

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 19, 2019 - 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 Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Troy Kaufman, Mr. Scott Malott, Dr. Kathryn Ludwig, Mr. Chad Yencer, superintendent of schools, Mr. Greg Elkins, assistant superintendent.

II. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 4-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Amendments to the Agenda

1. Items were added to Personnel Report

B. Minutes from February 19, 2019 and the March 12, 2019 board work session.

C. Claims dated March 19, 2019 in the amount of \$1,620,713.02

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

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| 1. | Mr. Greg Elkins
Mrs. Michelle Gross | IDOE Title Conference
April 22-24, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| 2. | Mr. Greg Elkins | IASBO Annual Meeting
May 9-10, 2019 | Fort Wayne |
| 3. | Ms. Shalee Myron | Clinical updates in Speech Pathology
March 15, 2019 | Muncie |
| 4. | Mr. Todd Hill | RE Sutton Trust officers Advisory Meeting
April 10, 2019 | Carmel |
| 5. | Mrs. Denise Rogers | Student Council Conference for Leaders
March 7-8, 2019 | Missouri |
| 6. | Mrs. Shaela Smith | Food Service Conference – IASBO
February 28, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| 7. | Mr. Scott Shimer | School Safety Seminar
May 14-14, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| 8. | Ms. Tiffany Pauley-Ickes | Region 8 Counselor Meeting
April 16, 2019 | Fort Wayne |
| 9. | Mrs. Linda Wallace | East Round Table Data Retreat
March 15, 2019 | Anderson |

E. Grants and Donations

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| 1. | Tri Kappa Beta Xi Sorority | \$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards |
| 2. | Via Credit Union | \$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards |
| 3. | Neff Realty/Kathy Casterline | \$25 for BHS Academic Honor Awards |
| 4. | Research Club/Patty Sones | \$70 for BHS Academic Honor Awards |
| 5. | Central States | \$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards |

6. Farm Bureau Insurance	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
7. Tri Kappa Gamma Beta Chapter	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
8. Hartford City Chamber of Commerce	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
9. Raymond James/Robert Taylor	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
10. Robert C. Nugent & Associates	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
11. Mrs. Karen Sulit	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
12. Mr. Mark Townsend	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
13. Hartford City Kiwanis Club	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
14. Hartford City Rotary Club	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
15. Hartford Iron & Metal	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
16. Langdon Brother Seed	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
17. State Farm Insurance	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
18. McCammon Trucking	\$250 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
19. Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority	\$300 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
20. Jennerjahn Machine, Inc.	\$500 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
21. Blackford County Community Foundation	\$500 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
22. NRP of Indiana	\$500 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
23. Asbury Chapel U.M Church	\$150 for lunch balances at Montpelier School
24. Ms. Donna Bailey	\$2000 worth of sheet music for BHS
25. Hartford Animal Clinic	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
26. Citizens State Bank	\$200 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
27. Tri-Kappa	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
28. Via Credit Union	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
29. Mrs. Helen Townsend	\$250 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
30. Mr. Harry and Mrs. Betty Jo Pearson	\$250 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
31. Ag Best LLC	\$125 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
32. Edward Jones	\$100 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
33. OJC Trucking	\$500 for BHS Academic Honor Awards
34. Mrs. Carolyn Landis	\$500 for BHS Academic Honor Awards

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 Kaufman and seconded by Ludwig with a 4-0 vote to approve the following personnel items:

Resignations

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| 1. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen | Social Studies teacher at BHS |
| 2. Mrs. Shaela Smith | Deputy Treasurer for BCS |
| 3. Mrs. Alexa Reiter | Human Resources/Payroll Specialist |
| 4. Mr. Mike Jones | ISS Aide at BHS |

New Employee

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| 1. Ms. Shelby Martin | Temporary 8 th Grade Social Studies Teacher |
| 2. Mr. Joshua Isenberg | Business teacher at BJHS |
| 3. Ms. Shannon Bannister | BCS Transportation Secretary |

Extra-Curricular Resignations

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| 1. Ms. Beverly Roberts | Volleyball coach at BJHS |
| 2. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen | Assistant wrestling coach at BHS |
| 3. Ms. Alison Thompson | Head Boys Tennis Coach/
Volunteer Girls Tennis Coach at BHS |

Extra-Curricular Appointments

1. Mr. Dale Winger Volunteer Assistant track coach at BHS/BJHS
2. Mr. Elijah Justice Track coach at BJHS

Transfers

1. Mrs. Carmen Jernigan BCS HR/Payroll Specialist

B. Consideration of Resolution to Amend Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Kaufman with a 4-0 vote to approve the Resolution to Amend Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

C. Consideration of Resolution for Expenditure Goals for 2019-2020 School Year

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 4-0 vote to approve the Resolution for Expenditure Goals for 2019-2020 School Year.

D. Consideration capital improvement items

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 4-0 vote to approve the following capital improvement items:

1. Sewer line repair and pipe bursting repair at BHS
2. Pool scoreboards at BHS
3. Furniture for junior high classrooms at BHS
4. Interior painting at BHS

E. Consideration of 2019-2020 Preschool Proposal

A motion was made by Kaufman and seconded by Ludwig with a 4-0 vote to approve the 2019-2020 Preschool Proposal as presented. Blackford Preschool at Montpelier Elementary will open its doors at the beginning of the school year.

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Construction update

Mr. Yencer shared the latest photos of the construction underway at Blackford High School.

B. Consideration of revised School Board Policy 3441- Accounting System for Fixed Assets

A first reading of the revised School Board Policy 3441- Accounting System for Fixed Assets was reviewed by Mr. Elkins and the board. It will be brought back for a second reading at the April 16, 2019 board meeting.

C. Rainy Day Fund Transfers

A discussion to place regarding the amount of money the board would like to move to the Rainy Day Fund. The topic will be brought back for consideration with an amount recommended by the superintendent.

D. Future Capital Projects planning

The board reviewed an extensive list of the future capital projects for consideration. The board suggested criteria such as safety, consolidation, education, and potential failure be used to determine the priority of the projects. A recommendation will be brought back to the board for consideration.

E. Public Hearing and Amendments to CPF and Bus Replacement

Mr. Elkins shared that there will be additional hearing/plans that will need to be advertised regarding the CPF and Bus Replacement funds.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John Price addressed the topic of buildings, renovating restrooms at BJHS, capital improvements, and replacing sewer lines at BHS.

Ms. Noelle Lehman addressed the board regarding classrooms for her choir program for next school year at BHS.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Yencer informed the board that Mrs. Linda Wallace, a special needs teacher at Blackford High School, was selected as the 2018-2019 Blackford County Schools Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Yencer told board members that current legislation in discussion at the state house could adversely affect Blackford County Schools in terms of finance and the "complexity index." He will continue to monitor the situation.

Mr. Yencer noted that enrollment numbers remain near the same level as September.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Kaufman thanked Montpelier Principal Jim Fox for his efforts in setting up the Blackford Preschool at Montpelier Elementary. He also thanked Noelle Lehman for coming to the meeting and expressing her department's needs for the future. He stressed he remains a big proponent for the arts in Blackford County Schools and asked Ms. Lehman to be patient.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes were approved on _____ by:

Mr. Phil Jones, President

Mr. Chris Smith, Board Secretary