

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
December 13, 2023**

Ryan Kern called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Paul Klang-present, Megan Flatley-present, Angie Davis-absent, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-present, and Jordan Kieler-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of November 8, 2023, regular meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Bastian gave the treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was given. November is generally when our balance is the lowest.

Athletic Director's Report was given by Mr. Bastian on behalf of Mr. Droessler who was on a field trip. The MS boys recently finished their season with a league tournament in Elizabeth, IL. The boys showed steady improvement throughout the season and represented Benton well. The HS boys' participation numbers are down this season. We currently have two seniors, three juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen participating in boys' basketball. Due to these low numbers we have canceled the JV season and will be playing only a varsity season. The HS girls' participation numbers are solid and we have both a JV and varsity team. We also have a wrestler and a gymnast who are participating in our coop teams. The paperwork for our track, softball, and baseball teams has been filed with the WIAA and we are awaiting formal approval. The MS girls' basketball team will begin their season when students return from Christmas break.

Ms. Lawrence gave the principal's report. Cumulative district report card information was given. The elementary, middle school, and high school performed significantly better than other school districts in the area. The Dixie Paquette Be Kind Giving Tree for the empty stocking fund is underway. We have had a lot of participation. Our junior and senior students had Dixie as a teacher, which is one of the reasons this has been successful. Administration has been covering in classrooms and finalizing inservice plans for the second semester. We have our production of Peter Pan & Wendy this Saturday and Sunday with a dress rehearsal on Friday. Our holiday band concert for grades 5-8 is on Monday.

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. We have the election approaching on April 2, 2024. The current School Board members that will have their term come to an end are Amanda Williams and Angie Davis. Notices of noncandidacy must be filled no later than December 22, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of candidacy and campaign

finance registration statements must be filed by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. We received a thank you letter from the Village of Benton for the paver we purchased from them to help with the village library, museum, community center project.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Richardson to pay bills 37535-37647. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to approve the audit performed by Johnson Block & Company for the school year ending in June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to approve senior class trip. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to approve the written evaluation of the security drill held on November 29, 2023. Motion carried.

Megan Flatley was chosen as the delegate for the Delegate Convention in Milwaukee on January 17, at 1:30 p.m.

District Administrator Evaluations are due by the January meeting. Past practice compiles the results of all Board members in closed session to end up with one evaluation. No action is needed at the December meeting.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the contract with E. Mowry Transportation for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the removal of "short-term or" from article A part 3 of the Sick Leave Bank for the Benton School District Employees section of the Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

Resignations: None.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to hire Lisa Lawrence for the jr. high girls' basketball coaching position and Emma Lawrence as a volunteer coach for the jr. high girls' basketball program. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Amanda Williams, Clerk

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