

Unofficial

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

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
November 19, 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 7:02 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. He indicated there was another overnight trip to be added to E.2. Mr. Hoover stated it was the Varsity Basketball team to Lawrenceburg Indiana on December 28, 2018 and December 29, 2018. The board approved the agenda as amended 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 Public Hearing and Budget Work Session of November 12, 2018 and the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Executive session of October 15, 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. Mrs. Albertson asked for any questions. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired as to the payment to the Benton County Treasurer for \$5000.00 for Nurse costs. Mrs. Albertson indicated that the county nurse goes to Boswell Elementary school 3 days a week and that we pay the county \$10,000 per year for this service. She stated that we have been doing this for several years now. There being no other 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 \$432,536.11 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$2,227,030.04 for a grand total of \$2,659,566.15. The motion carried.

Communications

Mr. Hoover presented the new fundraiser update to the board. He indicated that 5 of the fundraisers were to fund trips for groups.

Mr. Hoover indicated that they had received the school letter grades but that the corporation letter grade was still embargoed. He stated that the Federal School grade matched the State grades for each school. There were no questions or discussion from the board members.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Mr. Hoover presented the staff report to the Board. There were no specific questions from the board regarding the staff report. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the following staff report as presented:

Leaves

- FMLA leave for Amanda Wargo from approximately October 4, 2018 through December 10, 2018.

EmploymentCorporationBenton Central

- Shawn Winter as full time custodian effective November 19, 2018;
- Updated ECA Schedule;
- Crystal Mull as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective November 2, 2018;
- Susan Milligan as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective pending extended background check.

Boswell Elementary

- Cathy Raines as permanent substitute to fill the FMLA of Amanda Wargo effective October 8, 2018.

Otterbein ElementaryPrairie Crossing Elementary

- Bailey Geswein to fill an FMLA leave starting November 12, 2018 through the end of the first semester of the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried.

Mr. Thurston asked the board to approve the Superintendent Contract that was advertised and public meeting held on. Mr. Thurston asked if there were any comments or questions from the board members regarding same. Mr. Sondgeroth asked why there was a percent increase in the salary and not a flat number increase. Mr. Thurston indicated that what was advertised was a flat number that was come to by increasing the salary a percentage. Mr.

Sondgeroth stated he did not agree with a percentage increase and wanted a flat amount increase. Mr. Widmer stated to Mr. Sondgeroth that this should have been a question and or concern brought up during the many sessions where the board discussed this matter and before the contract was advertised and a public meeting was held. Mrs. Albertson stated that the percent raise increase was the same percent the teachers received for their raise. Mr. Thurston asked the board to approve the Superintendent contract as advertised. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindeman to approve the Superintendent contract as advertised. Motion was affirmed by Edward Schroeder, Gabe Widmer, Trenton Lindenman and Patrick Thurston. Robert Sondgeroth opposed the contract. Mr. Thurston wanted the record to show that the Superintendent contract passed with a vote of 4 to 1.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip request of the Benton Central Varsity Wrestling team to Connersville, Indiana December 27 through December 28, 2018 as well as approve the overnight trip request of the Benton Central Varsity Basketball game to Lawrenceburg, Indiana on December 28 through December 29, 2018. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the field trip request of the Benton Central Varsity Wrestling team to Connersville, Indiana December 27 through December 28, 2018 as well as approve the overnight trip request of the Benton Central Varsity Basketball game to Lawrenceburg, Indiana on December 28 through December 29, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 10.7 -10.11 for review. Mr. Hoover handed out procedures/addendum for this section. Mr. Hoover indicated that we can leave the policies as is for now and bring it back for further review after they have had a chance to look over the materials. The board tabled a vote and left the section as is.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the proposed 2019 School Board Meeting Calendar. He indicated there were a few dates throughout the year that differed from the normal 3rd Monday of the month. He stated that the January meeting is a week early being on the 14th and this was done because we have to elect board positions prior to January 15th each year. He also indicated that the February board meeting is a week earlier being on February 11th, he stated this is because we have an out of school day on February 18th. He indicated that the last date that differs in the October board meeting. He stated is it also a week earlier because the 3rd Monday is during Fall Break. Mr. Hoover asked for any questions. There being no question, the board approved the 2019 School Board Meeting calendar as presented on a Motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Gabe Widmer. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to appoint Mike Holder to the Otterbein Public Library. Gabe Widmer moved seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the appointment of Mike Holder to the Otterbein Public Library. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover stated we are mid-term through the 2nd nine weeks. He indicated our sports teams were doing well thus far in their seasons. Mr. Hoover stated that he attended three of the schools veteran's programs and was impressed with how our students acted during these programs and was also impressed with the amount of veterans that attended the programs. He stated all the programs were very nice and was glad he could attend them.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, December 17, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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Member

Vice-President

Member

Secretary