

BERRIEN REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

A regular meeting of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency Board of Education was held Monday, July 8, 2019 in Conference Room D of the Administrative Center, 711 St. Joseph Avenue, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cathy Bair at 10:21 a.m.

Board members present:

President: Cathy Bair
Vice President: Linda Holt
Treasurer: Dr. Michael Lindley
Secretary: J. Allene Smith
Trustee: Jon Martin

RESA Staff:

Superintendent: Kevin Ivers
Asst. Superintendent: Absent
Director, Bus. Services: Scott Knoll
Administrative Assistant: Christy Boone

Other RESA staff members present: Karen Heath, Linda Hurlow, Chris Machiniak, Doug Montey, Craig Kuhn, Tina Lawson, Kevin Clark, Craig Blasko

Visitors: David Holt, Amanda Mason

II. Consent Agenda

Motion by Mrs. Holt and supported by Dr. Lindley that the Consent Agenda be approved:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 10, 2019
2. Minutes of Budget Hearing of June 10, 2019

B. Special Education

The motion carried unanimously.

III. Communications

- A. NSPRA Honorable Mention Award – Mrs. Bair acknowledged that an Award of Honorable Mention was presented to Berrien RESA for distinguished achievement in the category of Education Service Agency – Special Purpose Publication. The award was given for the entry: *Community Conversation: A toolkit for a Student-Led Event* created by Karen Heath.

IV. Old Business

Minutes- Regular Board Meeting of July 8, 2019

V. Reports of Committees

- A. MASB – No Report
- B. Berrien/Cass School Boards Association- No Report
- C. Building & Site – No Report
- D. Personnel/Policy – No Report

VI. Reports, Recommendations of the Superintendent and Information Items

A. Reports

- 1. Activities Calendar – The calendar was reviewed. Dr. Ivers invited the board members to attend Opening Day on August 28th at 8:30 a.m. at the Howard Performing Arts Center, Andrews University.

B. Recommendations of the Superintendent

1. Possible Employment of Staff

a. Board Authorized Employment

- 1. Lainie Dahm – Speech Pathologist (Replacement) – Motion by Mrs. Holt and supported by Mrs. Smith that Lainie Dahm be offered a probationary contract for the 2019/2020 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Elizabeth Grow – AI Teacher (Replacement) – Motion by Mr. Martin and supported by Mrs. Smith that Elizabeth Grow be offered a probationary contract for the 2019/2020 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

b. Superintendent Appointments –

President Bair acknowledged that the following staff have been employed: Gentry Phillips-Paraprofessional (New), Heather Kirby-Paraprofessional (Replacement), Kayla Nunez- Paraprofessional (Replacement), Jim Welch-Paraprofessional (Replacement), Alisha Reed – Paraprofessional (Replacement), Rachelle Legatt-Paraprofessional (New), Claudia Bevans-Paraprofessional (Replacement), Amy Atkins – Paraprofessional (Replacement), Becky Foster – CTE Mentor (New), Kristin Bivens –

Graphic/Design/Communications Secretary (Replacement), Nathan
Wonderly-District Systems Administrator (New)

C. Information Items

1. Employee Transfers and New Hires

- a. Update on Staff Changes during 2018-2019 – Board members acknowledged the employees who left the district and the new hires during the 2018-2019 school year.

2. 2019 Camp Leo the Lion Staff – It was noted that the following staff have been employed for Camp Leo Laurie Echerley (Camp Director), Diane Earles (Health Officer/Nurse), Austin Johnson (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Jacqueline Medrano (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Kylee Schilke (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Sara Collum (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Allison Gillem (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Zen Bodtke (Full-Time Cabin Counselor), Carrie Halliburton (Day Counselor), Lindsey Langlois (Day Counselor), Jeremy Burton (Day Counselor).

VII. Financial Matters

A. Routine Bills

A motion was offered by Mrs. Holt and supported by Mrs. Smith that bills in the amount of \$2,049,818.39 be approved:

General Fund:	\$565,112.52
Special Education Fund:	1,452,385.80
Food Service Fund:	<u>32,320.07</u>
Grand Total:	\$2,049,818.39

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. General Administration

1. Adoption of Free and Reduced – Price Meals and Milk Prices for Berrien RESA for 2019-2020 – Agenda Report #3 – Motion by Dr. Lindley and supported by Mr. Martin that the attached free and reduced price meals and milk prices for the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency be adopted for the 2019-2020 school year as presented.

The motion carried unanimously

B. Special Education

IX. Presentations & Administrative Reports

A. Early Childhood Department Update – Kerenda Applebey, Director – Kerenda presented the mission of the Early Childhood Education Department and an overview of the different programs that RESA offers through the department.

B. BLC Remodeling Project Update and Tour – Amanda Mason, Miller-Davis- Amanda reported that they are wrapping up Project I and finalizing the last change orders. They are continuing construction in Project II where they are widening the doors into the pool area and working in D Pod. Project III is in the design phase. Dr. Ivers and the board took a tour of BLC following the meeting.

X. Hearing of Citizens Present – No citizens wished to be heard.

XI. Adjournment

There being no further business and no objection to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

J. Allene Smith, Secretary