

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
MAY 11, 2016**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in the IMC of the high school. Roll call: Angie Davis-not present, Fred Norder-present, Larry Redfearn-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Mick Vaughn-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

BEST Reps – None

Citizen Comments – None

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Redfearn to approve the proof of giving public notice and the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting with the change of Redfearn calling the meeting to order. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to approve the consent of agenda with moving item 6E - Lights at Swift Park to item 3B. Motion carried.

High School Solo and Ensemble participants gave a presentation of the pieces they performed at Solo & Ensemble. Davis arrived at 6:05. Monardo Faria sang a solo from *Jekyll and Hyde* and Aaron Pulvermacher played a saxophone piece. Both students received an exemplary standing at state.

Lights at Swift Park. The lights are electrifying the fence at Swift Park. Options are to replace the lights at an estimated cost of \$175,000 to \$185,000, or not to have lights and move games to earlier in the evening. Gary McCrea, Village President, would like to move faster and get the lights ordered so they are installed and working by early July. Mr. McCrea stated the Village could loan the school the money to purchase their portion of the lights. Mr. Luedtke stated we need to get bids for the project and talk to the attorney if the Village were to loan the school money. The school may have to take money from the fund balance, and this may cause issues in 2018 when a referendum will be needed. The Village and School District will have to agree on who is responsible for what percent of the project. Bids will be obtained and a joint special meeting with the Village Board will be held next week.

Election of Officers:

President - Davis nominated Carver, seconded by Blaine. Motion carried.

Ryan Carver President.

Vice-President - Redfearn nominated Norder, seconded by Langkamp. Motion carried.

Fred Norder Vice-President.

Clerk – Blaine nominated Davis, seconded by Norder. Motion carried. Angie Davis Clerk.

Treasurer – Redfearn nominated Blaine, seconded by Norder. Motion carried.

Brandee Blaine Treasurer.

Committee Assignments – Committee of the Whole remains by general consensus.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Norder to designate the Benton State Bank as the official depository. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to designate the Tri-County Press as the official school newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to hold meetings the second Wednesday of each month starting with the finance meeting at 5:45 PM followed by the regular meeting at 6 PM. Motion carried.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported Google training has been completed for students. Students in grades 3-12 are doing a Brite Byte survey on technology. Prom went well; some things will be worked on for next year, i.e. more security, students not allowed to leave until event is over. Classes on Friday and Monday, 3rd and 8th hour, will be swapped as too many students have been gone 8th hour for sports and missing class time. Awards Night will be held May 25, graduation May 27, Jr High Awards Night May 31, Jr High to Miller Park June 1, and teacher in-service June 3.

Administrator Kyle Luedtke reported TC Networks is working on the installation of the Wi-Fi in the evenings. Mr. Luedtke attended the WASDA Conference for three days last week. The drug dog visited last week. Mr. Luedtke will be attending a Superintendent's meeting next Tuesday, chaperoning the senior class trip on Wednesday, and at a workshop in Fennimore on the 25th.

Financial Report. Budget is being worked on. Declining enrollment is an issue.

The hiring of a lawn service and the condition of the tractor was discussed. The report on the current cost of mowing will be available for the June meeting.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to pay bills #30342-30412 noting voided checks 30357 and 30364. Motion carried. Century Fence invoice – discussion was held on the company installing two 7' pieces of fencing and then adding a 4' piece to make an 18' high fence. The order was to install two 9' pieces of fencing to make 18'. They also did not complete the job as they did not put the netting back. Mr. Luedtke will contact Century Fence to get a proposal on how to fix the fence or make compensation before the invoice is paid. This will be discussed further at the June meeting.

Student Handbook – tabled to June meeting.

Extra-Curricular Code. On Page 4, item A. #5: For students entering 9th grade academic eligibility will be based on 4th quarter grades from the prior school year. Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to add: If a student fails a course they can make it up by taking an alternate academic course in the summer determined by administration. Motion carried.

Motion by Norder, seconded by Redfearn to approve course options at UW-Platteville for three students. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to approve WIAA membership. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Norder to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) at 7:30 PM to discuss personnel wages and compensation, teacher and support staff contracts, principal contract, extra-curricular advisor compensation, health insurance agreement, basketball and poms coaches, and resignations. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to reconvene in open session at 7:55 PM. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Norder to approve the resolution authorizing contract renewals and issuance of contracts as listed on Schedule A for 2016-2017 with a 2.12% increase and insurance alternate 1 plan. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Norder, seconded by Blaine to approve renewal of individual contracts for support staff for 2016-2017 with a 2.12% increase and insurance alternate 1 plan. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve the renewal of principal contract for 2016-2017 with a 2.12% increase with 2017-2018 salary increase to be determined at a later date. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to approve renewal of the extracurricular advisors for 2016-2017 as presented with a 2.12% increase. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to hire Tim Hendricks as girls head basketball coach. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Norder-no, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-no. Motion carried 5 yes, 2 no.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to hire Marion Fladseth as head poms/dance team coach with Katie Emery as assistant coach. Motion carried.

No resignations.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Redfearn to hold a special joint meeting with the Village of Benton Board on May 18, 2016 to be held no earlier than 7:30 PM and immediately following the Village Board meeting, to be held at the Benton Village Hall Conference room. Motion carried.

Motion by Redfearn, seconded by Blaine to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Angie Davis, Clerk