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BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
October 30, 2023

President Allen opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and called to order in the Library at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present (5): John Allen, Anthony Barney, Dennis Jerome, Gary Ramsdell, and Kristin Vaughn.

Others present: Jane Collins, Superintendent, Scott Storey, Building Principal, Stephen Magovney, Business Manager, and Sally Kohl, District Clerk.

Excused: Roger Eastman, Board Member and Adam Miner, Board Member.

Members from the community/guests: Caroline Peterson and Leola Patterson (both arrived at 7:03 pm).

ACCEPTING THE AGENDA

Resolved that this Board of Education approve the agenda as published.

Motion made by: Anthony Barney
Seconded by: Kristin Vaughn

Motion Carried: 5-0

**ACCEPTING THE
AGENDA**

PRESENTATIONS

Pam Halloran and Michael Crowley from Crowley and Halloran COAs, P.C. presented to the Board, their findings for the 2023 audit. The audit received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest opinion allowed. They reviewed their findings and answered any questions that the board had.

They also reviewed the findings of the independent audit, requested by the Board of Education April of 2023 for a review on the Capital Reserve Account established in 2008 and budget transfers occurring between the general fund's unassigned fund balance and Capital Reserve Account. The independent audit was requested by the Board of Education in response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) received by the Business Office, requesting information on the Capital Reserve Account. After extensive document gathering and research, Crowley and Halloran's findings were that all money has been accounted for and used on the Capital Project.

Ms. Collins added that she was very satisfied with the very through audits and the findings for each audit.

Date: October 30, 2023

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Ms. Peterson stated that she was pleased and surprised when she received her tax bill that the increase was not as high as she expected. She also asked questions on the Business Manager’s statement and a tax levy report.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/28	7-10 pm	Booster Club sponsored Homecoming Dance (Grades 7-12)
10/29-11/4		National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN
10/30	3:05 pm	Grade Level Meeting
10/30	7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting-Library
10/31	9:30 am	Halloween Parade in the Gym
11/6	7:00 pm	Board of Education Meeting-Library
11/8	3:05 pm	Technology Committee Meeting
11/8	6:00 pm	PTO Meeting
11/9		Superintendent’s Day (Faculty and Staff Only)
11/10		Veterans Day Holiday (No School)
11/10	6:00 pm	10 th Annual Farmer’s Challenge at The Gathering Barn
11/13		JV & Varsity Winter Sports Begin
11/15	3:05 pm	Curriculum Council Meeting
11/16	10:09 am	Safety Committee Meeting
11/16	5:30-7:30 pm	Parent Teacher Conference Grades Pre-K- 12
11/17	12:00-3:00 pm	Parent Teacher Conference Grades Pre-K-6
11/17	11:45 am	Early Dismissal for Grades Pre-K-6
11/17		10-Week Report Cards Distributed
11/18-19		Area All-State Festival @ SUNT Potsdam
11/22-24		Thanksgiving Holiday/Recess (No School)
11/27	3:05 pm	Grade Level Meeting
11/30	6:00 pm	JLSBA Workshop at BOCES

Additions and corrections were made to the calendar and reflected in the above calendar.

COMMUNITY OF CARING UPDATE

There was no community of caring to report.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Resolved that this Board of Education approve the following:

A. MINUTES

BHCS Board of Education Meeting Minutes from 10/16/2023

BHCS Board of Education Meeting Minutes from 10/23/2023

B. WARRANTS

Warrant #8

C. BUILDING USE REQUEST

Colleen Bellinger and Nathan Leviker, request the use of the BHCS Gymnasium for the annual alumni volleyball/basketball games on Saturday December 2, 2023 and Saturday, December 9, 2023 as a make-up date. IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that school activities will come first and activities will be coordinated with the District Office and the Athletic Director.

