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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, July 23, 2018, at the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. to discuss "To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees" and "For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems"

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 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

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Secretary

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
July 23, 2018
Administration Building

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Gabe Widmer	X	
Edward Schroeder	X	
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Patrick Thurston	X	
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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 7:06 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, but there was one item that needed to be removed. He stated it was E.7 approval of the elementary handbook. The board approved the amended 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 Budget Work session and Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018 on a motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Gabe Widmer. The motion carried.

Tracy Albertson presented the vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. Trenton Lindenman inquired what the payment to Castongia's was for. Mrs. Albertson indicated it was for a Gator and lawnmower purchase. There being no other 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 \$935,071.48 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,269,622.10 for a grand total of \$2,204,693.58. The motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson indicated that she would be publishing the Annual Report in the papers as is required. Mrs. Albertson stated she had sent the monthly financial reports to the board. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired as to details of line items. There was discussion as to type of details and details that were already within the reports at different places. Mr. Sondgeroth requested Mrs. Albertson to put together a presentation to help better understand the reports and budgets. Mrs. Albertson indicated she would have a presentation for the board at the work session in August.

Communications

NONE

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

- FMLA leave for Casey Urick from approximately November 28, 2018 through January 16, 2019.

Resignations

- Chelsey Riddell as an English Teacher at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective July 2, 2018;
- Abbigail Ricketts as an Elementary Teacher at Otterbein Elementary effective July 8, 2018;
- Barbara Phillips as an aide at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective July 13, 2018;
- Melinda Nicholas as the Physical Education Teacher at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High school effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year contract;
- Kimberly McPherson as reading recovery teacher at Otterbein Elementary effective July 23, 2018.

EmploymentBenton Central

- Brayson Hoover be hired permanently as an English teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Teresa Gretencord be hired to fill the FMLA of Sheryl McMillan from approximately August 13, 2018 to September 4, 2018;
- Transfer of Ceyeria Parrish to a 5.75 hour cafeteria position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Ashley Roberts to a 5.75 hour cafeteria position effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
- Transfer of Makayla Pauley to full time custodial position effective July 23, 2018.

Boswell Elementary

- James Warf as a Half Time Art and PE Teacher effective the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried with Patrick Thurston abstaining.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the Lease with Providence Financial for the Chromebooks/Ipads that were purchased for the elementary schools. Mr. Hoover indicated we were using the same leasing company who has done our other Chromebook and laptop leases in the past. Trenton Lindenman moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the Lease with Providence Financial for Chromebooks/Ipads for the elementary schools. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the 2018-2019 K-12 Textbook Rental, Curricular Materials (Devices), Consumables and Fees. Mr. Hoover indicted

the amounts charged are in line with previous years. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the 2018-2019 K-12 Textbook Rental, Curricular Materials (Devices), Consumables and Fees as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 8.20-8.27 for review. Mr. Hoover indicated there were no substantial changes. He stated that the Random Drug Screening policy and Social Networks policy had previously been redone. Mr. Hoover stated there was no need for a motion as there were no substantial changes just up for review.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the 2018 Bus bids and a request to award IC/Collins (Midwest Transit Equipment) with the bid. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired as to the need for the extra expense of air conditioning on the school buses. After much discussion and debate amongst the board members, superintendent and director of finance, Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the awarding of the 2018 Bus bid to IC/Collins (Midwest Transit Equipment) as presented in the bid. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with 2018-2019 Benton Central Student Handbook. Mr. Hoover indicated that Miss Bunte and Mrs. Fry spent much time revising the handbook to ensure all the required items were covered. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired as to why the bullying numbers reported to the State by public schools were so low. Mr. Schroeder inquired as to what the procedure was for reporting bullying and if those procedures were followed. After discussion and input from Mrs. Bunte, Mrs. Lange and others, Patrick Thurston moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the 2018-2019 Benton Central Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson presented the board with the Resolution to Establish the Education Fund and Operations Fund effective January 1, 2019 and asked for the boards' approval. Mrs. Albertson indicated this was one of the items that needed to be done with a move toward implementing the new state statutes. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the Resolution to Establish the Education Fund and Operations Fund effective January 1, 2019. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, August 20, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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