

BLACKFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
MAY 21, 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, May 21, 2019 at Central Office. Those present included: Mr. Phil Jones, 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 5-0 vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Amendments to the Agenda

1. Items were added to Personnel Report

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

C. Claims dated May 21, 2019 in the amount of \$1,847,009.45

D. Professional Leave Requests as presented:

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|----|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. | Mrs. Monica Myers<br>Mrs. Karen Mealy             | PLC Leadership Conference<br>Aug. 26-27, 2019<br>Dec. 10-11, 2019 | Indianapolis |
| 2. | Mr. Chad Yencer<br>Mr. Greg Elkins                | IASBO Annual Conference<br>May 8-9, 2019                          | Fort Wayne   |
| 3. | Mrs. Laura Lee                                    | Smekens Literacy Retreat<br>June 6, 2019                          | French Lick  |
| 4. | Mrs. Kelli Ruble                                  | Mental Health Series for Educators<br>June 6, 2019                | Fort Wayne   |
| 5. | Mr. Todd Hill                                     | Insurance meeting<br>May 17, 2019                                 | Indianapolis |
| 6. | Mrs. Shelbi Louck                                 | Indiana Ag Teachers Workshop<br>June 10-11, 2019                  | Lafayette    |
| 7. | Mr. Chad Yencer<br>Mr. Greg Elkins                | 2019 IDOE Superintendent's Summit<br>June 14, 2019                | Indianapolis |
| 8. | Mrs. Valerie Janowski-Human<br>Mrs. Grace Shockey | INSSWA Seminar<br>June, 25, 2019                                  | Marion       |
| 9. | Mrs. Kylee Redford<br>Workshop                    | Indiana Farm Bureau AITC Teacher<br>Workshop<br>June 7, 2019      | Indianapolis |

E. Grants and Donations

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | VIA Credit Union         | \$125 for BHS Yearbook         |
| 2. | CSC Farms                | \$150 for FFA State Convention |
| 3. | Jones Family Farms, Inc. | \$200 for FFA State Convention |

4.	Blackford Baptist Temple	\$250 for BHS Staff Appreciation
5.	Dave's Car Corner	\$125 for BHS Staff Appreciation
6.	Mr. Derek Rose	\$125 for BHS Staff Appreciation
7.	Preferred Eye Care	\$100 for Champions Together program
8.	BHS Key Club	\$250 for Champions Together program
9.	Hartford City Rotary Club	\$1405 for BHS Band support
10.	Petoskey Plastics	\$500 for BHS Boys Golf Team support
11.	Park Place Apartments	\$300 for Champions Together program
12.	Meridian Health Services	\$25 for BHS Water Bottles
13.	Kiwanis of Hartford City	\$250 for Champions Together program
14.	D&S Production Services	\$200 for Champions Together program
15.	State Farm Insurance	\$100 for Champions Together program
16.	Neff Realty	\$50 for Montpelier School field day
17.	Montpelier Glove	\$100 for Montpelier School field day
18.	Neff Insurance Agency	\$25 for Montpelier School Art Show
19.	Glancy Funeral Home	\$100 for Montpelier School Art Show
20.	JR Flooring	\$30 for Montpelier School Art Show
21.	Law Offices of William Myers	\$200 for Northside Robot Teams
22.	Huntington Tool & Die	\$100 for Montpelier Elementary Art Show
23.	Montpelier Family Dentistry	\$50 for Montpelier Elementary Art Show
24.	Hy-Line	\$100 for the Montpelier School Art Show
25.	Smith Insurance	\$50 for the Montpelier School Field Day
26.	Citizens State Bank	\$25 for Montpelier School Field Day \$20 for Montpelier School Art Show

E. Consideration of monthly transfer to Operating Fund

Fund amount for May 21, 2019 - \$195,000

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 5-0 vote to approve the following personnel items:

Resignations

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|----|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. | Mrs. Erica Gipson | Head custodian at Northside School |
| 2. | Mrs. Dawn Werner  | School Within A School Teacher     |

