

Board of Education  
Benton, Wisconsin  
July 13, 2016

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

B.E.S.T. – None

Citizen Comments – Citizen request for the bus route to stop at her in-home daycare which is located in town. There will be days that there will be 8-12 children needing transportation to and from school and she is unable to transport them by personal vehicle. Parent of one of the children accompanied the citizen, explained that his child will be attending Benton School District and feels that this is necessary for his child's transportation to school.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Davis to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

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

Principal Report. Principal Lawrence and Administrator Luedtke continue to attend Educator Effectiveness training. On August 4, 2016, Principal Lawrence will meet with Lafayette County Judge Jorgensen regarding policies on truant students. Only two districts in our county were invited to this meeting. Currently our Junior High Athletics teams are referred to as the "Benton Rockets". This mascot is not printed on any uniforms. The only place this is currently used is in the athletic programs. She would like the board to consider changing all athletic team mascots to Zephyrs. She request the board think about this change and that this be put on the August agenda for board action. Principal Lawrence and Administrator Luedtke have been working on the in-service agenda. The district has purchased copies of the book "The Energy Bus" for all staff and board members. There will be book studies in small groups throughout the year and Principal Lawrence will meet with these groups. This is a professional development project that will help to continue to work on communication with staff. This was an area that staff felt needed to be addressed through their feedback on the end of year staff survey that was distributed to them. Certified staff members have been contacted throughout the summer for updates on learning opportunities through CESA #3. Of the staff that has been contacted, almost all have agreed to attend the events. Principal Lawrence feels that is another example that our teachers go above and beyond for our district and applauds them for their commitment to continuing their growth as teachers. Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will take place on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Open house will be on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Administrator Report. Current enrollment is expected to be 224 students for this upcoming school year. There will be 2 classes with less than 10 students and the 4K class is projected to have 16 students. Of the 16 students, one student's family has not been responding to communication, Administrator Luedtke will continue to try to contact that family. A consultant with H & H Energy Services, Inc. contacted Administrator Luedtke. They met and analyzed our energy needs at Benton. Act 32 allows increases in revenue limits for the purchase of energy efficient products. After walking through the building, the consultant feels that Benton would not benefit from anything. To further the evaluation of our energy assessment, the last 3 years of electric bills have been forwarded on to them. CESA #3 has released a document on sub rates for districts in the CESA #3 area. Benton remains competitive with other districts with their current rate of \$100.00 per day for substitute teachers. Interviews for open positions will take place on August 1-2. Security camera project is coming along nicely. One outdoor camera needed to be purchased to complete our needs to have all area's monitored. At the end of the month Administrator Luedtke will attend the WASDA Legal Conference.

Financial Report. Fund 27 and Fund 50 both required transfers in order to remain compliant with DPI regulations. . The Fund 27 transfer was \$169,487.77. Fund 50 transfer was \$26,948.00. Fund 50 in past years did not need a transfer due to the co-op with Southwestern. Fund 50 for most districts always requires a transfer so this is not out of the ordinary. On June 30, 2016 \$30,000.00 was sent to the Village of Benton for the field lights project. The total contracted cost is expected to be \$160,000.00 which will be split 50/50 between the district and village. The school districts anticipated remaining

balance will be \$50,000.00 which will be sent to the village by June 30, 2017. Our state aid estimate is up \$43,027. This is a 2.15% increase from last year. Administrator Luedtke explained that will decrease the burden on our local tax payers, but not increase the districts revenue any. Johnson Block completed their Pre-Audit on June 13. There was a .50 cent error found, which was most likely due to rounding. The final audit will take place on July 20, 2016. A new copy machine was purchased for one of the teacher workrooms. The office copy machine may need to be replaced soon.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #30472-30569. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Norder to approve the milk bid from Prairie Farms. Motion carried.

Discussion on teacher personal days, request at the end of year on pooling all teacher sick/personal time and allowing them to use interchangeable. At this time the board does not wish to make any changes to the current policy.

Discussion on splitting the graduation ceremony and scholarships ceremony. Board feels that both events should take place on the one night and there will be no changes to this event.

Citizen request for bus stop discussed. Options of having a crosswalk and crossing guard placed in that area, as well as sidewalk availability were reviewed. Per DPI, since the request is coming from a business the district can access a fee for this stop. There is also a significant amount of students who reside in this area, so discussion took place on how many students the bus could potentially transport if we allow this stop. Board feels that the only way to justify this stop is to access the fee. Research will be done on acceptable fees and action will take place at next board meeting for this request.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Norder to adjourn to close session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 6:47 P.M. to discuss personnel including hiring of certified staff members, advisory and coaching contracts, contract(s) of certified staff members and other personnel. Roll call: Lou Langkamp-yes, Mick Vaughn-yes, Brandee Blaine-yes, Fred Norder-yes, Angie Davis-yes, Ryan Carver-yes. Absent-Larry Redfearn. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Vaughn, Seconded by Blaine to reconvene in open session at 8:15 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to accept the resignations of Lynn French and Danelle Schmid and thank them for their years of service at Benton School District. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to approve the recommended pay increase for Roxanne Boardman, high school Science teacher to \$45,705.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve Jennifer Bartels as head Softball coach, Nichole Brant as assistant Softball coach, Paul Raley as head Track coach, Kyle Kern as assistant Track coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Lou Langkamp seconded by Norder to approve Todd Bastian as JV Boys Basketball coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to create a stipend position for Rube Goldberg Team at the amounts of \$1,343.00 for the head coach and \$807.00 for the assistant coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Norder, seconded by Vaughn to approve Rick Lawrence, Darrell Jansen, and Tristen Monahan as unpaid volunteer coaches for Football and Rachel Hochrein as unpaid volunteer coach for Volleyball. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Angela Davis, Clerk