

Board of Education
Benton, Wisconsin
June 8, 2016

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

B.E.S.T. – None

Citizen Comments – None

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the May 11, 2016 meeting, and the special joint meeting with the Village of Benton on May 18, 2016. Motion carried.

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

Transportation request letter from St. Rose presented to the board. The letter is not necessary, but appreciated by Benton School District.

Principal's Report. The High School Awards Ceremony was held in May, there was nice feedback provided on the ceremony as well as suggestions for improvements in the future. Educator Effectiveness will have a new system, Principal Lawrence and Administrator Luedtke will attend training at CESA 3 this month. The district has been made aware of 3 potential new students entering the district, two of which have spent a day at school with the potential class they will join. Principal Lawrence would like to thank Mowry Transportation for their accommodations for our end of year class trips. Principal Lawrence and 3 teachers will be attending a conference in Dubuque at the end of June.

Administrator's Report. Graduation was held on May 27. Suggestions were made to have scholarships given out on a different night. This suggestion will be reviewed again at a later date. Johnson & Block will be coming to the district on June 13 for a Pre-Audit. The Junior Varsity Boys Basketball position will be advertised in the paper as no candidates applied using the social media postings. An update on the Pre-Kindergarten class size was given. Updates will continue to be given as the 2016-2017 school year approaches and the class size will be monitored. There was a request for the high school girls to use girls basketball warm ups for their summer basketball league. Teachers were given end of year checklists on any maintenance or technology needs that need to be addressed in their classrooms throughout the summer. Administrator Luedtke will address these concerns over the summer with TC Networks and maintenance staff. Starting in the 2016-2017 school year, Administrator Luedtke will arrange all substitute teacher requests. This was a duty previously held by the bookkeeper.

Financial Report. An update on the fencing project was provided. Administrator Luedtke has been in contact with the vendor and the bill will not be paid until the project is completed according to the expectations of the district and village. The dust collector is almost finished. There will need to be some sort of an enclosure around the dust collector, Mr. Matye will make the enclosure as a project for his shop class. The dust collector will be paid for once the installation is complete. Administrator Luedtke is hoping to have both of these items paid for by June 30, 2016. Bids have been received from vendors on the cost of mowing. Administrator Luedtke feels the district should continue with mowing the lawn as they have in the past as it is more cost effective at this time. The cost for the Cooperative Athletic

Agreements with Cuba City and Southwestern for the 2015-2016 school year were provided to the board members. Board members were provided a copy of the fund balance status. The district has a policy that states the balance must remain between 18-22%, the district is currently at 24%. The bookkeeper has made calculations on the end of year balances for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Redfearn to pay bills #30413-30471. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to set the date at time for the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting for 6:30 and 7:00 on September 21, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to accept the Lafayette County Nurses contract. Motion carried

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Blaine to raise the art fee from \$7.00 to \$10.00 and to not charge the \$10.00 Accounting Class fee, keeping all other school fees the same. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to allow school logo to be placed on the Hazel Green Fire and Rescue vehicle. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Redfearn to approve the student handbook with the proposed changes. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve a 50/50 split with the Village of Benton for the cost of all contracted work to replace the baseball and football field lights at Swift Park. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to approve the installation of security camera system with Slater Electric. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Redfearn to allow David Neis to use the gym for \$5.00 per day. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Blaine to increase the Social Media Coordinator stipend to \$1,000.00 Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Davis to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Angela Davis, Clerk

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