**BHCS BOE MEETING
MINUTES 10/16/2023
AND 10/23/2023**

WARRANT #8

**BUILDING USE
REQUESTS: ANNUAL
ALUMNI
VOLLEYBALL/BASKETBALL
ALL GAMES**

Sommer Bartlet, request the use of the BHCSD Gymnasium for the open gym volleyball on Sundays through June 30, 2024.
IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that school activities will come first and activities will be coordinated with the District Office and the Athletic Director.

Emily Baldwin, request the use of the BHCSD Gymnasium for the girls youth basketball practices and games when schedule allows, one day a week and Saturday or Sunday.
IT BEING UNDERSTOOD, that school activities will come first and activities will be coordinated with the District Office and the Athletic Director.

Motion made by: Anthony Barney
Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 5-0

PERSONNEL

2. APPOINT DEPUTY DISTRICT TREASURER

Resolved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, this Board of Education appoint, **Darlene Rexford** as **Deputy District Treasurer**, at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective October 23, 2023.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 5-0

3. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS

Resolved, the Board of Education approve the following positions in absence of a Business Manager effective November 18, 2023:

Name	Position
Superintendent	Data Protection Officer
Superintendent	Federal Child Nutrition Program Hearing Official
Superintendent	Purchasing Agent

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 5-0

4. AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS

Resolved, that this Board of Education, authorizes the District Treasurer and the Deputy District Treasurer (in absence of a Business Manager), after consultation with the Superintendent, to invest school funds in accordance with the investment policy when such funds are available. This will become effective November 18, 2023.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 5-0

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

YOUTH BASKETBALL

APPOINT DDT-DARLENE REXFORD

APPROVE DDP, FEDERAL CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM HEARING OFFICIAL AND PURCHASING AGENT IN ABSENCE OF BUSINESS MGR

AUTHORIZE INVESTMENT OF SCHOOL FUNDS

5. AUTHORIZE TO SIGN CHECKS

Resolved, that this Board of Education, authorizes the District Treasurer or the Deputy District Treasurer (in absence of a Business Manager), to sign checks.

Motion made by: Gary Ramsdell
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING COMMENCEMENT OF SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION

WHEREAS, in recent years, it has become apparent that children and teenagers are spending an inordinate amount of time scrolling through various social media platforms, including Meta, Instagram, TikTok; and

WHEREAS, while spending time on social media platforms, children and teenagers are often subjected to harmful and exploitative content which is causing them to experience increased anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that as a result of increased mental health issues secondary to social media use, students are performing worse in school, are less likely to attend school, are more likely to engage in substance use and to act out somewhat violently, all of which affects a school district's ability to fulfill its educational mission; and

WHEREAS, the Belleville Henderson School District Board of Education ("BOE") has been invited to join a nation-wide lawsuit by public entities, including many school districts, against Meta, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube as well as other social media companies; and

WHEREAS, the lawsuit alleges that these social media companies have caused a mental health crisis among children and teenagers that severely affects their ability to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, the BOE wishes to join this lawsuit to hold social media companies accountable for their exploitive conduct, send the message to these companies that profits should not be prioritized at the expense of children's health and safety, and provide the District with financial resources to mitigate this ongoing mental health crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Belleville Henderson School District Board of Education hereby resolves:

1. To appoint the law firm Frantz Law Group, APLC to provide legal services in connection with pursuing claims for damages associated with the litigation against Meta, TikTok, Snap, and YouTube as well as other social media companies consistent with the recitals above;
2. To approve the contract for such legal services; and

AUTHORIZE TO SIGN CHECKS

SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION

- 3. To authorize the Superintendent to take all steps necessary to become an active co-plaintiff to litigation filed on behalf of school districts by the Frantz Law Group.

**SOCIAL MEDIA
LITIGATION cont'd**

ADOPTED this 30th day of October, 2023, by a roll call vote as follows:

Board Member	Voting
John W. Allen	Yes
Dennis R. Jerome	Yes
Anthony J. Barney	Yes
Roger E. Eastman	Absent
Adam J. Miner	Absent
Gary M. Ramsdell	Yes
Kristin J. Vaughn	Yes

Motion made by: Anthony Barney
Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 5-0

7. APPROVE EXTERNAL AUDIT

Resolved, that this Board of Education approves the financial report and extra classroom report performed by Crowley and Halloran COAs, P.C. for the fiscal year ending June 2023.

