

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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, August 20, 2019 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Phil Jones, Mr. Troy Kaufman, Mr. Scott Malott, Dr. Kathryn Ludwig, Mr. Chris Smith, and Mr. Tim Werner, director of Maintenance and Transportation.

II. As part of the board’s work session, members toured the new areas of construction and renovation at Blackford Junior Senior High School. The board also heard a presentation from the Moisture Management Company regarding roofing needs across the district.

III. Mr. Yencer reviewed Senate Bill 390 in regards to Collective Bargaining. The board opened the Collective Bargaining Hearing. With no public comment being offered, the Collective Bargaining hearing was adjourned.

IV. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

V. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Amendments to the Agenda

V. Action Items

A. Items was added to Personnel Report

B. Minutes from the July 16, 2019 board meeting.

C. Claims dated August 20, 2019 in the amount of \$1,609,101.81

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

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| 1. | Mrs. Valerie Janowski-Human
Mrs. Grace Shockley | Financial Aid Workshop
October 1, 2019 | Fishers |
| 2. | Dr. James Trinkle | NCI Specialized Renewal: Autism Spectrum
September 26-27, 2019 | Warsaw |
| 3. | Mr. Todd Hill | Trust Advisory Council meeting
August 26, 2019 | Carmel |
| 4. | Mrs. Carrie Clevenger | The RCA Experience
September 20, 2019 | Atlanta, GA |
| | | PLC Leadership Cadre
Aug. 26-27; Dec. 10-11, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| | | Instructional Coaching Cadre
Nov, 13-14, 2019; Jan. 15-16, 2020 | Indianapolis |
| | | Professional Learning Focusing on Growth NWEA
September 24, 2019
March 10, 2020 | Fort Wayne |
| | | I-LEARN ELA Instructional Strategies, 3-5
October 1, 2019 | Indianapolis |

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| 5. | Mrs. Nancy Johnson
Mrs. Vikki Armstrong
Mrs. Karen Mealy
Mrs. Valerie Janowski-Human
Mrs. Grace Shockey
Mr. Todd Hill
Mrs. Michelle Gross
Mrs. Julie Dodd
Mrs. Carmen Jernigan
Mrs. Bethany Sparks | Skyward Conference
September 26, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| 6. | Mrs. Kelli Ruble | INALI Cohort Regional Meeting
August 28, 2019 | Wabash |
| 7. | Mrs. Monica Myers | I-Learn ELA 3-5 Best Practices
September 10, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| | | NWEA Informing Instruction
September 24, 2019 | Fort Wayne |
| | | IDOE School Improvement Seminar
July 31, 2019 | |
| | | Interpreting I-Learn Data Seminar
October 8, 2019 | |
| | | NWEA Focusing on Growth Seminar
March 10, 2020 | Fort Wayne |

E. Grants and Donations

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| 1. | Emhart Technologies | \$100 to BJSHS Industrial Tech support |
| 2. | Magna Powertrain | \$200 to fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 3. | T-Mack Machinery | \$100 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 4. | Strait's Drywall and Painting | \$500 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 5. | Blackford Class of 1974 | \$100 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 6. | Kiwanis Club of Hartford City | \$200 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 7. | Diamond Outdoor Solutions | \$150 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 8. | Ms. Joelle Freiburger, attorney at law | \$150 for fireworks for Homecoming at BJSHS |
| 9. | Blackford County Community Foundation | \$3200 for BJSHS Student Council Leadership Camp |
| 10. | Brewer's Septic Service | \$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 11. | Central Indiana Orthopedics | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 12. | Citizens State Bank | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 13. | City Tool & Machine | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 14. | Clear Choice Chiropractic | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 15. | Connerstone Enterprises, LLC | \$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 16. | Dave's Car Corner | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 17. | E & B Paving | \$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 18. | Edward Jones | \$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 19. | Event Print | \$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 20. | Eye Associates | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 21. | First Financial Bank | \$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 22. | Hartford City Quality Pallet | \$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 23. | Hartford Veterinary Services | \$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |
| 24. | Huggins Auto Sales | \$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program |

25.	Ivanhoe's	\$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
26.	Jay Petroleum	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
27.	Jennerjahn Machine, Inc.	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
28.	Langdon Brothers Seed	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
29.	R. Matthew Maddox Dentistry	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
30.	Montpelier Glove & Safety Products	\$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
31.	New Indy Hartford City, LLC	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
32.	Puerto Vallarta Restaurants	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
33.	Raymond James (Rob Taylor, Tiffany Dawson)	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
34.	Richard's Restaurant	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
35.	Sheriff Jeff Sones	\$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
36.	Smith Insurance Services	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
37.	T-Flyerz Printing and Promotion	\$250 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
38.	Who's Your Coffee Roastery	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
39.	The Winning Edge	\$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
40.	Hartford City Health Club	\$200 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
41.	Marion General Hospital	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
42.	Northside Gym	\$200 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
43.	Pizza Hut	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
44.	3M Club of Hartford City	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
45.	Mr. Russ Sutton	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
46.	Aaron Henderson Law Office	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
47.	Plexus Worldwide	\$100 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
48.	Rhoton Farms	\$750 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
49.	Hartford City Save-a-Lot	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
50.	Jeremy Trant/Indiana Farm Bureau Ins.	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
51.	Brooklawn Services	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
52.	Blue Collar Plumbing and Wells	\$400 for BJSHS Athletics Corporate program
53.	3M Club of Hartford City	\$200 for Southside Safety Town

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No items were removed from the Consent Agenda

VII. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Construction update

The board was able to tour the new construction areas that include a new gymnasium, weight room, athletic offices and concessions.

