BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
NOVEMBER 15, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
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HARTFORD CITY, IN 47348

I. The Blackford County Schools Board of Directors met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. John Payne, Mr. Phil Jones, Mr. Scott Malott, Mr. Andy Dudelston, Mr. Jess Huggins, Dr. Scot Croner, superintendent of schools; Mr. Jim McWhirt, interim business manager; and Mr. Tim Werner, director of Maintenance and Transportation.

Mr. Payne presented a retirement plaque to Ms. Gina Bragg for her 16 years of service to BCS as a member of the custodial staff.

II. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A. Amendments to the Agenda
Item III D. Personnel
Item III E. Professional Development Requests
Item III F. Donations

B. Consideration of October 18, 2016 regularly monthly meeting minutes as presented.

C. Consideration of Claims dated November 15, 2016 totaling $1,263,133.33

D. Personnel Items
1. Resignations
a. Mrs. Susan Rourke Bus Aide for BCS
b. Mrs. Jodie Uggen Cafeteria
c. Mrs. Jill Cook Payroll Clerk for BCS
d. Mrs. Trinidy Kimery Transportation Secretary

2. New Employees
a. Mrs. Cristi Aulbach Elementary teacher at Montpelier School
b. Mrs. Samantha Pursifull Payroll Clerk for BCS

3. Extra-Curricular Resignations
a. Mr. Jason Barry Assistant volleyball coach at BHS

4. Extra-Curricular Recommendations
a. Mr. Donny Green 1st assistant wrestling coach at BHS (split position)
b. Mr. Dylan Harris 1st assistant wrestling coach at BHS (split position)
c. Mr. Michael Ortman 8th grade girls basketball coach at BJHS
d. Mr. Anthony (TJ) Tignor 8th grade boys basketball coach at BJHS
e. Ms. Samantha Swenson 1st assistant varsity softball coach at BHS

5. Family Medical Leave
a. Ms. Rachel Shade Leave effective: 12/7/2016 to 1/31/2017
b. Ms. Ashley Barkdull Leave effective: 12/9/2016 to 1/31/2017

E. Professional Development
1. Ms. Bethany Alvarado Beginning & Developing Teachers Workshop
November 3, 2016 Indianapolis

2. Mrs. Dawn Werner Preparing for the Math Grade 10 ISTEP Workshop
Mrs. Kristi Shipley November 21 & 26, 2016 Decatur

3. Mrs. Tricia Blakely Summit Workshop
November 15, 2016 Fort Wayne

4. Mr. Todd Hill Lilly Endowment School Counseling Grant Workshop
November 16, 2016 Indianapolis

5. Mrs. Kim Harlow 2017 ISTEP Test Admin Workshop

	November 18, 2016	Indianapolis
6. Mrs. Lynn Bauer	Smekens Workshop	
Mrs. Jessica Blakely	Dec. 13-14, 2016	Indianapolis

F. Donations

1. C& F Walker, Inc.	$300 to FFA program at BHS
2. Hoosiers for Holdman	$300 for FFA program at BHS
3. Mr. Steve Rinker	$20 to Student Council State Leadership
4. Hartford City Rotary Club	$75 for a Montpelier School 2nd grade field trip
5. Smith Consulting, Inc.	$245 for Montpelier School K1 field trip
6. 3M	$2500 for BJHS 8th grade river trip
	$2500 for Lego League at BJHS
7. Dave's Car Corner	$200 for basketball warm-ups at BHS
8. Blackford Economic Dev.	$250 for Robot Teams for Northside/Southside School
9. Printer's Express	$200 for Robot Teams for Northside/Southside School
10. New Indy Counterboard	$100 for Robot Teams for Northside/Southside School
11. Anonymous Donors	$300 toward lunch accounts at Montpelier School

IV. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of appointment to the Hartford City Public Library

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Jones with a 5-0 vote to approve the appointment of Mr. Max Bennett to the library board. His term will be from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2020.

B. Public Hearing on Amendment to Lease

Mr. Payne opened the hearing on the Amendment to Lease. He asked if there was any public comment. With there being no public comment, Mr. Payne closed the hearing on the Amendment to Lease.

Consideration of Resolution Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Lease and approving Issuance of Bonds

A motion was made by Dudelston and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the Resolution Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to the Lease and Issuance of Bonds as presented.

C. BCS 2016-2017 Classified Manual

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Dudelston with a 5-0 vote to approve the 2016-2017 BCS Classified Manual with updates.

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Buildings and Grounds Report

Mr. Tim Werner, Buildings and Grounds director, shared what had been taking place in the maintenance department around the district.

B. BCS 2017-2018 Calendar

Dr. Croner presented several 2017-2018 calendars for the board to review. A final BCS 2017-2018 Calendar will be determined by the board at the December 20, 2016 board meeting.

C. JROTC Obstacle Course

MSGT Rick Kauffman and Chief Jeff Adkins asked the board to consider the addition of a JROTC-sponsored obstacle course to be added to the former tennis courts in the north parking lot of BHS. After some discussion, the request will be brought back to the board for consideration at the December 20, 2016 meeting.

D. Public Hearing on Proposed Superintendent's Contract

Mr. Payne opened the hearing for public comments on the proposed superintendent's contract. Mr. Payne noted the contract could be read in its entirety on the BCS website. Those speaking during the hearing included:

Mrs. Sheri McDonald – President of the Blackford Federation of Teachers.

With no additional comment, Mr. Payne closed the hearing. The proposed superintendent's contract will be brought back for consideration at the December 20, 2016 board meeting.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jacob Everett addressed his successful working relationship with Dr. Croner and Blackford County Schools, noting a number of significant accomplishments involving BHS students and local manufacturing.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Croner commended the JROTC program for its recent accomplishments in Raider competitions.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Huggins commented regarding the recent hiring of a payroll clerk at BCS.

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Payne adjourned the meeting.

These minutes were approved on_____ by:

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Mr. John Payne, President Mr. Andrew Dudelston, Board Secretary