**APPROVE EXTERNAL
AUDIT**

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Anthony Barney

Motion Carried: 5-0

8. APPROVE REPORT ON CAPITAL RESERVE ESTABLISHED IN 2008

Whereas, the Board of Education approved for Crowley and Halloran COAs, P.C. to conduct a review of the procedures of engagement of the Capital Reserve Account established in 2008 and budget transfers occurring between the general funds unassigned fund balance and the Capital Reserve Account.

**REPORT ON CAPITAL
RESERVE**

Therefore, it shall be noted the cost of the a review of the procedures of engagement of the Capital Reserve Account established in 2008 and budget transfers occurring between the general funds unassigned fund balance and the Capital Reserve Account is \$4000.00

Be it resolved, that this Board of Education accepts and approves the results of the report finding as presented by Crowley and Halloran COAs, P.C.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn
Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 5-0

POLICY

None

FOR THE BOARD'S REVIEW

President Allen reported that he, Mr. Barney, and Mr. Jerome attended the NYSSBA Convention in Buffalo this past week. The Convention was very informative and well worth going.

Date: October 30, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Collins reported to the Board that Barb Greene has agreed to assist Ms. Collins with the research and possible grants for electric buses. As well as preparing a plan that is required to NYSED by August 2024.

Ms. Collins and the board also discussed the notification of a nationwide milk carton shortage that will affect how the cafeteria serves milk. Ms. Collins, Mr. Magovney, and Mrs. Grandjean are working with other vendors to supply the milk in an individual serving size. They will keep the board informed.

UPDATE TO BOARD OF EDUCATION QUESTIONS

Mr. Barney has requested a brief summary of the PAX and Science of Reading Programs at a future meeting.

PUBIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolved, that at 8:01 pm, this meeting be adjourned.

Motion made by: Kristin Vaughn

Seconded by: Gary Ramsdell

Motion Carried: 5-0

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully Submitted,



Sally Kohl
District Clerk

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CSD

ENC. #3

10-30-2023



Check Warrant Report For A - 18: General Warrant #8 For Dates 10/1/2023 - 10/31/2023

Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Check Description	PO Number	Check Amount
116	10/26/2023	80	John Allen Sanitatn Srvc Inc.	Bus garage cleaning		692.45
21317	10/26/2023	4882	Bimbo Bakeries Inc.	BREAD/ROLLS		366.88
21318	10/26/2023	4428	Blue Mountain Fruit & Produce	FRUIT&PRODUCE		1,112.05
21319	10/26/2023	420	Cascade School Supply	B/O COOPERATIVE BIDDING TEACHING AIDS		49.60
21320	10/26/2023	5929	Century Linen & Uniform	UNIFORM SERVICES		77.18
21321	10/26/2023	4982	Christman Fuel Service	FUEL SERVICE		4,518.99
21322	10/26/2023	2934	Cintas Corporation #121	RUG SERVICES		182.68
21323	10/26/2023	5816	COLLINS, JANE	MEAL/MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		102.61
21324	10/26/2023	5816	COLLINS, JANE	MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT		140.17
21325	10/26/2023	4176	DIGITAL INSURANCE LLC	TPA SERVICES		87.50
21326	10/26/2023	5287	eMath Instruction	MEMBERSHIP-MORALES/CORRON	240195	300.00
21327	10/26/2023	6043	ENI MECHANICAL INC	SERVICES RENDERED - ROOFTOP		995.00
21328	10/26/2023	5403	**CONTINUED** First National Bank of Omaha	Voided During Printing		0.00
21329	10/26/2023	5403	**CONTINUED** First National Bank of Omaha	Voided During Printing		0.00
21330	10/26/2023	5403	First National Bank of Omaha	CREDIT CARD ENDING #8753		4,666.37
21331	10/26/2023	6314	GRAINGER #816	OTHER SHIPPING ON STORAGE CABINET		139.00
21332	10/26/2023	6151	GUERCIO & GUERCIO LLP	SERVICES RENDERED		1,084.50
21333	10/26/2023	5317	Hershey's Creamery Co.	ICE CREAM		578.40
21334	10/26/2023	5298	Hobart Food Equipment	SERVICES CONVEYOR DISHWASER		526.25
21335	10/26/2023	6502	HUDSON DAIRY NC	MILK		1,787.52
21336	10/26/2023	5521	FRAN SEYMOUR, TREASURER	BILLING FOR 2023 FALL BI COUNTY FESTIVAL		260.00
21337	10/26/2023	6075	KIDDER, DEVIN	MOD SOCCER OFFICIAL VS LYME		121.65
21338	10/26/2023	6237	Language Testing International	LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT TEST		125.00
21339	10/26/2023	1310	Larry's Musical Instrument & Re	SERVICES RENDERED		826.00
21340	10/26/2023	5612	KATIE MCGRATH	NORTH COUNTRY COACHES CLINIC/MILEAGE		107.50
21341	10/26/2023	5310	Joseph Meyer	V SOCCER SECTIONAL OFFICIAL VS MATER DEI		117.65
21342	10/26/2023	6514	MICHELLE SHIRLEY	CHICKEN PATTIES		590.33
21343	10/26/2023	495	New York Bus Sales, LLC	PARTS/SERVICE		404.41
21344	10/26/2023	5518	NEW YORK STATE SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION	DUES 1/11/2024-12/31/2024		4,504.00
45	10/26/2023	1780	Perma-Bound Books	LIBRARY BOOKS	240116	231.42
21346	10/26/2023	6515	PULASKI ACADEMY & CENTRAL SCHOOL	2022-2023 VARSITY HOCKEY SEASON		705.16

BELLEVILLE HENDERSON CSD



Check Warrant Report For A - 18: General Warrant #8 For Dates 10/1/2023 - 10/31/2023

Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	Check Description	PO Number	Check Amount
.47	10/26/2023	5437	Pulaski Urgent Care	DOT PHYSICALS		250.00
21348	10/26/2023	2492	Renzi Brothers Inc.	FOOD		6,000.36
21349	10/26/2023	3127	S & S Worldwide	PHASE II-PHYS ED	240190	248.75
21350	10/26/2023	4649	SECURITAS TECHONOLGY CORPORATION	SERVICES RENDERED		40.87
21351	10/26/2023	3067	Staples	INK./TONER/SUPPLIES	240187	2,406.55
21352	10/26/2023	3067	Staples	SUPPLIES		108.56
21353	10/26/2023	6516	STEVE SHANNON TIRE & AUTO CENTERS	TIRES FOR BUSES		4,084.37
21354	10/26/2023	6512	SUGAR DADDIES MAPLE	MAPLE SYRUP		120.00
21355	10/26/2023	6517	SWEETS TIRE	TIRE BUS #101		20.00
21356	10/26/2023	4648	Chris Wainwright	V SOCCER SECTIONAL OFFICIAL VS MATER DEI		117.65
21357	10/26/2023	6493	SUPERIOR PLUS PROPANE	FUEL SERVICES		721.41
21358	10/26/2023	6407	WALLY'S FORD OF ADAMS	SERVICES RENDERED		326.36
21359	10/26/2023	3205	Wilton, Mark	MOD SOCCER OFFICIAL VS LAFARGEVILLE (ONE)		121.65
21360	10/26/2023	5864	Winning Promotions, LLC	UNIFORM SRO		44.00

Number of Transactions: 45

Warrant Total: 40,010.80
Vendor Portion: 40,010.80

Certification of Warrant

To The District Treasurer: I hereby certify that I have verified the above claims, 45 in number, in the total amount of \$ 40,010.80 You are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the claimants certified above the amount of each claim allowed and charge each to the proper fund.

10-26-2023
Date

Mary Foner
Signature

Claims Auditor
Title