

BERRIEN REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019

A regular meeting of the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency Board of Education was held Monday, May 13, 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 Sharon Kalling at 10:00 a.m.

Board members present:

President: Sharon Kalling  
Vice President: Cathy Bair  
Treasurer: Linda Holt  
Secretary: J. Allene Smith  
Trustee: Martha Momany

RESA Staff:

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

Other RESA staff members present: Karen Heath, Chris Machiniak, Cyndi Ursprung, Tonya Snyder

Visitors: David Holt, Math & Science Center Robotics Team Excel

II. Consent Agenda

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

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting of Board Personnel Policy Committee Meeting of April 22, 2019
2. Minutes of Special Meeting (Planning & Goal Setting) April 29, 2019
3. Minutes of Closed Session of April 29, 2019

B. Special Education

The motion carried unanimously.

III. Communications

- A. Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative – Blossomland Learning Center and Lighthouse Education Center both received Bronze Level recognition for their implementation of PBIS.

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- B. MIBLSI Thank You Letter – Dr. Steve Goodman, MIBLSI Director, thanked Amy Hume-Sizer and Tiago Baltazar for presenting at the state conference.
- C. Rotary Essay Contest Winners – The 2019 St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary Essay Contest winners are Carter Welch, Lakeshore High School, Kaila Nichols, St. Joseph High School and Caroline Miota, Lake Michigan Catholic High School.

IV. Old Business

V. Reports of Committees

- A. MASB – No Report
- B. Berrien/Cass School Boards Association – No Report
- C. Building & Site – Dr. Ivers reported that with the ending of Project I there will be a balance in our contingency fund that will roll over into Project II.
- D. Personnel/Policy – No Report

VI. Reports, Recommendations of the Superintendent and Information Items

A. Reports

- 1. Activities Calendar – The calendar was reviewed.

B. Recommendations of the Superintendent

1. Possible Employment of Staff

- a. Board Authorized Employment – There were no Board authorized employment.
- b. Superintendent Appointments – There were no Superintendent Appointments.

2. February 2019 Board Policies Update – Agenda Report #1

Motion by Mrs. Smith and supported by Mrs. Momany that the February, 2019 NEOLA Board Policy Updates be approved and “laid on the table” for thirty (30) days.

The motion carried unanimously.

C. Information Items

1. BLC Update – Dr. Ivers stated that he is planning a July tour of BLC with the board to view the project progress.

VII. Financial Matters

A. Routine Bills

A motion was offered by Mrs. Bair and supported by Mrs. Smith that bills in the amount of \$1,389,208.39 be approved:

General Fund:	\$771,466.37
Special Education Fund:	603,730.50
Food Service Fund:	<u>14,011.52</u>
Grand Total:	\$1,389,208.39

The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business

A. General Administration

1. Resolution in Support of Adequately Funding Michigan Schools – Mrs. Kalling stated that she enjoyed the SFRC presentation at the Berrien Cass meeting that was held at Berrien RESA in April. Dr. Ivers added that the impact of the SFRC study on Berrien County Schools was shared with Senator LaSata and Representative Paquette at the superintendent meeting.

A motion was offered by Mrs. Momany and supported by Mrs. Holt that the Resolution in Support of Adequately Funding Michigan Schools be approved.

The motion carried unanimously.

B. Special Education

IX. Presentations & Administrative Reports

- A. Minutes of Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting of April 16, 2019 – Eric Hoppstock, Assistant Superintendent – Mr. Hoppstock stated that Autumn Poole has been doing an excellent job in the districts in an effort to focus on Child Find and Discipline. Mr. Hoppstock added that there will be an upcoming election for PAC officers.

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B. Team Excel - First Robotics – Tonya Snyder, Math & Science Student Activity Coordinator, brought in the robotics team from the Math & Science Center. The students shared with the board how they had to design and build a robot that can compete against opponents in a series of specific challenges. While they are a very small team, they were able to bring home first place medals at their first competition of the season.

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

XI. Closed Session

A. Closed Session to Conduct Evaluation of the Superintendent

Motion by Mrs. Smith and supported by Mrs. Bair to go into closed session at 11:14 a.m. for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the superintendent at his request.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Members Mrs. Kalling, Mrs. Bair, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Momany

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

XII. Adjournment

The Board came out of closed session and went back into open session at 12:03 p.m. There being no further business and no objection to adjournment, the meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

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J. Allene Smith, Secretary