

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

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

B.E.S.T. Representatives – none.
Citizen Comments – none

Motion by Davis, seconded by Norder to approve proof of giving public notice and the minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Norder to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Financial Report. Administrator Luedtke reported the E-Rate application, one portion was approved and two portions were denied. The district has received a full refund for the faulty ice machine. A new machine was purchased and installed at a cost of \$2310.82. The amount saved on the new machine purchase, \$1482.18, this will be prorated back to the Benton Booster Club, the football team fund, and the district. Fall Co-ops: There were four students out for golf, of which one student was from Benton at a cost of \$530.05; Cross Country had six Benton students participate at a cost of \$2003.26. There is one student projected to be in gymnastics and two students interested in wrestling. The cost is determined by number of participants divided in to the cost of the program. A letter Superior District has sent to legislators regarding pupil cost amount was discussed. Mr. Luedtke would like Benton District to send a similar letter to legislators and will push for other schools in the Six Rivers Conference to do likewise. The letters request districts not receiving the state average in per pupil aid to have the amount increased until they do.

Principal's Report. Lisa Lawrence reported the "Energy Bus" has been put on hold due to work being done on Educator Effectiveness and the end of the quarter grade work. Great feedback was received on the first meeting held with staff. "Energy Bus" assignments and meetings will start up again next week. Teacher in-service meetings included a presentation from a WEA Trust Rep on retirement, savings, investing and other financial matters. Google Training was conducted for teachers. Mrs. Wildes gave a presentation on suicide prevention and presentation for new staff on child abuse and neglect reporting was given. Curriculum work this year has to be done outside of the school day as no time during the school day is available or has been allotted on the calendar. Other schools have late starts or early releases on their calendars to give teachers time to work on curriculum. This will be something to consider on next year's calendar. Mrs. Lawrence is doing a survey on school environment as part of Educator Effectiveness. The survey will be completed by teachers, students and parent on the school climate, then the information will be used to create a school improvement plan. Tomy Toys from Dyersville, Iowa, is donating three train table and engines to the school. They will be placed in the 4K, BACPAC, and Speech room. The Veteran's Day Program will be held on Friday morning. The Christmas concert for grades 7-12 will be held on December 5, on December 11 for the elementary, with December 18 as the inclement weather date.

Superintendents Report. Kyle Luedtke reported that our current employee health insurance broker is M3, but he felt they are not providing services as much as he expected. He met with Tri-Cor Insurance yesterday to hear their proposal. Boardman & Clark is holding an all-day seminar in Madison next week that Mr. Luedtke will be attending. The gym closets are being cleaned. Belair Awnings caulked the gutters. The Dubuque Colts would like to rent the school again, tentatively the week of June 11, 2017. Mr. Luedtke checked with the DPI on counting residents attending school in Scales Mound. These students are considered the same as students attending private schools so they cannot be counted. A student approached Mr. Luedtke about AP courses being weighted. This will be looked in to more by Mr. Luedtke and Mrs. Lawrence and the teachers and a proposal brought before second semester. Mr. Luedtke attended a board meeting at Southwestern School District seniors failing at which presented their credit recovery plan. He also attended the Cuba City Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing, which was very similar to ours.

Jeff Droessler gave an Athletic Director's Report. Impact concussion testing will be mandatory for the school year. The Cup of Excellence Award will be presented during the Alexander Tournament. The volleyball team won the conference title and Benton School received first place in sportsmanship for volleyball and 2nd place in sportsmanship for football. The new lights work great. The fence project is complete. The girls' golf team was conference champions. Basketball, wrestling, and gymnastics are starting.

There are 16 girls and 21 boys out for basketball, 2 wrestlers, and one gymnast. Mick Baxter received the WADA "Friends of Benton" athletic award. Mr. Droessler informed the board he is planning to resign as athletic director due to family obligations.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to pay bills #30836-#30928. Motion carried.

Senior Class Trip. Class representatives Emily Leifker and Leanne Soppe presented their senior class trip proposal. They would like to hold the trip on May 13 and 14, and travel to Six Flags for senior night. The chaperones would be Mr. Cox and Mrs. Gravel. The cost of the trip would be \$2621.00; they have \$2298.00 in their account so will need to earn \$523.00 more through their fundraising. There will be games, music, dancing and other activities. A girls' softball tournament has since been scheduled on that Saturday, but consensus was it was satisfactory to the class to still hold the trip on May 13 and 14. Motion by Davis, seconded by Redfearn to approve the senior class trip to Six Flags Great America. Motion carried.

Three bids were received to remove the chemicals in the storage room: Veola \$6,338.00, Clean Harbor \$9,057.90, and TradeBe \$10,812.19. Motion by Norder, seconded by Blaine to accept the proposal from Veola for removal of the chemicals. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve the proposal for a trap shooting team for one year with no costs to the district. Motion carried.

The second reading of the Transgender Policy was conducted.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Redfearn to approve the resignation of Fred Norder as a member of the board effective November 30, 2016. Motion carried. The position will not be on the April 2017 ballot since the resignation will be occurring after the 4th Tuesday of November.

Policy 132: Fill Unexpired Term: Policy revision. Board members received copies of the revised policy provided by Attorney Brownlee. The approval of the revised policy will be an item on the December agenda. A notice to fill the vacant board position will be placed in the newsletter that is being sent to all households in the school district next week.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Norder to approve Davis Neis as an unpaid volunteer boys' basketball coach. Motion carried.

There are no resignations.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 6:40 PM to discuss - Compensation: early retirement per teacher's request. 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 Langkamp to reconvene in open session at 7:30 PM. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Norder-yes, Redfearn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

No other business. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 6PM.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Norder to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Angela Davis, Clerk