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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, May 21, 2018, at the Administration Building at 6:00 p.m. "To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees," 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 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

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Secretary

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
May 21, 2018
Administration Building

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Gabe Widmer	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 7:02 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 one emergency addition to the agenda, E.9 Consider approval of the Elementary Chromebook RFP bid to CDW-G. The board approved the amended agenda on a motion by Gabe Widmer and a second by Robert Sondgeroth. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

None

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Executive session and Regular Meeting of April 16, 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. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$400,218.68 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$2,054,420.78 for a grand total of \$2,454,639.46. The motion carried.

Communications

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

Benton Central

- \$30.00 from Lisa Sarault to the Class of 2019 Prom Fund;
- Following donations to the Class of 2020:
 - o Christi Hale - \$20.00
 - o Teresa Gretencord - \$50.00
 - o Michelle Ford - \$40.00

Mr. Hoover presented the fundraiser report to the board. He indicated that they were all new ones for the following school year. Mr. Hoover asked for any questions or comments. There was discussion on receiving information on how much was raised and what it was being spent on. Mr. Sondgeroth indicated he was receiving information from Tammy Goetz with updated information on amounts raised and spent. He indicated he would

like to continue to receive this and asked if the information could be included in the spreadsheet once it was available. Mr. Hoover stated he would work on getting that information when it became available.

Mrs. Albertson presented the board with the 2019 Budget Calendar. She indicated this was a tentative calendar and asked that the board let her know as soon as possible if they were going to be unable to make any of the dates on the calendar. She stated that with this budget the HEA 1009 would be going into effect consolidating all the funds into 2 funds. Mrs. Albertson indicated there would be some other changes in the advertising and adoption of plans and budgets. The board discussed a webinar that was being put on by the ISBA regarding the new budgeting. The board asked Mrs. Albertson if she would put together a power point and touch on the important topics and changes with the board. Mrs. Albertson indicated she would have that ready for the board at the next board meeting.

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 leave for Candice Marlatt from approximately October 18, 2018 through December 3, 2018.

Retirements

- Julia Chambers as an Elementary Teacher at Otterbein Elementary effective upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year;
- Gail Scherer as an Elementary Teacher at Boswell Elementary effective upon the completion of the 2017-2018 school year;
- Diane Mitchell as a Bus Driver effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Resignations

- Jennifer Naughton as an aide at Prairie Crossing Elementary effective April 18, 2018;
- Morgan Stacy as a Part Time 29hr 1:1 Aid at Prairie Crossing Elementary (Declined position after board approved);
- Jennifer Martinez as a one-on-one aid at Otterbein Elementary effective May 16, 2018;
- Kendyl Weise as a Language Arts teacher at Benton Central Jr/Sr High School effective 2017-2018 school year;
- Cassandra Kling as an aide at Benton Central Jr/Sr High School effective May 25, 2018;
- Hahley Shoults as an aide at Otterbein Elementary effective May 25, 2018;
- Holli Schoen as the Health Science/CNA and Medical Terminology Instructor for Benton Central Jr/Sr High School;
- John Gabe Skinner as an Elementary Teacher at Otterbein Elementary effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

Employment

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- The following Elementary Summer School positions:
 - o Kayla Brant - Teacher
 - o Penny Cooper - Teacher
 - o Rebecca Brightwell -Teacher
 - o Barb Holmes - Teacher
 - o Janet Harman - Aide
 - o Reva Senesac - Aide
- The following Jr/Sr High Summer School Positions:
 - o Carly Butler - Life Academy Aide (@ \$20.00 per hour)
 - o Scott Smith - Government Teacher (8 Days)
 - o Ed Robson - Government Teacher (8 Days)
 - o Edie Fisher - Junior High Remediation
 - o Danielle Payne - Junior High Remediation
 - o Renee Phelps - Junior High Remediation
- Shawna Brown as a Student Services Coordinator effective August 1, 2018.

Benton Central

- Adrianna Lang as a Cafeteria employee (1 hour dish room) effective August 15, 2018;
- Transfer of Carolyn Gress from Boswell Cafeteria position to a 3.5 hour cafeteria position effective the start of the 2018-2019 school year;
- James Pilarski as Varsity Boys Tennis Coach.

Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented. Mr. Thurston questioned the fact that Holli Schoen was listed as resigning on the staff report but had a field trip request. Mr. Hoover indicated that this field trip was part of her obligations to fulfill her current contract. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the field trip requests of Holli Schoen and the Benton Central/Wildcat Creek HOSA Chapter to HOSA International Leadership Conference in Dallas TX on June 27, 2018 through July 1, 2018; Prairie Crossing 6th Grade to Camp Tecumseh August 29 & 30, 2018; Boswell 6th Grade to Chicago, IL on May 21, 2018; Otterbein 6th grade to Camp Tecumseh on April 17 & 18, 2019. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the settlement with AT&T regarding disputed telephone services during the period of our switch over to VOIP services through ENA. Mr. Hoover indicated that Mr. Barce had worked with AT&T's attorneys to come to this settlement. He stated that the county came to a similar settlement with AT&T regarding some of the same issues. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the settlement agreement with AT&T as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 8.10-8.16 for review and approval of changes. After some discussion the board asked that this item be tabled for further review and reevaluated at June's board meeting under old business. Mr. Hoover indicated we would do that and asked that the board please send him any questions or concerns regarding this part of the manual before the next board meeting.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the WCCC Cooperative Agreement as presented to the board. Mr. Hoover did indicate that this may not be the final draft that will need to be signed. He stated that they are doing some overhauling in the program and that some schools are withdrawing from the Cooperative and the agreement may need to be changed. Gabe Widmer

moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the WCCC Cooperative Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board approve the addition of a full time Certified band position. Mr. Hoover talked about the growth of the band program and the need for another position to alleviate some of the work load off of Mr. Richardson. Mr. Hoover indicated he felt this was a needed position. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the addition of a full time Certified band position. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover further asked the board to approve the addition of a full time custodial position at Benton Central. Mr. Hoover indicated that the addition of the new band/fine arts wing and the other renovations at Benton Central have caused the need for another custodian to complete all the tasks that need to be done. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the addition of a full time custodial position at Benton Central. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the revised 2018 School Board Meeting Calendar. Mr. Hoover indicated the change was to the July school board meeting, changing it from July 16th to July 23rd. He stated this would give time for any hiring that needs to be done and could alleviate the need for a special board meeting as we have had to do in the past to get all the new school year hires approved. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the revised 2018 School Board Meeting Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover indicated that they has sent out and RFP to get quotes for the elementary one to one chromebooks. Mr. Hoover stated that CDW-G came back with the lowest quote and he asked the board to approve the acceptance of their quote/bid so technology could proceed with ordering and setting up the devices. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the acceptance of the quote/bid from CDW-G for the elementary one to one chromebooks. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover stated the end of the school year was quickly approaching. He stated that all the athletic teams were finishing up their seasons and were doing well. He stated that he enjoyed the 50th celebration at Benton Central and that it was well attended and the quest speakers were impressive. He indicated he had gotten notice that both the Band and Choir had received the ISSMA All Music Awards this year. He stated he believed it was the 4th year for the band and the 1st year for the choir. Mr. Hoover indicated the FFA had also done well at their recent competition.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, June 18, 2018, at the Administration Building.

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