B. Update on consolidation plan

Mr. Yencer walked the board through the original plans on school consolidation, noting that the first phase of moving the 7th and 8th grade to BHS has been completed. The next phase includes preparing the former BJHS to house Northside students and for Northside to house the Southside students during the 2020-2021 school year.

C. Back to School update

Mr. Yencer noted that the start to the school year had been very positive.

D. Teacher Retirement Fund (TRF) Savings allocation discussion

Mr. Yencer shared an update to the Teacher Retirement Fund (TRF) savings allocation.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consideration of Personnel Items

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Ludwig with a 5-0 vote to approve the following personnel items:
Resignations

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| 1. Mrs. Cia Hill | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 2. Ms. JoAnne Norris | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 3. Mrs. Michelle Schuller | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 4. Mr. Tim Werner | Transportation/Building/Grounds Director |
| 5. Ms. Hope Keller | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 6. Ms. Morgan Massey | Instructional assistant at Northside School |
| 7. Ms. Casey Moon | Instructional assistant at Northside School |
| 8. Ms. Beth Armstrong | Latchkey Director |
| 9. Ms. Laurie Overmeyer | Instructional assistant at Southside School |
| 10. Mrs. Ginger Brown | Business Office assistant |
| 11. Ms. Faith Warren | Instructional assistant at Northside School |
| 12. Mrs. Christine Geise | Instructional assistant at Montpelier School |

New Employee

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| 1. Ms. Rhonda Meinhardt | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 2. Ms. Rebecca Taylor | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 3. Ms. Sheri Hangbers | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 4. Ms. Heidi Palmer | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 5. Ms. Kristen Meadows | Elementary teacher at Northside School |
| 6. Ms. Carissa Carter | Elementary teacher at Southside School |
| 7. Mr. Dale Gearheart | Teacher at Blackford Achievement Academy |
| 8. Mr. Holden Berlin | Band Director at BJSHS |
| 9. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen | Social Studies teacher at BJSHS |
| 10. Ms. Abigail Ramey | Instructional assistant at Northside School |
| 11. Ms. Kim Stephens | Latchkey Director |
| 12. Mr. Wes Stroud | 3 rd shift custodian at Southside School |
| 13. Ms. Casey Gothrup | Instructional assistant at Southside School |
| 14. Ms. Courtney Gipson | Instructional assistant at Northside School |
| 15. Mr. Thurman Cook | Industrial Tech/Locker Room assistant at BJSHS |
| 16. Ms. Tiffany Barr | Instructional assistant at Montpelier School |
| 17. Ms. Stephanie Godinez | Instructional assistant at BJSHS |
| 18. Mr. Ryan Blumenhorst | Instructional assistant at Northside School |

Extra-Curricular Resignations

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| 1. Mr. Derek Leas | 7 th grade girls basketball coach at BJHS |
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Extra-Curricular Appointments

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| 1. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen | Assistant wrestling coach at BJSHS |
| 2. Mr. Dale Gearheart | 8 th grade girls basketball coach at BJSHS |
| | Assistant boys soccer coach at BJSHS |
| 3. Mr. Brad Batman | BJSHS Jr. High Athletic Director |
| 4. Ms. Shelby Martin | 1 st assistant girls basketball coach at BJSHS |
| 5. Mr. Jeremy Miller | Building level Athletics Coordinator |
| 6. Mrs. Tricia Milholland | Volunteer varsity volleyball coach at BJSHS |
| 7. Ms. Megan Trissel | Volunteer varsity volleyball coach at BJSHS |
| 8. Mr. Wade Hummer | Volunteer varsity football coach at BJSHS |
| 9. Mr. Doug Osborn | Volunteer varsity cross country coach at BJSHS |
| 10. Mrs. Erin Roush | Volunteer girls soccer coach at BJSHS |
| 11. Mr. Jason Cline | Volunteer girls soccer coach at BJSHS |

B Consideration of agreement with Otis R. Bowen Center

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Smith with a 5-0 vote to approve an agreement between Blackford County Schools and the Otis R. Bowen Center as presented.

C. Consideration of appointment of Mrs. Denise Neff and Mr. Les Bantz to the Harrison Township Montpelier Public Library Board

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to appoint Mrs. Denise Neff and Mr. Les Bantz to the Harrison Township/Montpelier Public Library board.

- D. Consideration of appointment of Mrs. Kay Waters to the Hartford City Public Library Board
A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Kaufman with a 5-0 vote to appoint Mrs. Kay Waters to the Hartford City Public Library Board.
- E. Consideration of School Board Policy 4256 Teacher Appreciation Grant
A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Kaufman to modify School Board Policy 4256 Teacher Appreciation Grant as presented.
- F. Consideration of BJSHS new facility designation
A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Kaufman with a 5-0 vote to name the new gymnasium the Sutton Center in honor of long-time teacher and coach Russ Sutton. Following the vote, those in attendance enjoyed a reception in Mr. Sutton's honor.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

X. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Jones, Mr. Smith, Mr. Malott, and Mr. Kaufman took turns sharing the effects Mr. Sutton had on them both academically and athletically. They shared how proud they were to be naming the new facility the Sutton Center.

XII. 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