Deckard as the Reading Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year;
- Barbara Sayward as the Speech Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Kristie Barr as the Learning Center teacher to a 3rd grade teaching position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Barb Holmes from Otterbein Elementary 2nd grade teacher to a 2nd grade teaching position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Amy Mermoud from a 5th grade teacher position to a kindergarten teaching position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Amy Hinds as a part time classroom aide effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer Macey Matson from a part time aide position to a full time aide position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried with Patrick Thurston abstaining. Miss Bunte introduced James Warf to the board as their new Physical Education teacher as well as the boys' varsity soccer coach.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the list of Obsolete Equipment and asked the board to approve the disposal of same. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired if any of the equipment could be sold. Mr. Hoover stated that it could not, that most of the items had been used for parts and such and is no longer functioning. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Disposal of the Obsolete Equipment as listed. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 9.1 -9.7 for review. Mr. Hoover indicated that 9.5 was the only one with a revision. He asked for questions and there being none asked the board for approval of the changes. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Patrick Thurston to approve the changes to school board policy manual sections 9.1 - 9.7 as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the 2018-2019 Elementary Student handbook to the board for approval. Mr. Hoover indicated that the policy was not ready to be approved at the July board meeting as it wasn't complete with the new policies on THC & Firearms. Mr. Hoover indicated Mrs. Bunte supplied that information to the elementary and they finished up the handbooks. Trenton Lindenman moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the 2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to give her permission to advertise the 2019 Budget as is required by statute. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Patrick Thurston to approve permission to advertise the 2019 Budget as requested. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the recommendation for the

Administrator's contracts and raise for 2018-2019 school year and asked the board to approve same. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the 2018-2019 Administrator's Contracts and raises as presented. Motion carried with Patrick Thurston abstaining.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the 2018-2019 Administrators Handbook and asked the board for questions. There being none, Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve same. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the 2018-2019 Administrators Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover read a thank you note from the recipient of the School Board Scholarship. Mr. Hoover indicated the school year was off to a good start.

Mr. Sondgeroth indicated he was concerned about school safety and stated he felt we needed another school resource officer and felt that we should be watching what was spent so that we could prioritize and afford another officer. Mr. Sondgeroth gave the example of the air conditioning on the buses as well as other examples of places he felt the priorities could change and spend that money on another resource officer. Mr. Schroeder stated he felt the schools could use another resource officer as well. Mrs. Albertson reminded Mr. Sondgeroth that the examples he was giving of places to cut spending were cuts that could not be used to fund a resource officer as those funds can only be spent on specific expenses within those funds. Mrs. Albertson did say that once the new budget statutes go into effect in January it will give the school corporation more avenues and freedom's on how some of the funds are spent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, September 17, 2018, at the Administration Building.

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