

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 16, 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, April 16, 2019 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Troy Kaufman, Mr. Scott Malott, Dr. Kathryn Ludwig, Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Chad Yencer, superintendent of schools, and Mr. Greg Elkins, assistant superintendent.

II. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig 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 March 19, 2019 board work session.

C. Claims dated April 16, 2019 in the amount of \$2,086,608.11 –

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

1. Mr. Greg Elkins  
Mrs. Michelle Gross  
IDOE Special Education Fiscal Roadshow  
April 10, 2019  
Richmond
2. Mrs. Monica Myers  
Developing Formative Assessments with IDOE  
May 20, 2019  
Fort Wayne
3. Dr. James Trinkle  
Special Education Fiscal Road Show  
April 15, 2019  
Indianapolis
4. Mrs. Amanda Ehrhart  
Learning Without Tears Conference  
March 28-29, 2019  
Cincinnati
5. Ms. Jessica Barker  
Ms. Brittney Brinkley  
Ms. Cristi Aulbach  
Mrs. Monica Myers  
Smekens Literacy Retreat  
June 25-26, 2019  
Shipshewana
6. Mr. Scott Shimer  
Indiana Small & Rural Schools Spring Conference  
April 25, 2019  
Indianapolis
7. Mrs. Michelle Gross  
Indiana Skyward Steering Committee meeting  
April 18, 2019  
Monrovia

Grants and Donations

1. IU Health Blackford Hospital  
\$300 for BHS Academic Honor Program
2. Five-Star  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
3. Eco-Water  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
4. Pickle Lounge/Northside Lanes  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
5. Strait's Drywall & Painting  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
6. Mrs. Kristie Malott  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
7. Mr. James Hall  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
8. Keplinger Funeral Home  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
9. Smith Insurance Services  
\$25 for BHS Water Bottles

10. University Nursing Center	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
11. 3811 Auto Repair	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
12. Gentis Tire and Service	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
13. Tri Kappa	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
14. Miss Kathleen Kellogg	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
15. First Financial Bank	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
16. Blackford Baptist Temple	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
17. G-3 Safety Solutions	\$50 for BHS Water Bottles
18. Montpelier Family Dentistry, LLC	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
19. Ms. Katherine Lugar	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
20. Ms. Maleah Robertson	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
21. Eye Associates Group, LLC	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
22. Kiddie Kaboodle Daycare/Barb Merkel	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
23. Anonymous	\$300 for BHS Baseball program
24. Langdon Brothers Seed	\$5000 for Stat Board in BHS gymnasium

IV. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA  
No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

V. ACTION ITEMS

Consideration of Personnel Items

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

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| 1. Ms. Ashley Barkdull | Custodian at Southside School |
| 2. Mrs. Jo Ann McCowan | Achievement Academy Director  |

New Employee

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| 1. Mr. Kerry Oliver       | Long-term substitute teacher at BHS |
| 2. Ms. Hayley Apple       | Food Service at BHS                 |
| 3. Ms. Joanne Brinkerhoff | Food Service at BHS                 |
| 4. Mrs. Melinda Neff      | Food Service at BHS                 |

Transfer

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| 1. Ms. Amanda Ehrhart | Preschool teacher at Montpelier School |
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Extra-Curricular Resignations

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| 1. Doug Osborn       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> assistant track coach at BHS |
| 2. Ms. Grace Shockey | 1 <sup>st</sup> assistant track coach at BHS |

Extra-Curricular Appointments

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

Retirement

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| 1. Mrs. Jill Palumbo | Foreign Language Teacher at BHS |
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B. Consideration of revised School Board Policy 3441 – Accounting System for Fixed Assets (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

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

C. Consideration to amend the 2019 Bus Replacement Plan

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 4-0 vote to amend the 2019 Bus Replacement Plan as presented. Mr. Elkins noted two large yellow buses and one white activity bus would be purchased.

- D. Consideration of Resolution to amend the Capital Projects Plan  
A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Smith with a 4-0 vote to approve the Resolution to amend the Capital Projects Plan as presented.
- E. Consideration of Resolution to transfer amounts from Education Fund to Operations Fund  
A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Smith with a 4-0 vote to approve the Resolution to transfer \$195,000 from the Education Fund to the Operating Fund.

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- A. Construction update  
Mr. Yencer shared the latest photos of the construction project underway at Blackford High School.
- B. Consideration of 2019-202 BJSHS Handbooks  
The board reviewed changes to the 2019-2020 BJSHS student handbook. It will return for a second vote at the May 21, 2019 board meeting.
- C. Rainy Day Fund Transfers  
The board discussed the possibility of transferring money into the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Elkins plans to make a recommendation at the May meeting.
- D. Handrails in the BHS gymnasium  
The board reviewed plans to install handrails, with an estimated price of approximately \$20,000, in the BHS gymnasium.
- E. Blackford Preschool at Montpelier Elementary  
Mr. Yencer shared that 19 families have expressed an interest in their children attending the Blackford Preschool at Montpelier Elementary, noting that 6 have prepaid for the upcoming year.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Yencer shared that he currently serves as a board member for Ivy Tech Community College in Marion. He noted that due to the dual credit program, one of the BHS seniors will be graduating with an associate's degree.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Board members thanks Mrs. Ruble for her work on the BJSHS Student Handbook.

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