

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
MARCH 9, 2016**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the IMC of the high school. Roll call: Ron Belken-present, Mick Vaughn-present, Angie Davis-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Fred Norder-present, Larry Redfearn-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

BEST Reps – none.

Citizen Comments – none.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of February 10, 2016. Motion carried.

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

Roxanne Boardman, High School Science Instructor, reported the Rube Goldberg Team received “Rookie of the Year” at the competition this year. The students created a machine to open an umbrella. The goal next year is to be one of the Top 10 winners. The project was fun, interesting, and educational for her students.

TC Networks Rep, Mike Meeker, explained E-Rate and gave an update of the wireless project. E-Rate is a Federal Grant given to schools and libraries.

Breanna Hellenbrand, M3 Representative, gave an update on work they have been doing on bidding out health insurance to make sure the district is getting the best possible insurance at the best price. Her goal is to have a report prepared for the April 13, 2016 meeting for the board to review.

Matt Brown of VLN Partners (Virtual Learning Network) gave a presentation on his company which partners with schools to market and create a virtual school with our curriculum. A decision ideally should be made at the April meeting if the district would like to partner with this company.

The Principal’s Report was given by Lisa Lawrence. Parent/Teacher conferences were very well attended in PK-6, grades 7-12 attendance was down. Google training will be conducted for grades 7-12. ACT testing will be completed next Tuesday. Parents were invited to lunch on February 19 in the elementary grades. It was very well attended. Forensic season has begun. The high school students will be going ice skating on March 18. There will be a high school sweatpants dance on March 18. The Fine Arts Night will be held on March 21, and a Family Fun Night on March 22. The school play, “To Be a Star”, will be held on April 8-10.

The District Administrator’s Report was given by Kyle Luedtke. The 2016-2017 schedule grid is completed with a few tweaks being done as needed. A Jr. High track coaching position is advertised, the season starts April 1. We have two student teachers this year. Maintenance issues: the heating element is not working in the dishwasher and the water softener is not recharging properly. A Six Rivers Conference meeting is allowed to be held at My Turn Pub per the attorney. Jr High Cross County at Southwestern has been approved.

Finance Report - Administrator Luedtke reported the budget is being worked on.

Trap Shooting Committee. The grant is still being worked on. The earliest the program could begin is spring of 2017. The grant would cover ammo, guns, gun safe, and clay pigeons. There would be no

increase in liability insurance to offer the program. Students participating in the program will follow the guidelines of the Extra-Curricular Handbook. A limit to the number of participants and the fee to be charged was discussed. Cost to student would be approximately \$260 per season.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #30207-30262. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Norder to approve the third and final reading of the School Board Powers Policy #104.2. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Belken to approve the update to the Employee Handbook: School Calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Blaine for Kyle Luedtke to represent the district at the SWTC board meeting on March 30, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Belken to approve the baseball team's overnight trip to Mauston on May 6, 2016. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 7:47 PM to discuss personnel and negotiations. Roll call: Belken-yes, Vaughn-yes, Davis-yes, Blaine-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Belken to reconvene in open session at 9:03 PM. Roll call: Belken-yes, Vaughn-yes, Davis-yes, Blaine-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve Emily Lange as Summer Rec Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Norder to approve unpaid softball volunteer softball coaches Tim Bartels, Mark Brant, and Kayla Wagner. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Belken to approve Todd Bastian as Head Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve the following coaches: Russ Hamm-Head Volleyball, Nicole Brant-JV Volleyball, Kelly Laschinger-Jr High Volleyball, Kyle Kern-Assistant High School Football, Rudy Beliz-Jr High Football. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be the regular meeting on April 13, 2016 at 6PM.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Belken to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Angela Davis, Clerk

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