New Employee

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|----|--------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 1. | Ms. Cheryl Green   | Language Arts Teacher at BJSHS                 |
| 2. | Mrs. Sandy Robbins | Long-term substitute for alternative education |
| 3. | Mr. Scott Love     | Long-term substitute for ISS Aide              |
| 4. | Ms. Kelli Hiestand | Bus driver for BCS                             |
| 5. | Ms. Bethany Sparks | Special Services secretary                     |
| 6. | Mrs. Dawn Johnsen  | Social Studies teacher at BHS                  |
| 7. | Mr. Josh Isenberg  | Summer School Math teacher                     |

Summer School Appointments

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|----|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | Mrs. Karen Mealy    | Summer School Administrator           |
| 2. | Mrs. Shelby Louck   | Summer School Ag teacher              |
| 3. | Ms. Deborah Hundley | Summer School Credit Recovery teacher |
| 4. | Mrs. Kristi Shipley | Summer School Math teacher            |
| 5. | Mr. Jack Norton     | Summer School Math teacher            |
| 6. | Ms. Sasha Hudson    | Summer School English teacher         |

Internal Transfer

1. Ms. Sasha Hudson Spanish teacher at BJSHS

Extra-Curricular Resignations

1. Mr. Wade Hummer Head football coach at BJHS
2. Mrs. Dawn Werner School Within A School Teacher

Extra-Curricular Appointments

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

Retirement

1. Mrs. Cindy Smith BCS Food Service
2. Mrs. Janet Kelly BCS Food Service

B. Consideration of 2019-2020 BJSHS Student Handbook

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Smith with a 5-0 vote to approve the second reading of the 2019-2020 Blackford Jr.-Sr. High School Handbook.

C. Consideration of notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations

A motion was made by Malott and seconded by Smith with a 5-0 vote to approve the Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations as presented.

D. Consideration of Amendment to original establishment of Rainy Day Fund

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Kaufman with a 5-0 vote to approve the Amendment to original establishment of Rainy Day Fund as presented.

E. Consideration of Transfer to Rainy Day Fund

A motion was made by Kaufman and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the transfer to the Rainy Day Fund as presented.

F. Consideration of approval of Capital Asset Inventory

A motion was made by Ludwig and seconded by Malott with a 5-0 vote to approve the Capital Asset Inventory as presented.

G. Consideration of revision to School Board Policy 5115

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Ludwig with a 5-0 vote to approve the revisions to School Board Policy 5115.

VI. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

A. Consideration of 2019-2020 Elementary School Handbook

The board reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 Elementary School Handbook as presented.

B. Consideration of School Board Policy 5127 - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services

The board reviewed School Board Policy 5127 - Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services as presented. The policy will be returned for board action at the June 18 meeting.

C. Summer School report

Mr. Elkins updated the board on the current status of Summer School plans. Summer School will take place June 5 through June 2.

D. School Board Policy review

Mr. Yencer shared information about the potential of reviewing current school board policy with counsel at the Indiana School Boards Association.

E. Construction update

Mr. Yencer updated the board on the status of the construction project at BHS.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. John price addressed capital projects and Summer School.

Mrs. Connie Hidy addressed the building project at BHS.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Mr. Yencer shared that some work was going to be necessary to the locker rooms at BHS. He said the work would be outside the scope of the original plans but was necessary to maintain ADA compliance.

Mr. Yencer reported that a student at BHS would soon be receiving an Associate's Degree from Ivy Tech, prior to her BHS graduation, thanks to the dual credit program.

IX. BOARD COMMENTS

Dr. Ludwig inquired about teacher incentives for those with a Master's Degree. Mr. Yencer told her there were currently incentives in place for teachers who receive a Master's Degree while employed with BCS.

Mr. Kaufman suggested that photos should be taken at BHS that celebrate students receiving an apprenticeship in skilled trades much like college scholarship winners do. Mr. Yencer said he would share that idea with the BHS administration.

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