

BROWNSTOWN CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
Brownstown, Indiana

Members of the Board of School Trustees of the Brownstown Central Community School Corporation met in Regular Session at the Brownstown Central Administration Office at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020.

A work session was held at 6:00 p.m. prior to the executive session.

An executive session was held at 7:00 p.m. to receive information about prospective employees and discuss individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. (I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1) (b) (5) (6). And, to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining. (2A)

Roll call was taken by President Scott Shade. Members Mary Lou Burcham, Brian Wheeler, Clayton Beard, Gina Hackman and David Martin were present, as were Superintendent Tim Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Jade Peters, Melissa Hogan, Joe Sheffer, Doug McClure, Chrystal Street, Marty Young, Paula Workman, 1 member of the media, and 1 patron. Member Dan Hall was absent.

Scott Shade called the meeting to order. Clayton Beard led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed.

A public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. for Pre-Bargaining Negotiations in which public comments were taken. On a motion by Gina Hackman, seconded by Brian Wheeler, the hearing was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Gina Hackman, the board unanimously approved the Minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting.

On a motion by Mary Lou Burcham, seconded by Brian Wheeler, the board unanimously approved the Minutes of the August 19, 2020 (Budget Workshop) meeting.

Mr. Peters stated that on August 19<sup>th</sup> 2020, the 2021 budget, CPF Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan were presented to the board as well as being uploaded onto the corporation website, and Gateway. Mr. Peters then held a public hearing for the CPF & Bus Replacement Plans to allow the public an opportunity to ask any questions about either the CPF or Bus Replacement Plans. There were no public comments Mr. Peters stated we will move forward with the adoption of both the CPF and Bus Replacement Plans in October.

Mr. Sheffer recognized and congratulated Faith Harrison as BCHS Student of the Month.

Mr. Sheffer reported that BCHS is socially distant at lunch and in 128 out of 130 classes. BCHS only has to contact trace in 2 classes.

Mr. Sheffer reported that BCHS discussion team met and looked at Alternate Schedule options for second trimester.

Mr. Sheffer stated that there will need to be a deadline two weeks prior to the start of the second trimester for virtual students to tell BCHS if they plan to return to school. Time will be needed to adjust students' schedules and balance classes.

Mr. Sheffer stated that parent groups are not allowed to use the cafeteria or kitchen area at this time for ballgame dinners. However, they may conduct drive thru dinners if they wish.

Mr. McClure recognized and congratulated Tyler Wetzel as BCMS Student of the Month.

Mr. McClure stated that school pictures are Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. McClure reported that ILEARN results have been released, and that there is a need for improvement with the new state assessment.

Mr. McClure reported that he currently has 2 students that have expressed interest in attending the spring 2020 Washington D.C. 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. Students have until Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> to register.

Mr. McClure stated that BCMS students are now allowed to carry backpacks from class-to-class.

Mr. McClure reported that BCMS is looking at restructuring their master schedule. The goal would be to put students in specific classroom cohorts at each grade level so that as they move from class-to-class each period, they would be in those classes with the same students throughout the day.

Dr. Street recognized and congratulated Abigail Watson as BES Student of the Month.

Dr. Street stated BES is starting to call their online school “eSchool” to emphasize the school part.

Dr. Street reported that volleyball has started for BES.

Dr. Street reported that BES has made a number of adjustments since the start of the year. Those adjustments continue to be re-evaluated and improved when needed in order to make things better for staff and students.

Dr. Street reported that BES students continue to stay in pods that are changed every couple of weeks.

Dr. Street stated that the start of the school year has been challenging, but teachers and students are making the best of it.

Mr. Peters reported that there were four Emergency Allocations. Emergency Allocation #1 was to HFI Mechanical and Building Solutions for thermostat repair in the middle school band room, in the amount of \$385.00. Emergency Allocation #2 was to HFI Mechanical and Building Solutions for air conditioner repair at the elementary school, in the amount of \$806.80. Emergency Allocation #3 was to Indiana Technical Service for ice machine repair at the high school, in the amount of \$833.82. Emergency Allocation #4 was to Bland Technologies for door repair at the middle school, in the amount of \$1,346.74. Emergency Allocation previous balance was \$58,790.99, this month’s expenditures totaled \$3,372.36, leaving a balance of \$55,418.63. On a motion by Brian Wheeler, seconded by Mary Lou Burcham, the board unanimously approved the Emergency Allocations.

