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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 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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Regular Meeting  
 Board of School Trustees  
 March 19, 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 7:07 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 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 February 12, 2018 on a motion by Edward Schroeder 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. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$3,605,253.76 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$2,216,907.91 for a grand total of \$5,822,161.67. The motion carried.

#### Communications

Mrs. Kendyl Weise made a presentation to the school board regarding the need for elementary counselors. Mrs. Weise is a teacher at Benton Central and is currently working on getting her license as an elementary counselor and has been interning at Prairie Crossing Elementary. Her presentation included a voluminous amount of information on the need and benefit of having elementary school counselors as well as what an elementary school counselor does with the students and staff in the schools. The school board thanked her for coming and presenting this information to them.

School Resource Officer Ben Shutter and Benton County Sheriff Don Munson made a presentation to the school board regarding school safety in our schools and the needs they felt schools are facing in today's society. The school board thanked them for coming and for the jobs they do.

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

- \$25.00 from Todd & Jennifer Wetli to the Class of 2020;
- 2008 Saturn from Sheri & Dennis Massie to the Benton Central Auto Tech Program;
- \$500.00 from Reece Farley for the Supermileage Club;
- \$175.00 from Adkev Inc. to the CAAP / BCCA Bounce House Sponsorship.

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

Mr. Hoover presented the updated fundraiser report to the board. He indicated there was one in particular he wanted to point out to the board and that was the 6<sup>th</sup> grade lock-in at Prairie Crossing to help raise money for class trips and needs. He stated he wanted to point this one out as it was different from most other fundraisers we have. He did indicate some teachers were present if the board had any questions. The board had no specific questions but wished the teachers luck.

#### Old Business

None

#### New Business

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

#### Leaves

- Nicole Strickhouser Family Medical Leave from approximately August 15, 2018 through approximately January 7, 2019.

#### Resignations

- DeAnne Smith as a cafeteria employee at Benton Central effective March 8, 2018;
- Stephanie Gobel as Benton Central Cafeteria Employee (Declined position after board approved).

#### Employment

##### Corporation

- Bridgett Sharp as Special Education Coordinator in the Elementary Schools effective January 4, 2018 as a half year assignment;
- Transfer of Matthew Howard from a part time technology aide position to a full time technology aide position for Prairie Crossing Elementary and Otterbein Elementary effective March 12, 2018.

##### Benton Central

- Attached updated coaching ECA listing;
- James Warf as the Varsity Boys Soccer Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

##### Prairie Crossing Elementary

- Alexis Etter as a part time 29hr 1:1 aide effective April 2, 2018;
- Morgan Stacy as a part time 29hr 1:1 aide effective April 2, 2018;
- Modify Title One aide positions days/hours to Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.;

Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded Trenton Lindeman to approve the field trip requests of Benton Central AP Calculus, Stats & Physics classes to Six Flags Great American in Gurnee, IL on April 26, 2018; Benton Central 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Band & Choir students to Kings Island in Mason, OH on May 12, 2018; Overnight Retreat for Every 15 Minutes Participants on April 26, 2018 at Ross Camp. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented as a second reading Policy 8.29 Suicide Awareness & Prevention and asked the board to approve same. He indicated there was a slight change from the original by adding the word bullying in the policy. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve Policy 8.29 Suicide Awareness and Prevention as presented to the board. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented Sections 8.1 - 8.2 pages 211-221 of the board policy manual. Mr. Hoover indicated there were some changes and revisions and asked the board approve those. There were no questions from the board regarding the review or changes. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the review and changes of Sections 8.1 - 8.2 of the board policy manual. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board for approval to hire a second Student Services Coordinator to help service the elementary schools. He indicated this is a step towards addressing the needs of our students as Mrs. Weise had talked about in her presentation. Mr. Hoover indicated this was part of the plan put together by the counseling grant committee. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the hiring of a second Student Services Coordinator. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover congratulated the Benton Central Band and Choir students for their jobs well done at the ISSMA competitions. Mr. Hoover indicated we had just completed our 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks for the school year and spring break was just a week away. He indicated he would be attending the Academic Excellence banquet the following evening. He thanked everyone for coming to the board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, April 16, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

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