

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 11, 2017**

Vice-President Lou Langkamp called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the IMC of the high school. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Larry Redfearn-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Mick Vaughn-present. Ryan Carver-absent.

BEST Reps – none.

Citizen Comments – Kelly Laschinger spoke on her decision to resign to join the Peace Corp. Elizabeth Randall also spoke on Kelly Lashinger's resignation.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Redfearn to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the December 14, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent of agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report. Administrator Luedtke reviewed the final auditors report. A refund from Workmen's Comp will be applied to future bills. Mill-rate comparisons were reviewed.

Principal's Report. Principal Lawrence reviewed the draft of the STAY Interview she is developing; her hope is to distribute this to staff by the end of the month. MAPS testing is being conducted. A list of incentives for students to bring up their test scores was reviewed. Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to adopt the plan as written, motion amended to adopt the plan for the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade only. Motion carried.

Administrator's Report. Mr. Luedtke reported there is one candidate running in the spring election, Jean O'Neill. The write in with the most votes would serve on the board, if that individual turns down the position the board would then need to appoint a person to fill the vacancy. The Colt Cadets have requested to change the dates to use the facilities to June 10-14 and June 20-23. Board consensus was to work with the Colts in making these dates available for their use. The Summer Rec Coordinator position will be posted in February. Some school are pushing to have the school start date changed from September 1 or later as September 1 falls on a Friday this year. Mr. Luedtke will be attending School Board Convention next week.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to pay bills #31032-31111, noting voided checks 31097-31098, and 31053. Motion carried.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Davis to approve the Open Enrollment Spaces Available for 2017-2018 listing as presented. Motion carried.

Eric Mowry is in the process of purchasing Mowry Transportation from his family. Everything will remain the same as present; same drivers, same buses, same services, and Cathy Halweg will still be coordinating the trips. Motion made by Blaine, seconded by Redfearn to continue with Mowry Transportation for 2017-2018 as long as Eric Mowry has the purchase completed and the contract by March 31. Motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to approve Tri-Cor Insurance as our insurance broker. Motion carried.

Sick Day Payout language change was discussed and comparisons with neighboring districts reviewed. Decision tabled on the language change until the February meeting.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve requesting the DPI to change the configuration of the schools within the Benton School District from two to three school; 4K-6th, 7th-8th, and 9th-12th. Motion carried.

Motion made by Blaine, seconded by Davis to approve the football co-op with Scales Mound School District and the Golf Tri-op with Cuba City and Southwestern School Districts. Motion carried.

Motion made by Redfearn to accept the resignation of Kelly Laschinger effective February 3, 2017. Motion rescinded. Discussion held.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve the resignation of Kelly Laschinger, forgiving the breach of contract. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-abstain, Redfearn-no, Langkamp-no, Vaughn-no, Blaine-yes. Vote 2-yes, 3-no, 1-abstain. Motion failed.

Motion made by Redfearn, seconded by Vaughn to approve the resignation of Kelly Laschinger. Roll call vote: Vaughn-yes, Blaine-no, Davis-no, Redfearn-yes, Coffey-abstain, Langkamp-yes. Vote 3-yes, 2-no, 1-abstain. Motion failed. Discussion held.

Motion made by Coffey, seconded by Redfearn to approve the resignation of Kelly Laschinger. Roll call vote: Blaine-no, Vaughn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Redfearn-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-no. Motion carried, 4-yes, 2-no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to adjourn to closed session at 7:13 PM as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(C) to discuss personnel. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion made by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to return to open session at 8:52 PM. Motion carried.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the contract of Administrator Kyle Luedtke with no salary increase per his request and extend the contract through June of 2019. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Blaine to approve Karisa Timmerman as Spanish Teacher with a \$1300 salary increase, district will pay for her emergency license, educational expense, and with a stipulation she stays two years beyond her course completion, but may return to 3rd grade classroom is she decides by May 12, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve a stipend of \$1200 each for School Musical Directors Dixie Paquette and Rhonda Wildes, plus authorizing administration to distribute gift cards for support crew from the play fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to approve softball volunteer coaches Mark Brant and Tim Bartels and track volunteer coaches Lisa Lawrence, Julie Redfearn, Jeff Droessler, and Tim White. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting is February 8 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion made by Davis, seconded by Redfearn to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM. Motion carried.

Angela Davis, Clerk

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