

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 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, November 19, 2019 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Phil Jones, Mr. Scott Malott, Dr. Kathryn Ludwig, Superintendent Chad Yencer, and Assistant Superintendent Greg Roach.

II. AUDIENCE INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 3-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. Amendments to the Agenda

III. Consent Agenda

D. Items were added to the Professional Development Requests

V. Action

I. Consideration of Resolution to transfer to the Rainy Day Fund

B. Minutes from the November 19, 2019 board meeting.

C. Claims dated December 17, 2019 in the amount of \$1,908,789.51

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

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| 1. Mrs. Grace Shockey  | Ball State Counselor Preview Day<br>November 21, 2019      | Muncie |
| 2. Mrs. Amanda Ehrhart | DOE Early Learning Preschool Road Show<br>December 5, 2019 |        |

E. Grants and Donations

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| 1. Tri Kappa – Beta Xi Chapter           | \$50 for BJSHS Show Choir support                           |
| 2. CWF of First Christian Church         | \$200 towards Health Office needs at Southside              |
| 3. Tru-Form Steel and Wire               | \$100 towards robot teams at Northside                      |
| 4. New Indy Container                    | \$200 to Montpelier School                                  |
| 5. Mr. William Ferrell                   | \$747.05 to pay off outstanding lunch accounts at Northside |
| 6. Hartford City Kiwanis                 | \$2500 for Christmas families at BJSHS                      |
| 7. Via Credit Union                      | \$500 for Christmas families at BJSHS                       |
| 8. Blackford County Community Foundation | \$739.57 for Nurse Support at BJSHS                         |

F. Transfer of Funds

Approved the Transfer of \$263,000 from Education Fund to the Operations Fund as presented.

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 Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 3-0 vote to approve the following personnel items:

Resignations

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Dawn Johnsen  | Social Studies teacher at BJSHS   |
| 2. Mrs. Penny Lanning | Food service at Montpelier School |

## New Employee

1. Ms. Justine Barker Instructional Assistant at Northside School
2. Ms. Victoria Morones Secretary at Northside School

## Internal Transfer

1. Mrs. Sandy Roberson Kindergarten Instructional Assistant at Montpelier School

### B. Consideration of BJSHS School Improvement Plan

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 3-0 vote to approve the BJSHS School Improvement Plan as presented.

### C. Consideration of 2020-2021 BCS Calendar

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 3-0 vote to approve the 2020-2021 calendar as presented.

### D. Consideration of naming of former junior high school building

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 3-0 vote to rename the former junior high building the Blackford Intermediate School.

### E. Consideration of Hartford City Library Board appointment

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 3-0 vote to appoint Mrs. Kelli Ruble to serve a 4-year term to the Hartford City Public Library Board of Directors.

### F. Consideration of P.A. system for BJSHS

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 3-0 vote to grant permission for the purchase of a P.A. system for BJSHS priced at \$44,362.

### G. Consideration of Roof Commissioning Service Proposal

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 3-0 vote to approve the Roof Commissioning Proposal from Moisture Management with the Northside Elementary budget at \$1,125,000 and Blackford Intermediate School at \$481,000.

### H. Consideration of Resolution to transfer to Rainy Day Fund

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Ludwig with a 3-0 vote to approve the Resolution to Transfer \$300,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

## VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

### A. BJSHS Course Description Guide

The board heard from BJSHS Guidance Counselors Mrs. Valerie Janowski-Human and Mrs. Grace Shockey in regard to updates made to the 2020-2021 BJSHS Course Description Guide.

### B. Football stadium replacement

Board members heard a presentation from GT Grandstands on possible upgrades to the current BJSHS football stadium. The board will vote on the football stadium proposal at the January 21, 2020 board meeting.

### C. Enrollment projections

Mr. Yencer shared a report on prospective enrollment out to 2025. The report predicts that BCS enrollment will continue to decrease in the next five years. He noted that future decisions will be made with enrollment projections in mind. He noted that Blackford County has 1795 students who live within the district. Of those students, 1542 attend BCS; 253 students within the district attend other public schools.

### D. Update on Blackford Intermediate School

Mr. Yencer explained to board members that work continues in preparing Blackford Intermediate School for students in August 2020. He noted the following updates are completed or underway. They include: fresh coat of paint for the main hall, a bathroom remodel, roofing repairs, staging area remodel, whiteboards added, and playground equipment selected. He added that the elementary schools are still working on the "moving" logistics.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Reorganization Meeting

The board will meet for reorganization on January 7, 2020 at 5 p.m. Following the reorganization meeting, there will be an Executive Session.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

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