

The Liberty-Benton Board of Education held a regular board of education meeting February 28, 2024 at 6:05 p.m. with the following members answering roll call: Mr. Brian Christiansen, present; Mr. Steve Benson, present; Mr. AJ Granger, present; Jim Mace, present. Ms. Heather Franks, absent;

Board President Jim Mace welcomed the following visitors: Amy Teders.

Board President Jim Mace offered the audience an opportunity to address the Board of Education. No one in attendance responded.

(2 14 24) A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 10, 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger and seconded by Mr. Benson to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2024 organizational and regular board of education meetings.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Benson, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.

The Board President declared the motion carried.

(2 15 24) A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Mr. Granger to approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

1. Listing of bills, expenditures and investments through January 31, 2024, and monthly financial report of the Treasurer and appropriation modifications for February 2024.
2. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the County Budget Commission for the 2024 tax year.
3. Accept \$162 donation from Dennis and Molly Mendenhall to Liberty-Benton High School
4. Accept \$108 donation from Jeremy Jaquillard to Liberty-Benton Elementary School.
5. Accept \$18,750 donation from SHP.
6. Approve the following intermittent FMLA:
Denise Beach
Kendra Grubinski
7. Approve the following FMLA:
Deserae Patterson
8. Approve the following certified staff pending approval of all necessary documents and certification:
Christine Jones, Substitute
Christen Shoemaker, Substitute
9. Approve the following classified staff pending approval of all necessary documents and certification:
Amber Sampsel, transfer from Lunch/Playground Aide to Paraprofessional/Teacher's aide effective 01/29/2024
Aaron Butler, Substitute
Karen Thomas, Cafeteria Aide
Paul Waldman, Substitute
Korrie Otto, Bus Driver
Elizabeth Sterner, Cafeteria Aide
Carrie Criblez, Paraprofessional/Teacher's Aide
Carrie Criblez, NEST Aide, 1.0 hrs to 2.25 hrs
10. Approve the following adjustment (hours per day) to bus driver route times effective 01/22/2024:
Ron Pahl, 5.25 hrs to 5.5 hrs
11. Approve the following resignations:
Rebecca Shardo, Paraprofessional/Teacher's Aide, effective 01/26/2024
Stephanie Theiss, Cross Country Girls Head Middle School, effective 01/06/2024
Rachael Keefe, Teacher, effective 05/31/2024
Lindsay Norman, Secretary, Effective 06/07/2024
Barbara Gazette, Guidance Counselor, effective 05/31/2024
12. Approve the following retirement:
Lisa Saums, Teacher, effective 05/31/2024
13. Approve extra curricular/co curricular staff pending approval of all necessary documents and certification:
Sydney Chortie, Softball JV Assistant
Matthew Berger, Track Boys/Girls Assistant High School (.50)
Nate Shade, Track Boys/Girls Assistant High School (.50)
Tim Decooman, Volunteer
Chyanne Retcher, Volunteer
Lance Stevens, Volunteer
14. Approve three year contract beginning August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027 for the following administrators:
Brian Burkett, Ken Horstman
15. Approve three-year contracts beginning August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2027 for the following licensed employees:
Kris Niese, School Psychologist, Jennifer Welte, Speech/Language Pathologist
16. Accept \$14,389.20 donation from the Liberty-Benton Athletic Boosters to the Liberty Benton Class of 2025.
17. Approve the transfer of \$19,200 to Fund 451 (OneNet) from Fund 001 (General Fund)

18. Accept \$2,000 donation from Heavenly pizza to the Liberty-Benton Save our Soldiers action team.
19. Accept donation in the amount of \$60.00 from the Liberty-Benton Class of 1973 to assist students with instructional fees due to financial hardship.
20. Approve the obsolete/disposed of inventory listing
21. Accept donation of \$100,000 from Marathon Corporation's Community Investment Program for school safety and security enhancements.
22. Approval of contract with criteria architect Technicon Design Group pursuant to ORC 153.65-153.70, on terms as presented.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Granger, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.
The Board President declared the motion carried.

(2 16 26) A MOTION TO APPROVE MOU BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE LIBERTY-BENTON LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE LIBERTY-BENTON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION DOCUMENTING MUTUAL AGREEMENT TO THE CHANGES IN THE TEACHER ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM "TAP" FOR THE 2023-2024 CONTRACT YEAR.

A motion was made by Mr. Christiansen seconded by Mr. Benson to approve MOU between the Board of Education of the Liberty-Benton Local School District and the Liberty-Benton Teachers' Association documenting mutual agreement to the changes in the teacher achievement program "TAP" for the 2023-2024 contract year.

Votes: Ayes: Christiansen, Benson, Granger, Mace. Nays: None.
The Board President declared the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Granger seconded by Mr. Christiansen to adjourn to executive session at 6:41 p.m. for the purpose of the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing; the purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding; preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees; and specialized details of security arrangements.

Votes: Ayes: Granger, Christiansen, Benson, Mace. Nays: None.
The Board President declared the motion carried.

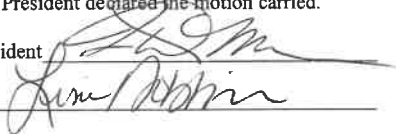
The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Benson seconded by Mr. Granger to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:34 p.m.

Votes: Ayes: Benson, Granger, Christiansen, Mace. Nays: None.
The Board President declared the motion carried.

Board President

Treasurer



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