**Minutes**

**BEREA INDEPENDENT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**July 17, 2023 7:00 PM**

**Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School**

The Berea Board of Education met on July 17, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Kennedy Theater, Berea Middle/High School. The following board members were present:

Attendance Taken at : 7:00 PM

Present Board Members:

Rebecca Blankenship

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside

Mr. Van Gravitt

Mr. Tom McCay

Mr. Jarred Penn

I. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

II. RECOGNITION

III. COMMUNICATION

A. Audience Comments

B. Board Report

1. Superintendent Report

2. Financial Report

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to Amend Passed: To amend the motion from: "Approval of the agenda as written was " to: "Approval of the agenda as written with the addition of item VI C, Resolution of the Berea Independent School District Finance Corporation" passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as written with the addition of item VI C, Resolution of the Berea Independent School District Finance Corporation passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

V. BUSINESS/CONSENT ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

Motion Passed: Approval of the Business/Consent Items for Board Consideration passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

4 Yeas - 1 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship No

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Rebecca Blankenship requested an amendment to the minutes, specifically regarding the first reading of KSBA Policy Update #46, noting that Board Policy 09.141 was not included in the initial reading. There was no second, the motion failed.

**A. Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the board meeting on June 22, 2023. Requested by Kathie Ridge, Secretary, and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

**B. Financial Reports**

Approve the financial reports of the Elementary, Middle School, High School, Food Service and General Fund, including the Orders of the Treasurer. Requested by Tony Tompkins, Director of Operations and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

**C. Facilities Use Request - Yamanashi Gakuin High School Homestay Program**

Per Berea Board of Education Policy 05.3 approve the Facility Use Request from Yamanashi Gakuin High School Homestay Program to use 2 classrooms and transport students on a field trip with Berea students. Approval of this request is subject to obtaining event insurance per board policy stipulations. Requested by and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

**VI. BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

**A. KSBA Policy Updates #46 - Second Reading**

Motion Passed: Approve the second reading of the KSBA recommended policy updates #46 passed with a motion by Mr. Tom McCay and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

3 Yeas - 2 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship No

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn No

Approve the second reading of the KSBA recommended policy updates #46. Requested by Teresa Combs, Legal Counsel and Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

Rebecca Blankenship requested the motion to be amended: strike section 2 of Board Policy 08.13531. There was no second, the requested amendment failed.

B. Yamanashi Gakuin High School (YGHS) English Immersion program

Motion Passed: Approve the Yamanashi Gakuin High School (YGHS) English Immersion program for proposed dates of September 20-29, 2023 passed with a motion by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside and a second by Mr. Tom McCay.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Approve the Yamanashi Gakuin High School (YGHS) English Immersion program for proposed dates of September 20-29, 2023. Requested by Kelly Caldwell, Berea High School Principal and recommended by Dr. Diane Hatchett, Superintendent.

Summary: In 2019 Berea Community School hosted 32 students and 3 adult advisors from Yamanashi Gakuin High School (YGHS) in Kofu, Japan. While in Berea they attended an English

Immersion program (Provided by MCIC) while engaging in homestay activities with Berea

Independent School District students and families. YGHS would like to renew this program

in September of 2023 with approximately 30-33 Japanese students. All substantial costs

will be borne by MCIC and YGHS, including rental of BCS facilities and providing a small

stipend to each host family. Length of the program would be approximately 10 days, with a

preferred dates of September 20-29.

**C. Resolution of the Berea Independent School District**

Motion Passed: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BEREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH SAID COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BEREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS; APPROVING A CERTAIN GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES; AND APPROVING THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF SAID PROJECTS passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Mr. Jarred Penn.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BEREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, CONFIRMING THE ACCEPTANCE OF AN OFFER OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE KENTUCKY SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH SAID COMMISSION; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE BEREA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCE CORPORATION AND ANY FURTHER NECESSARY INSTRUMENTS; APPROVING A CERTAIN GUARANTEED ENERGY SAVINGS CONTRACT FOR THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CONTINUING DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES; AND APPROVING THE PLAN OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF SAID PROJECTS.

**D. Closed Session - Personnel**

Motion Passed: Go into Closed Session for the purpose of Personnel (Superintendent Evaluation) passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Go into Closed Session for the purpose of Personnel (Superintendent Evaluation). Requested and recommended by Van Gravitt, Chairman

**E. Return to Regular Session**.

Motion Passed: Return to Regular Session passed with a motion by Rebecca Blankenship and a second by Dr. Jacqueline Burnside.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

Return to Regular Session. Requested and recommended by Mr. Van Gravitt, Chairman

**VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion Passed: Approval to adjourn the meeting passed with a motion by Mr. Van Gravitt and a second by Rebecca Blankenship.

5 Yeas - 0 Nays

Rebecca Blankenship Yes

Dr. Jacqueline Burnside Yes

Mr. Van Gravitt Yes

Mr. Tom McCay Yes

Mr. Jarred Penn Yes

2023 Meeting Schedule

All meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Kennedy Theater with the exception of the work session meetings and those noted which will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Office.

Tuesday, January 27, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m.)

Monday, February 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, March 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, April 24, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Budget- Work Session)

Monday, May 15, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Thursday, June 22, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, July 17, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, August 21, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, September 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, October 9, 2023 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Assessment -Work Session)

Monday, October 16, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, November 20, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Monday, December 18, 2023 Kennedy Theater

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 Central Office (5:30 p.m. Elect Chair and Set Meeting Dates-Work Session)

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Chairperson Secretary

Claims paid for the month of July, 2023 $ 397,147.01