

Unofficial

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

Regular Meeting
Board of School Trustees
September 17, 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 7:00 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 stated it would be under E.2 - FFA to the National Convention for an overnight trip on October 24 through October 26. He indicated they needed to get this on the agenda for approval so that travel arrangements could be made as it was too close to the October board meeting to give ample time to do so. The board approved the amended agenda on a motion by Gabe Widmer and a second by Robert Sondgeroth. The motion carried.

Public Hearing

The board held public hearings on the Capital Projects Plan, School Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2019 Budget from 7:02 p.m. to 7:03 p.m. There were no audience questions or comments. President Patrick Thurston closed the public meeting.

Audience to Visitors

None

Routine Matters

The board approved the minutes of the Budget Work session and Regular Meeting of August 20, 2018 on a motion by Edward Schroeder and a second by Trenton Lindenman. The motion carried.

Tracy Albertson presented the vouchers to the board for approval and asked for any questions. Robert Sondgeroth inquired about the payments to Dilden Brothers, EMI, Hall Electric, Sharp School Services and West Interactive. Mrs. Albertson indicated Dilden Brothers replaced piping for the well at Prairie Crossing, EMI was for our lighting projects underway, Hall Electric

was the Auditorium work, Sharp School was for various items such as furniture and students desks etc., and West Interactive was for our School Messaging system. Mr. Sondgeroth also inquired about the page numbering in the voucher packets that are given to the board for approval, he felt there were missing pages. Ms. Burton indicated that each time a voucher listing is printed out it prints a signature page and that the board only signs one signature page for the entire voucher packet so she does not include each signature page for each voucher listing. There being no other questions Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the vouchers as presented. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Edward Schroeder, to approve accounts payable vouchers totaling \$526255.03 and payroll and benefits vouchers of \$1,230,754.37 for a grand total of \$1,757,009.40. The motion carried.

Communications

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

Benton Central

- \$600.00 to the Benton Central Cheer Team from Earl Park Fall Festival.

Mr. Hoover presented the new fundraiser update to the board. He indicated there was nothing specific he wanted to point out but would continue to update the board with new ones as they are presented to him.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the Teacher Evaluation Plan and stated that it was the same as it had been the last few years but that he brings it before the board each year for review. He asked the board for any questions. Mr. Sondgeroth discussed in length his views on the evaluation of the teachers and having accesses and say to what is in ones personnel file.

Mr. Hoover indicated that he and Mr. Sondgeroth had attended the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference in Indianapolis. He discussed some of the sessions he attended and stated it was a good conference. Mr. Sondgeroth discussed some of the sessions he attended and information he felt was useful and important.

Mr. Hoover gave notice to the board of the Approval of the Teacher Appreciation grant policy that had been adopted previously and that it was required to be reviewed each year prior to the disbursement of the funds. There were no questions.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

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

Leaves

- Leave of Absence for Whitney Widmer November 19, 2018 through January 6, 2019;
- FMLA for Whitney Widmer from January 7, 2019 through February 8, 2019.

Terminations

- Clayton Lanie as a custodian at Benton Central Jr./Sr. High School effective August 23, 2018.

EmploymentCorporationBenton Central

- Anna Roberts as a 3.5 hour cafeteria employee effective upon completion of extended background check;
- Updated ECA schedule;
- Transfer Fallon Sons to a 4.5 hour cafeteria position effective September 10, 2018.

Boswell ElementaryOtterbein Elementary

- Jayne Sadler as a part-time aide beginning August 30, 2018.

Prairie Crossing Elementary

- Bridgett Sharp as Elementary Special Education Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion carried. New staff from Otterbein Elementary were present to introduce themselves to the board since they were unable to attend the August board meeting. The board members welcomed them and wished them luck in the school year.

Mr. Hoover asked the board to approve the field trip requests as presented including the addition of the FFA to the National Conference October 24 - October 26th. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the field strip requests of Benton Central 8th Grade to Washington DC April 4, 2019 through April 9, 2019; FFA Students to Trafalgar, Indiana October 5, 2018 - October 7, 2018 for IN FFA SOAR Conference; BC Choir to Fort Wayne, Indiana January 11, 2019- January 12, 2019 for All State Choir Competition and the Benton Central FFA to the National Conference in Indianapolis Indiana on October 24, 2018 through October 26, 2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the school board policy manual sections 9.8 -9.11 for review. Mr. Sondgeroth indicated that on page 297 policy 9.11 should read I-learn instead of I-step. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Gabe Widmer to approve the changes to school board policy manual sections 9.8 - 9.15 as presented along with the change suggested by Mr. Sondgeroth. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Bus Replacement Plan. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Bus Replacement Plan. Motion carried.

Mrs. Albertson asked the board to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Capital Projects Plan. Edward Schroeder moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Resolution to Adopt the 2019 Capital Projects

Plan. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the Memorandum of Agreement for Stipends and H.S.A. Matching Contributions with the Benton Education Association. Mr. Hoover indicated this had been approved by the BEA as well. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Stipends and H.S.A. Matching Contribution with the Benton Education Association as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Hoover presented the board with the Stipends for Administration and Non-Certified Staff and asked the board to approve same. Mr. Hoover indicated it was the same as in previous years. Gabe Widmer moved, seconded by Trenton Lindenman to approve the Stipends for Administration and Non-Certified Staff as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Hoover briefly spoke about the legal conference he attended. He stated we are an 1/8 of the way done with the school year and that he appreciated all the work that everyone in the corporation does and is doing to make the school year go smoothly.

Patrick Thurston welcomed the new teachers and wished them luck.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 22, 2018, at the Administration Building.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brandie Burton, Recording Secretary

President

Member

Vice-President

Member

Secretary

The Board of School Trustees of Benton Community School Corporation met in an EXECUTIVE SESSION Monday, September 17, 2018, at the Administration Building following the regular board meeting starting at 7:58 p.m. to discuss "To discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees".

No other subject matter was discussed or voted on.

Board members present were:

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Gabe Widmer	X	
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Robert Sondgeroth	X	
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The executive session adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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