

**BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
IN THE COUNTIES OF TAMA, BENTON, AND IOWA, STATE OF IOWA  
BENTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 6:00 PM  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

**FY'21 Budget Hearing: 6:00 P.M.**

**Action Item # 37: [FY21 BUDGET AMENDMENT HEARING](#)**

Motion by Ludeking, second by Thompson to approve the FY'21 Budget Amendment as published and presented.

MOTION CARRIED  
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

**Regular Meeting**

**1. Call to Order: 6:00 P.M.:**

**Present:** Directors Becker, Ludeking, Nolte (absent), Stepanek (arrived 6:23 P.M.), Thompson, Upah, and Werning. A Quorum was declared present.

**Also Present:** Anna Upah, Rob Arnold, Ryan Junge (on Zoom), Phil Eastman, Tyler Maschino, Dr. Bieschke, Dr. Ewell, Doug Embray and Tim Lyons.

**2. Delegations, Communications, Considerations of Additional Items for the Agenda**

No additions to the agenda as presented

**3. Open Forum**

No Public Comment

**4. Action Item #38 – Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Thompson, second by Upah to approve agenda as presented.

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**5. August 10<sup>th</sup> Storm Damage Updates – (Not an action item, information only)**

Dr. Ewell and Mr. Embray provided the Board updates on restoration and repair district-wide. Handout provided. No action taken on this item.

[UPDATE](#)

**6. School Improvement Report**

Laurie Donald, Jeff Furler, Kim Fisher, Christy Deutsch, and Anna Upah provided the Board an update on Teacher Leadership efforts district-wide. [PowerPoint presentation](#) provided. No action taken on this agenda item.

**7. Action Item #39 – 2020-2021 Calendar Revisions**

Motion by Thompson, second by Stepanek to approve the revised 20-21 calendar to reflect the following: noon dismissals on Wednesdays as scheduled, Jan. 18 and Feb. 15 to be student school days, any other dismissals will be at noon instead of 1:00, end of the semester to be Jan. 22, 2021. Last day of school pending any other changes to be June 4, 2021

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### 8. Action Item #40: School Bus RFP

Motion to approve the Request for Proposal for seeking bids for two (2) 77-passenger buses and one (1) 36-passenger lift bus as outlined in specifications.

- [36 passenger lift bus](#)
- 2 - [77 passenger buses](#)

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### 9. Administration Report

Administrative reports provide for Board review. No action taken on this item.

### 10. Action Items 41 & 42: Business Services

- WARRANTS
  - i. [PRELIMINARY WARRANTS](#)
  - ii. [ADDITIONAL WARRANTS](#)
  - iii. [SUMMARY OF PAID WARRANTS](#)
  - iv. [Perfection Property Restoration, Inc. Invoice](#)
- FINANCIAL REPORTS
  - v. [GENERAL FUND REPORT](#)
  - vi. [ALL FUNDS REPORT](#)
  - vii. [Retail Sales October Reference Piper Sander](#)

Motion by Stepanek, second by Werning to approve warrants as presented.

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Motion by Thompson, second by Upah to approve financial reports as presented.

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### 11. Action Item 43: Consent Agenda

1. Personnel – All hires are contingent on an approved background check/fingerprinting and appropriate degree and licensure.
  - a. Hires
    - i. Whitney Funk-Reyes – Bus Associate – Special Education
    - ii. Derrick Samson – Sub Bus Driver
  - b. Resignations
    - i. Andrea Nolan – Bus Stop Supervisor
    - ii. Justin Liddle – Jr. High Track
  - c. Contracts
    - i. OPN - AIA
    - ii. Compass Memorial Healthcare– Athletic Trainer
2. Meeting Minutes -

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a. Board Meeting Minutes [September 2020](#)

Motion by Stepanek, second by Werning to approve consent agenda as presented.

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**11. SUPERINTENDENT**

a. UPDATE & REPORT

i. Enrollment update

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1. [Enrollment summary](#)
2. [Certified Enrollment Trend](#)
3. [Open Enrollment In and Out Trend](#)
4. Disaggregated data

The screenshot shows a web interface for 'Certified Enrollment' with a navigation menu and a 'Summary Comparison' table. The table compares current and previous enrollment figures across various categories.

Description	Current	Previous	Change
Resident Public Students Attending your District (1)	1377.40	1355.93	+21.47
Resident Public Students Attending another Iowa Public School District (2, 3)	124.20	128.90	-4.70
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for District Classes (4, 5)	0.63	0.58	0.05
Non Public Shared Time and CPI Students Dual Enrolled for PSEO Classes (4, 5)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Residential Facility Students Enrolled for District Classes (5)	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Actual Enrollment (7)</b>	<b>1501.93</b>	<b>1522.23</b>	<b>-20.30</b>
Non Resident Public Students Attending your District (8, 9)	103.30	90.00	+13.30
PK-4 Students Attending your Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program (10)	50.50	58.00	-7.50
<b>Iowa School Age Students Provided Instructional Programs/Services by your District</b>	<b>1481.03</b>	<b>1454.23</b>	<b>+26.80</b>
Limited English Proficient Weighing (13)	2.42	2.99	-0.44

- ii. Hybrid Tier I online report
- iii. Facilities Study/Advisory Committee update
- iv. November meeting date - Nov. 11
  1. State representatives - invite to Nov. meeting after election?
- v. COVID-19 - Update
  1. Positive cases in a 2-week period = 9
  2. Positive cases since start of school year = 20
  3. Number of individuals quarantined in a 2-week period = 70
  4. Total quarantined or isolated since start of the school year = 293
- vi. Tier I Hybrid Online Learning with our teachers and curriculum
  1. Number of students on Tier I Hybrid
    - a. Report from each bldg. Admin.
      - i. MS/HS - 51
      - ii. Norway - 11, 8 on quarantine
      - iii. Keystone - 10, 10 quarantine
      - iv. Atkins - 6, 7 quarantine

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- vii. Matt Gillespie from Piper Sanders - in January or February to align with Facilities Study/Advisory Committee
- viii. [Facility Committee volunteers and suggested members](#)
- ix. Central Lutheran using VH elementary - mid-December
- x. IASB convention sign up - use handout in your folder, just circle date, all online this year, I will register you
- xi. Early retirement - see handouts
  - 1. [Summary information](#)
  - 2. Continues as option this year for FY'21
    - a. 8 certified staff eligible
    - b. 10 non-certified staff eligible
  - 3. Will review at the November board meeting. Employees have until January 14 to apply, Board action at January Board meeting
- xii. If late start occurs on an already early dismissal Wed. - plans
- b. Board goals - update and progress
  - i. [GOAL #4 UPDATE: FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE GOAL - UPDATE](#)
  - ii. [GOAL #5 UPDATE: MARKETING AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION - UPDATE](#)

### **12. Action Item # 44 – Adjournment**

Motion by Stepanek, second by Ludeking to adjourn meeting at 8:25 P.M.

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