

Board of Education

Benton, Wisconsin

April 13, 2016

Vice-President Larry Redfearn called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Library. Roll call: Ron Belken-present, Mick Vaughn-present, Angie Davis-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Larry Redfearn-Present. Absent-Ryan Carver, Fred Norder.

B.E.S.T. – Nothing to address.

Citizen Comments – A citizen requested clarification of the minutes that were mailed out from the February board meeting regarding the air handler. In the mailing it stated that the replacement cost of the old system is \$36100. That is a misprint. Administrator Luedtke stated the actual cost to replace the system was \$3,610.00. Citizen also requested clarification on Administrator salary increase printed in the January minutes. The notes stated the motion was to “Increase the administrators salary the same as the teachers 2.62% for the 2016-2017 school year, with no contribution to his 403(b) per his request and to extend the contract through 2017-2018.” There was questions as to if the 2.62% was the teachers settled salary for the 2016-2017 school year. Administrator Luedtke clarified that his pay increase is a year behind teachers so he will receive a 2.62% increase for 2016-2017 school year, which is the amount the teachers received for the 2015-2016 school year. He stated that the teacher increases were not settled at this time and that he also had requested no contributions to his 403(b).

Ryan Carver arrived at 6:06 P.M.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Belken to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to approve the consent of agenda. Motion Carried.

Forensics presentations by students attending the State Forensics competitions were performed for the board and attendee’s.

Principal Report. Principal Lawrence stated she is currently working on setting up Google training for Grades 7-12. Family Fun Night was held on March 22. There was about 42 families in attendance for the Lego themed event. Currently students are in the middle of testing for the state and they will continue with district testing. The school calendar for April and May is full of events. Principal Lawrence is currently working on setting up a Junior High Awards event. A survey was sent out to parents to get an idea of what would work best for their schedules. Principal Lawrence will set a date for the Junior High Awards Event once she gets more feedback from parents. Principal Lawrence gave copies of the PBIS chart to the board. This is the discipline referral system that was put in place during the second quarter. As the students and teachers have become more familiar with the process it has become a good tool for behavior and there has been a noticeable decline in behavior issues. Now that we are in the fourth quarter, things are going very well with the system.

Administrator Report. Last Wednesday Administrator Luedtke attended a meeting with Representative Pocan. At the meeting there were updates on IDEA/Title Funding for schools as well as discussions on teacher shortages and referendums for school districts. Over Easter Break, the wireless project made forward progress with Slater Electric installing the wiring for the wireless access points. The access points were ordered by TC Networks and Administrator Luedtke anticipates these will be installed and running by the end of April. The dust collector project is still in the budget. Currently there is \$1,941.19 remaining on the Lowes Grant from the Library project. The representative from Lowes has given the okay to use the remaining grant money towards this project since it is an improvement to our school. The district participated in the SchoolStore.com program. A rebate of \$246.37 was received from the program. The screening for the 4K Program was held on Friday, April 8, 2016. The district is projecting 13-15 kids to be enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently the district does not feel the numbers are high enough to split the classes into a morning or afternoon class. A board member requests that this be reviewed and be put on the agenda later in the summer. Members from the Cuba City Lions Club provided a vision screening to our students PK-4th Grade in early April. Administrator Luedtke attended the SWTC District Board Meeting. There was an election for the SWTC Board, but a member of the school board would have had to be in attendance in order for Benton to cast a vote. Administrator Luedtke also has been elected to the WIAA Advisory Council and will be attending a meeting later this month.