On a motion by Mary Lou Burcham, seconded by Gina Hackman, the board unanimously approved the payment Claim Nos. 18009 through 18077, 18082 through 18126 and August Payrolls 23, 24 and August Payroll Claims as follows:

FUND	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
0101	Education	29,083.08
0300	Operations	125,601.57
2195	Pepsi	2,270.00
3769	2019-20 High Ability Grant	1,014.75
7941	Cares Act. COVID Grant	2,500.00
	Total	\$160,469.40

FUND	DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
0101	Education	6,314.13
0300	Operations	50,882.84
5800	Title IV, PT. A	110.00
	Total	\$57,306.97

August Payroll and August Payroll Claims Total	\$1,126,550.06
Total	\$1,344,326.43

Mr. Peters went over the monthly budget and extracurricular fund reports.

On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Gina Hackman, the board unanimously approved the following Facility Use requests:

**FACILITY USE PERMIT**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Organization and Event</b>	<b>Facility Needed</b>
September 2020-March 2021	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Practice (LC/BCMS)	BCHS Gym
September 2020-March 2021	BC Basketball Practice (5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys/8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls)	All School Gyms
September 2020-August 2021	Workout Class	BCHS and BES
November 2020-March 2021	Softball	Baseball/Softball Building
TBA	Individual Basketball Workouts	All School Gyms

On a motion by Brian Wheeler, seconded by David Martin, the board unanimously approved the following personnel request:

**Personnel Actions**

**RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:**

Shannon Barger      BCHS Assistant Baseball Coach  
 Joe Sheffer        BES Boys 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach (Split Position)  
 Marty Young        BCHS Boys JV Basketball Coach and Boys Assistant Summer Basketball Coach

**LEAVE of ABSENCE:**

Brandon Tormoehlen    Leave of Absence (Effective November 2, 2020 – January 15, 2021)

Mr. Taylor read the second reading of NEOLA Policies 5111 – 5895. On a motion by Gina Hackman, seconded by Mary Lou Burcham, the board unanimously approved the policies.

Mr. Taylor read the first reading of the NEOLA Policies 8120 – 8462 Operations and 9120 – 9800 Relations.

Mr. Taylor asked the board to consider making BES Specials a “Pass/Fail” option. On a motion by Gina Hackman, seconded by Mary Lou Burcham, the board unanimously approved the “Pass/Fail” option.

In other business, Mr. Taylor asked for approval to change the date of the October board meeting from October 13, 2020 to October 20, 2020. On a motion by Clayton Beard, and seconded by David Martin, the board unanimously approved the change of date.

In other business, Mr. Taylor asked the board to consider approving a COHORT schedule for BCMS beginning on Monday, September 14, 2020. On a motion by David Martin, seconded by Mary Lou Burcham, the board unanimously approved the start date of the schedule.

Mr. Taylor reported that BCCSC received a school safety grant from the Department of Homeland Security, in the amount of \$68,000, to help fund the corporation’s two School Resource Officers.

Mr. Taylor stated that on Thursday night a large placard commemorating the 2019 State Championship Volleyball Team will be unveiled along with new placards honoring individual state champions Chris Baker and Winter Holman.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for their diligence in practicing safe and healthy precautions with regard to COVID 19.

Mr. Taylor gave a special thank you to Nursing Director, Joyce McKinney and her staff Brooke Ebbing, Missy Luedeman, and Shannon McKeand.

Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Sheffer and Mr. McClure for their proactive efforts on behalf of BCCSC students in considering a variety of scheduling options.

Mr. Taylor thanked the board for their support as BCCSC makes every possible effort to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

Brian Wheeler thanked Mr. Sheffer and Mr. McClure for all their hard work and dedication.

Scott Shade thanked BCCSC employees for their effort and adaptation that they have had to endure with this unusual school year.

Having no other business, on a motion by Gina Hackman, seconded by Clayton Beard, the board unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mary Lou Burcham, Secretary, Board of School Trustees

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Scott Shade, President, Board of School Trustees