

**BENTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE COUNTIES OF TAMA, BENTON, AND IOWA, STATE OF IOWA
PUBLIC HEARING ON FY'20 BUDGET AMENDMENT AND
BENTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY17, 2019, 7:00 PM
BENTON COMMUNITY CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM
304 1ST STREET, VAN HORNE, IOWA 52346**

PUBLIC HEARING ON FY'20 BUDGET AMENDMENT:

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M., closed 7:02 P.M.

BENTON REGULAR BOARD MEETING, WEDNESDAY, JULY17, 2019, 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 P.M.

ATTENDANCE: Directors Feuerbach, Ludeking, Nolte, Reinhardt, Stepanek and Thompson.

ABSENT: Director Becker

The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared present.

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Ewell, Doug Embray, James Bieschke, Ryan Junge, Phil Eastman, Anna Upah and Jason West.

DELEGATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CONSIDERATIONS OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA/ OPEN FORUM:

There was no public comment.

Dr. Ewell shared an addition item for the agenda, Item 9B, Recommendations: Rob Arnold has submitted a letter of interest for the position of 8th Grade Football Coach.

Action #1 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
Motion by Thompson and second by Ludeking to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #2 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Motion by Nolte and second by Feuerbach to approve the minutes of the June 19 Board Meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #3 **WARRANTS**
Motion by Nolte and second by Ludeking to approve warrants as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #5 **FINANCIAL REPORTS**
Motion by Reinhardt, second by Feuerbach to approve financial reports as provided.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

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Action #6 **FY20 BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL:**

Motion by Ludeking, second by Feuerbach to approve budget amendment as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

Dr. Ewell provided the Board introductory information on student achievement. Handouts were included for the record.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORT

Anna Upah shared a PowerPoint presentation on digital learning for the school district.

Action #7 **AGENTS OF RECORD FOR 2019-20:**

The Board considered the following agents of record for the 2019-20 school year:

Insurance – EMC and Keystone Insurance – Carlene Silhanek
Legal Services – Lynch Dallas
Collective Bargaining & Personnel Management – Gary Ray and Associates

Motion by Nolte, second by Thompson to approve agents of record as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #8 **RESIGNATIONS:**

Sara Mohr – 4 – 6 Interventionist

Motion by Nolte, second by Ludeking to accept resignation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action # 9 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Kevin Ludwik – bus driver
2. Shawnee Fry – Special Education Associate, assigned to MS/HS
3. Tami Kruse – Special Education Associate, assigned to Keystone Elementary
4. Tori Kolsrud – Special Education Associate, assigned to Norway Elementary
5. Nicholas Green – Drum line instructor
6. M. Cory Schmitt – volunteer– 2019 band season
7. Jason Andriano – volunteer– 2019 band season
8. Meredith Tipping – volunteer– 2019 band season
9. Kristin Walsh – Sped Ed Associate – 3-year-old, assigned to Atkins
10. Taylor Nickell – 3-year-old Associate, assigned to Atkins
11. Sally Reiners - Food Service
12. Sherrie Collins - 4-6 Intervention Specialist, assigned to Norway

Requested to add to agenda:

13. Rob Arnold - 8th grade football head coach

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Information:

Dr. Ewell and Mr. Eastman approved the internal transfer of Sherrie Collins to the open 4-6 grade intervention Position (pending release of contract for Sara Mohr). Current open position: 6th Grade Reading.

Motion by Reinhardt, second by Thompson to accept recommendations as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action # 10

BOARD POLICY

The board reviewed policies from the 700 Series.

1. 711.1 – Transportation of Non-School Groups
2. 710.1 – School Nutrition Program
3. 710.2 – Purpose of Program
4. 710.4 – Financial Support
5. 710.5 – Eligibility of Free and Reduced
6. 711.6 – Transportation Insurance Program (Tabled)

Motion by Thompson, second by Reinhardt to approve items 1 through 5, tabling Item 6 for further discussion.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #11

HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK APPROVAL

Dr. James Bieschke, MS/HS Principal presented the HS Handbook for approval. No revisions were necessary.

Motion by Reinhardt, second by Nolte to approve handbook as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #12

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK APPROVAL:

Mr. Rob Arnold, Assistant MS Principal and Associate HS Principal presented the Middle School Handbook revisions for approval

Motion by Thompson, second by Ludeking to approve handbook as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #13

ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK APPROVAL:

Mr. Jason West, Elementary Principal at the Atkins Center, Mr. Ryan Junge, Elementary Principal at the Keystone Center and Mr. Phil Eastman, Intermediate Principal at the Norway Center presented the Elementary Handbook revisions for approval.

Motion by Nolte, second by Feuerbach to approve the elementary handbook as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

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Action #14 ACTIVITY HANDBOOK APPROVAL:

Mr. Shawn Pfiffner, Activities Director and Assistant 7 – 12 Principal, presented the Activity Handbook information for approval.

Motion by Thompson, second by Nolte to approve the Activity Handbook as presented with general statement on trainer.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #15 TRANSPORTATION HANDBOOK APPROVAL:

Associate Superintendent, Mr. Embray, presented the Transportation Handbook information for approval. There were no changes to the handbook, with the exception of revising the names of the drivers.

Motion by Nolte, second by Ludeking to approve the Transportation Handbook as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Action #16 SUMMER LITERACY PROGRAM STAFF APPROVAL:

The Board considered the approval of staffing for the summer literacy program at the Atkins and Keystone Centers:

Summer teachers for Atkins Literacy program:	Summer teachers for Keystone Literacy program:
Katie Costigan	Tracie Kimm
Beth Anderson	Marie (Kaufman) Terry
Blair Brown	
Associates: Linda Gessner, Mary Wilhelmi	Associates: Starr Halverson, Renee Bear

Motion by Ludeking, second by Thompson to approve the Summer Literacy Program as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
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Motion by Ludeking, second by Thompson to approve emergency operation plan as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
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STUDENT ACTIVITY TRIP REQUEST APPROVAL

No action taken.

ATHLETIC TRAINING SERVICES AGREEMENT AMENDMENT:

No action taken on amending the Athletic Training Services Agreement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 31 – Aug. 1	SAI Annual Conference
August 13	Student Registration for 2018-19, 10 a.m. until 7 p.m., at MS/HS
August 15	New Staff Induction
August 19-22	District Level Staff Meeting/Building Meetings/Professional Dev
August 21	PK – 12 Open House
August 21	Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
August 23	First Day of School

SUPERINTENDENT INFORMATION:

Nov. 20 & 21 IASB State Convention\
 Who is interested in attending?
 Nov. 20 is Delegate Assembly and Conference Workshops
 Who is interested in Delegate Assembly?

National Superintendent Association Meeting – Superintendents in the area sharing information regarding attendance. Fills up quickly. Is attending a National Conference supported?

Action #17 ADJOURNMENT 9:00 P.M.

Motion by Reinhardt, second by Feuerbach to adjourn meeting.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

By: _____
Doug Embray, Board Secretary

The Benton Board of Directors approved the record of proceedings on _____. I hereby declare these minutes a permanent public record of this District.

By: _____
Patrick Stepanek, Board President

Sent to: Cedar Valley Times and Jan Andreesen (Benton webpage):