Financial Report. The E-Rate for the wireless project was filed by Administrator Luedtke with the assistance of TC Networks. The district will be reimbursed 70% of the full cost of the project. The Slater bill for the wiring was not included in the E-Rate filing as Slater would need to complete a registration process. TC Networks monthly bills are also being included in that filing for reimbursement. After last month's board meeting Administrator Luedtke reviewed the AT&T bills. There were two lines that were not working or were not in use. Those lines were disconnected and the three bills were consolidated into one bill. CenturyLink was contacted but no adjustments could be made to the bills that would result in a savings for the district. Fund 27 was at 49.34% of the overall budget as of March 31, 2016. There were two students that are qualifying for early childhood and are attending Southwestern School District for those services. The estimated cost is \$5,000.00. There is one student attending Greenco for services. The estimated cost for that service is \$2,300.00. Next year Administrator Luedtke plans to apply for High Cost Special Education. That reimbursement goes off prior year expenses. Fund 50 is also looking good. Angie Stluka has cut her expenses and is doing very well for her second year. There were some repairs recently to the walk in coolers but no bills have been received at this time. Administrator Luedtke was made aware of the TEACH Grant. It was due April 1, 2016. CESA assisted with this applying for the grant and would normally charge a fee of \$500, but the fee was waived for our district due to the amount of work that was already completed on the grant. Information on the health insurance was received this afternoon from M3. Our representative from M3 was not available to discuss the options after the email was sent. Administrator Luedtke will follow up with them and have an update at the May board meeting. The tractor was recently taken to Sloan Implement for maintenance work and it was found to have some much needed repairs. The gearboxes are broke and will need to be repaired. The other things will need to be watched closely. A quote was received for the replacement cost of

the tractor. Administrator Luedtke is not suggesting purchasing a new one at this time, he wants the board to be aware of the fee to replace. The board replied that they would like estimates on hiring a company to complete lawn care.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to pay bills #30263-30341. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to change the Senior Class Trip date from May 13, 2016 to May 18, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to approve the 66:0301 agreement with Shullsburg for 5/16th salary of industrial technology teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to approve 66:0301 agreement with Shullsburg for 1/16 salary of high school Social Studies teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Blaine to approve the Harry Lawrence Memorial Donation for dugout benches at Swift Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve the donation of padding by Bill Taylor for the dugouts at Swift Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Blaine to approve the acceptance of the NRA Grant with a good faith effort of establishing a team. Roll call: Ron Belken-yes, Angie Davis-yes, Ryan Carver-yes, Mick Vaughn-No, Brandee Blaine-yes, Larry Redfearn-yes. Absent-Fred Norder. 5-yes,1-No, 1-Absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Belken to approve the increase BACPAC rates to \$2.80 for the first child and \$1.60 for the second child. Motion carried.

Motion By Carver, Seconded by Blaine to keep lunch prices the same with exception of reduced breakfast rate increased to \$.30. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve purchasing 80% of products for the lunch program thorough the CESA #2 Co-op. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Carver to contract Johnson-Block for auditing services for the years 2016 to 2018. Motion carried.

Consideration of the VLN Contract will be discussed at a later time.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Blaine to approve same contract for the athletic trainer with a \$60.00 increase in cost from of 2015-2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Belken to send Fred Norder to the CESA #3 Convention Meeting on July 28, 2016. Motion Carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Belken to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 7:36 P.M. to discuss personnel including teacher, advisor, coaching contracts and Negotiations. Roll call: Ron Belken-yes, Mick Vaughn-yes , Angie Davis-yes,

Ryan Carver-yes, Brandee Blaine-yes, Larry Redfearn-yes, Absent-Fred Norder. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Belken, seconded by Blaine to reconvene in open session at 8:14 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to hire Catherine Klang as Junior High Track Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine second by Belken to approve Lisa Lawrence, Melissa Keleher, and Traci Calvert as Volunteer Coaches for Junior High Track. Motion carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Belken to table agenda items 6b. and 6c. until health insurance quotes are received. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Belken to approve Karissa Timmerman as 7th Grade Girls Basketball coach, Rob Savala as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Rob Savala as 7th and 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to approve Lisa Lawrence resignation as Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Motion Carried.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Davis to approve Shawn Stilson as Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Mark Neis as Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, and Tim Hendricks as Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Belken, Seconded by Carver to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Angela Davis, Clerk

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