Board of Education

The meeting of the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District Board of Education was held on November 5, 2019 at 1101 Red Drive, Traverse City, Michigan. President Fisher called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Board Members Present: Birgy McKellar Brown Tank Fisher
Board Members Absent: Carpenter Scherrer

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Member Brown, supported by Member Birgy, to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Welcome Visitors & Public Comment:

Erin Campbell, TBAISD School Psychologist announced it is school psychology awareness week starting next week and we appreciate the support of representatives from the ISD attending the state conference.

Student/Staff/Local District Presentations:

Carol Greilick, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, introduced Candy Marek, Supervisor for New Campus School. Candy presented information on School-Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) which is a process to change behavior management in classrooms and the school building practiced at New Campus School. Trauma awareness is blended with PBIS through setting expectations and celebrating students and staff.

Motion by Board Member McKellar, supported by Board Member Birgy, to approve consent grouping items 1-5 as presented.

1. Minutes of October 1, 2019 regular meeting
2. Minutes of October 24, 2019 special meeting
4. A. New Position:
   - School Health Team Assistant, part time, effective November, 2019
B. New Employee:
   - Keri Carpenter, Teacher Assistant, effective October 30, 2019
C. Employee Resignations:
   - Sandy Fyan, Teacher Assistant, effective September 30, 2019 (Retirement 15 years)
   - Laurie Glass, Teacher EI, effective December 13, 2019 (Retirement 30 years)
   - Marla Rivard, Teacher Assistant, effective October 22, 2019
   - Shanna Janowiak, Insurance Coordinator, effective November 6, 2019
   - Nataliya Silkovska, Accountant, effective December 31, 2019
   - Christopher Erickson, Teacher Assistant, effective November 4, 2019
C. Approval of Out of State Travel
   1. Caleb St John, CTC student in Auto Technology and senior from Kingsley Area Schools, to represent Job’s for Michigan’s Graduates at the National Job’s for Americas Graduates National Student Leadership awards, December 4-8, 2019, Washington, D.C. Caleb was nominated by his CTC instructor Kevin Kimble. This annual conference is held for over 600 students from across the country to learn more about being a leader in their schools and communities.
   2. Manufacturing Technology Academy Instructors Hollianne McHugh, Tim Wheatley, Deb Oliver, and
Deb Menchaca, along with 20 students (estimate) and possibly additional CTC chaperone and/or MTA Advisory member to attend the National Robotics Challenge, April 1-4, 2020, Marion, Ohio.

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member McKellar, supported by Board Member Brown to approve contract for Early On Part C Services with Northwest Michigan Community Action agency in the amount of $58,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Brown to appoint SEPAC Member Gloria Borton from Frankfort-Elberta Area Schools. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Brown, supported by Board Member McKellar to approve the Continuation of a 100% Summer Tax Collection in those districts that implement at 100% summer collection:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (Revised School Code), invokes for 2020 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests each city and/or township in which this District is located to collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this District is located a copy of this Board’s resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2020 in the amount as specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2020.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District’s summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCLA 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Board Member Birgy, supported by Board Member Brown to approve contract for Great Start Readiness Preschool Early Childhood Specialist Jen Amin in the amount of $40,000. Roll call vote: Ayes: 5; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Information Items:

There were none.

Discussion Items:

A. Board policy 0167.1 Voting: Dr. Ceglarek distributed a recent Thrun Law article relating to the Assistant Attorney General opinion that board members voting remotely may violate the Open Meetings Act. Our
policy allows a board member to participate fully, including voting. Upon recommendation by Thrun Law, we would like to amend this policy for participation by board members but not eligible to cast a vote on any action. Board action will be presented at the December meeting.

Updates:
A. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Nick Ceglarek:

1. Today is Election Day and we wish the best for the Benzie County Central Public Schools bond proposal and Leelanau County for an early childhood millage.

2. We had over 900 people attend the Regional Staff Development Day on November 1. A total of 696 survey responses gave a 90% very satisfied rating from sessions individuals attended. A huge thank you to staff who contributed to the event organization over the past several months including Dr. Kelly Coffin, Paul Bauer and Brandi Reynolds. Data will be shared with local superintendents and we will start engaging in discussions for next year’s event. Outlined in SAIL this aligns toward your direction on providing high quality, relevant professional development to internal and external stakeholders, as well as community partners.

Board Member Reports/Requests:

Board member Birgy attended the Regional Staff Development Day in Kalkaska and thanked the staff for their organization of the event and having great presenters and collaboration with our school districts.

Dates to Remember:
A. November 26, 2019 Life Skills Center Talent Show

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

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Joseph Fisher, President                   Rachael Birgy, Secretary