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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, October 15, 2018, at the Administration Building starting at 6:30 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 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

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Secretary

Regular Meeting
 Board of School Trustees
 October 15, 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, Corporation Attorney and patrons.

Call to Order, Recognize Quorum

Patrick Thurston called the regular meeting to order at 7:01 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. The board approved the agenda on a motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Trenton Lindenman. The motion carried.

Audience to Visitors

Katherine Flynn and Bri Strawser addressed the board about their concerns regarding a 4th grade student at Otterbein Elementary and their concerns for the safety of their own children around this child. Patrick Thurston thanked them for coming and appreciated their understanding that the board could not discuss these types of matter with them.

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Public Hearing, Regular Meeting and Executive session of September 17, 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. Mrs. Albertson pointed out to the board a few specific vouchers. She indicated that they would be seeing a voucher for transfer of monies to the cafeteria fund each month, she stated this was for the sub meal tickets that the cafeteria collected and billed for. Mrs. Albertson also pointed out several vouchers that were for \$5 and \$10 that referenced refunds. She wanted the board to be aware that these were to people who had purchased our self-supported laptop insurance for this school year but still had insurance that was active through the previous insurance company used to insure the individual laptops. Mr. Sondgeroth inquired as to the payment to BrainPop. Mr. Hoover stated it was a computer based elementary curriculum purchased for the schools. Mrs. Albertson asked if there were any other questions regarding the vouchers. There being no other questions Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the vouchers as presented. Patrick Thurston moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$325,931.38 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,446,340.93 for a grand total of \$1,772,272.31. The motion carried.

Communications

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

Benton Central

- \$20.00 from John & Audrey Hardebeck to the Spanish Club;
- \$50.00 from Dennis Cobb to the Spanish Club;
- Various items donated for student use to the Health Center from CAAP;
- \$100.00 from Robert Malchow to the Industrial Tech ECA fund.

Prairie Crossing Elementary

- School Supplies donated by Farmers & Merchants Bank

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

Old Business

NONE

New Business

Mr. Hoover presented the staff report to the Board. Patrick Thurston inquired as to what the roll of a mentor is. Mr. Hoover indicated it was for new teachers, either new to teaching or just new to our corporation, and they are assigned a veteran teacher to work with on specific activities and to have as a person to come to with questions and for help. Mr. Hoover indicated that Mr. Delks would do a wonderful job as mentor. Robert Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the following staff report as presented:

Leaves

- FMLA for Richard Brown from September 12, 2018 through September 18, 2018;
- FMLA for Danielle Payne from September 26, 2018 through October 10, 2018;
- FMLA for Casey Urick from approximately November 28, 2018 through January 16, 2019.

Resignations

- Shawna Campbell as a part time (29 hour) aide at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective October 26, 2018.

Terminations

- Jacqueline Oliver as a cafeteria employee effective September 14, 2018.

Employment

Benton Central

- Anna Roberts as a 5.75 hour cafeteria employee effective September 19, 2018;
- Updated ECA schedule;
- Crystal Mull as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective upon completion of extended background check;

- Carolyn Ferrill as the Computer Club Sponsor for the 2018-2019 school year.

Boswell Elementary

- Transfer of Isabel Sepulveda from a one-on-one aide position to an EL aide position effective October 15, 2018.

Otterbein Elementary

- Brian Delks as a mentor for Brayden McKinney for the 2018-2019 school year;

Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip request of the Benton Central Meats Evaluation Team to Manhattan Kansas on October 15, 2018 through October 17, 2018. Mr. Hoover indicated he had sent out the information for this trip and got the boards' approval already since the trip was scheduled to leave this day. He indicated this was just formally approving the trip. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the field trip request of the Benton Central Meats Evaluation Team to Manhattan Kansas on October 15 2018 through October 17, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 10.1 -10.6 for review. Mr. Hoover indicated that 10.1 is no longer a policy that needs to be in place as there is no Latchkey program that we have the afterschool program that is ran by the school corporation. Mr. Hoover indicated there were some other minor changes that were made on the suggestions of board members and those changes are reflected in the version in the board packet. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder to approve the changes to school board policy manual sections 10.1 through 10.6 by omitting 10.1 and making the suggested other minor changes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the Resolution to adopt 2019 Budget as Advertised. She indicated that the DLGF would rework the budget and come back with reductions hopefully in December. Trenton Lindenman moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2019 Budget as Advertised. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the Resolution for Pension Bond Tax Neutrality for 2019. She indicated this is done each year to neutralize the Pension Bond. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Robert Sondgeroth to approve the Resolution for Pension Bond Tax Neutrality for 2019. Motion granted.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the Resolution to Reduce the 2019 Budgets. She indicated that once the DLGF reworks the budget and comes back with the reductions this gives her or Mr. Hoover the authority to reduce lines 1 and 2 as suggested. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Resolution to Reduce the 2019 Budgets. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover thanked all for coming and appreciated the attendance and concern. Mr. Hoover informed the board that Ag day at the Benton County Fairgrounds put on by our Ag students was a tremendous success. Mr. Hoover congratulated the Marching Band for advancing to Semi State and wished them luck. Mr. Hoover went on to congratulate the Cross Country team and individuals advancing to Semi-State. Mr. Hoover indicated that Parent Teacher Conference would be going on throughout the week at the High School and Elementary schools.

Mr. Sondgeroth commented that he appreciated the nice articles about the school corporation activities in the Benton Review.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 19, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

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The Board of School Trustees of Benton Community School Corporation met in an EXECUTIVE SESSION Monday, October 15, 2018, at the Administration Building following the regular board meeting starting at 7:40 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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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Public Hearing
Board of School Trustees
November 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

Public Hearing

The board held public hearings on the advertised Superintendent's contract, from 7:02 p.m. to 7:03 p.m. There were no audience questions or comments. President Patrick Thurston closed the public meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The Board of School Trustees of Benton Community School Corporation met in a BUDGET WORK SESSION Monday, November 12, 2018, at the Administration Building at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the 2019 Budget.

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 Budget Work session adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

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