

Unofficial

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

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
February 12, 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	
Trenton Lindenman		X

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 7:03 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 were no emergency additions to the agenda. The board approved the agenda on a motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Gabe Widmer. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

Mr. Robert Sloniger addressed the board regarding having a policy in place to deal with the issuance of a loner laptop/Chromebook when a student's laptop/Chromebook is turned in for repairs. He indicated that he felt it needed to be in place to make sure that all teachers and staff treated the student the same with regards to making up work, etc.

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Budget Work Session, Executive session and Regular Meeting of January 15, 2018 on a motion by Gabe Widmer and a second by Edward Schroeder. 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. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$427,294.83 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,462,073.84 for a grand total of \$1,889,368.67. The motion carried.

Communications

Miss Amanda Mullins introduced the Benton Central Beef Judging Team of Ben Harman, Mercedes Brunton, Cade Snethen and Mathew Gobel to the school board. Miss Mullins indicated the team had qualified for and attended the National Beef Judging Competition. The group gave a presentation on how the beef judging works and their experiences throughout the season and

making it to the National competition. The board thanked the members for coming and sharing their story and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

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

Benton Central

- \$1250.00 from Alan & Joan Reynolds to the Benton Central Supermileage Team;
- \$1250.00 from Alan & Joan Reynolds to the Benton Central PLTW Program.

Mr. Hoover thanked all for the donations and indicated thank you letters would be sent for the donations.

Mr. Hoover gave a brief update on the construction project. He indicated they were moving along in the renovations of the old band room and that they had gotten the ceiling painted in the auditorium as well. Mr. Hoover stated he would continue to give the board updates as the project progressed.

Mr. Hoover presented the updated fundraiser report to the board. He indicated there were no specific ones he wanted to point out and would continue to update the board with any new ones.

Mr. Hoover presented as a first reading Policy 8.29 Suicide Awareness and Prevention. He indicated this was a mandatory policy that needed to be in place by the end of June. He indicated he had the ISBA attorney look over the policy and had researched other corporation policies as well. Mr. Hoover asked for any questions. Mr. Schroeder inquired if there would be training for the employees. Mr. Hoover indicated that there was already a training module in place for all employees. He stated it was part of the online training each employee is required to successfully complete.

Old Business

None

New Business

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

Leaves

- Melinda Nichols Family Medical Leave from approximately May 14, 2018 through approximately August 2018.

Resignations

- Joanie Corn as an aide at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective February 23, 2018.

Employment

Benton Central

- Stephanie Gobel as 3.5 hour Cafeteria employee effective upon clearing of extended background check;

- Ceyeria Parrish as a 3.5 hour Cafeteria employee effective January 29, 2018.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded Gabe Widmer to approve the field trip requests of Benton Central Livestock Judging Team to Black Hawk East Judging Invite in Galva, IL on March 2-3, 2018 (parents transporting); Girls Varsity Basketball Team to Danville, Indiana overnight on 2/9/2018 for Regional Practice; Boys Varsity Wrestling to Hammond, Indiana for Semi-State on 2/9/18. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented Sections 7.0 -7.7 pages 200-207 of the board policy manual. Mr. Hoover indicated that there were no fundamental changes to the policies. There were no questions from the board regarding the review. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the review of Sections 7.0 - 7.7 of the board policy manual. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson presented the list of old outstanding checks to the board and asked for approval to void these checks and deposit the monies back into the appropriate fund. She indicated she is required to get their approval to void the checks and deposit the monies into the appropriate fund on outstanding checks that are two or more years old. Patrick Thurston moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the disposition of old outstanding checks as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball team for making it to the Regional finals and that they played very well only losing by 6 points in that final game. Mr. Hoover also congratulated the 3 wrestlers on making it to Semi-State and also congratulated Bryson Ford for making it onto the State finals.

Mr. Hoover expressed his condolences to 3 of our students who lost their mother in a tragic accident.

Mr. Hoover indicated to the board that Coach Myers was acknowledged by the ISHAA for his outstanding sportsmanship. Mr. Hoover read a letter regarding the showing of sportsmanship by Coach Myers during a game with Tri-County.

Mr. Hoover informed the Board that both of the Mr. Weitlauf's teams had advanced to the Nanoline finals.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, March 19, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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The Board of School Trustees of Benton Community School Corporation met in an EXECUTIVE SESSION Monday, February 12, 2018, at the Administration Building at 8:00 p.m. "To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees."

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 8:30 p.m.

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