

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19, 2018 - 6:00 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 Monday, November 19, 2018 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Phil Jones, Mr. Scott Malott, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Troy Kaufman, Mr. Chad Yencer, superintendent of schools, Mr. Greg Elkins, assistant superintendent, and Mr. Tim Werner, director of Maintenance and Transportation.

VOTE TO FILL OPEN SCHOOL BOARD SEAT

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Kaufman with a 4-0 vote to approve the seating of Dr. Kathryn Ludwig as a member of the Blackford County Schools Board. Although Dr. Ludwig officially would take the seat on January 1, 2019, the board moved to fill the open position due to the untimely passing of Mr. Jess Huggins. Following the vote, Dr. Ludwig was sworn-in by BCS Counsel Mr. Matt Kelsey of DeFur Voran.

BLACKFORD HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTATION

Mrs. Denise Rogers was joined by BHS Student Council member Hannah Zuber to share about the activities of the Student Council.

II. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Amendments to the Agenda

1. Items were added to Professional Leave Requests, Donations, and Personnel Report.

B. Regular board meeting minutes for October 16, 2018 and November 7, 2018 as presented.

C. Claims dated November 19, 2018 in the amount of \$1,618,218.38.

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

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| 1. Mr. Chad Yencer<br>Mr. Greg Elkins | IAPSS Fall Conference<br>November 29-30, 2018  | Indianapolis    |
| 2. Ms. Lena Suman                     | Leading with a Formative Mindset seminar<br>November 9, 30, 2018<br><br>Formative Grading seminar<br>November 29, 2018 |                 |
| 3. Mrs. Angela Minder                 | Trauma-informed classrooms seminar<br>October 24, 2018   | Marion          |
| 4. Mr. Lee Adrianson                  | Lego workshop<br>October 30, 2018  | Indiana Academy |
| 5. Mrs. Beth Wall                     | Trauma-informed classrooms seminar<br>October 24, 2018   | Marion          |
| 6. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen                  | Social Studies Conference<br>November 16, 2018   | Indianapolis    |

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| 7. Ms. Alyssa Lehman<br>Ms. Erika Freeman             | Math Standards Workshop<br>October 24, 2018           | Crothersville |
| 8. Mrs. Karen Mealy                                   | National FFA Award Ceremony<br>November 29-30, 2018   |               |
| 9. Mrs. JoAnn McCowan                                 | CTE IDOE Spring Workshop<br>January 31, 2018          | Fortville     |
| 10. Mr. Greg Elkins                                   | IASBO<br>December 11, 2018                            | Indianapolis  |
| 11. Mr. Todd Hill                                     | Counselors for Computing training<br>December 7, 2018 | Indianapolis  |
| 12. Ms. Alyssa Lehman                                 | Math assignments with the IDOE<br>October 31, 2018    | Anderson      |
| 13. Mrs. Valerie Janowski-Human<br>Mrs. Grace Shockey | Counselors for Computing<br>December 7, 2018          | Indianapolis  |

A. Grants and Donations

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| 1. Blackford County Community Foundation | \$250 to BHS Student Council                        |
| 2. Keplinger Funeral Home                | \$25 to BHS FFA support                             |
| 3. Smith Consulting                      | \$100 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 4. Hartford City Foam                    | \$100 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 5. Tri-Kappa – Beta XI Chapter           | \$100 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 6. Hartford Glass                        | \$100 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 7. New Indy Containerboard               | \$100 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 8. McCammon Trucking                     | \$50 to Northside/Southside Robot teams             |
| 9. Jennerjahn Machine                    | \$250 to Northside/Southside Robot teams            |
| 10. Tri-Kappa – Beta XI Chapter          | \$100 to Southside Literacy Night                   |
| 11. Montpelier Church of the Nazarene    | Handmade scarves for 1 <sup>st</sup> grade students |
| 12. Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority             | \$300 for BCS Christmas families                    |
| 13. Langdon Brothers Seed                | \$100 for Robot Teams                               |
| 14. Mrs. Bonnie Garlish                  | \$300 for 5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip          |
| 15. Lighthouse Church                    | \$100 for BCS Thanksgiving families                 |

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Consideration of Personnel Items  
A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kaufman with a 5-0 vote

Extra-Curricular Resignation

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| 1. Ms. Holly Caldwell | Track coach at BJHS                                      |
| 2. Blade Rheinhart    | 6 <sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach at Northside |

Extra-curricular Appointments

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| 1. Ms. Dawn Winger | Volunteer boys basketball coach at BJHS |
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- B. Consideration of School Board Policy 4675 – Supplemental Pay for Earning a Master’s Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
A motion was made by Kaufman and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 4675 – Supplemental Pay for Earning a Master’s Degree.
- C. Consideration of School Board Policy 3700 – Cafeterias (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)  
A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Smith with a 5-0 vote to approve the second reading of School Board Policy 3700 – Cafeterias.
- E. Consideration of BCS Insurance policies  
A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 5-0 vote to approve the corporation insurance policy renewal with Smith Insurance.

## VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Blackford Junior High School/Blackford High School Improvement Plans  
Mrs. Kielli Ruble and Mr. Scott Shimer shared School Improvement Plans for their respective buildings.
- B. School Safety Report  
Mr. Yencer updated those in attendance about the recent threat at BHS.  
He noted that he felt the situation was handled without incident due to a number of factors such as:
- Early training in threat protocol from the Sandy Hook Foundation, which allowed administration to work with local law enforcement to address school safety plans and procedures within the building.
  - Upgrades in school security cameras, software, and hardware.
  - Upgrades to security features at entrances
  - Landscaping in regards to safety
  - Other specific safety measures that cannot be shared publicly
- In addition, Mr. Yencer noted the importance of encouraging students that when they see something, they say something.  
Lastly, he mentioned that BCS is currently working with IDOE in an audit of all the district’s safety plans.
- C. 2019-2020 BCS Calendar  
Mr. Yencer asked for input from board members on the 2019-2020 BCS Calendar. He will bring a calendar for board members to consider at the December 18 meeting.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Sidney Walter, an art teacher at Blackford Junior High School, was on hand to thank the board for a recent professional development opportunity. She shared about some of what she learned at the conference.

Mr. John Price addressed Blackford High School’s School Improvement Plan.

## VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

### School Safety Report

Mr. Yencer shared the results from the recent Indiana State Board of Education decision regarding the updated agreement with Area 18. Mr. Yencer explained that the IDSBOE denied the request of Blackford County and other districts to amend the current Area 18 agreement to keep districts from picking up students from outside their county’s boundary.

Board members expressed their disappointment with the ruling, noting that this will make it more difficult for Blackford County Schools to be able to keep the doors open at Montpelier School.

### School Letter Grades

Mr. Yencer shared the letter grades that each school received for the 2017-2018 school year:

Southside School – A

Northside School A  
Blackford Junior High School – C  
Montpelier School – B  
Blackford High School – B  
Blackford County Schools - B

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

The board welcomed Dr. Ludwig to the board.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes were approved on \_\_\_\_\_ by:

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Mr. Phil Jones, President

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Mr. Chris Smith, Board Secretary