

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
February 14, 2024**

President Angie Davis 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-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-present, and Jordan Kieler-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Kern, seconded by Williams to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the January 10, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Bastian gave the treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was given.

The athletic director's report was given by Mr. Bastian. The girls' high school basketball team will start the tournament at Highland. Chris Jenkins resigned as the baseball coach and Adam O'Brien will be the new coach from Shullsburg.

The principal's report was given by Mrs. Lawrence. Grade 8 students took the NAEP Assessment on February 12. We are prepping for the ACT exam, which is on March 12, 2024. We continue to analyze student data through district assessments. We continue to work on the Literacy Plan with CESA3. We are working with staff on Educator Effectiveness. We do have a summer plan for K-3 regarding fulfilling Act 20 requirements.

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. The second Friday in January was supposed to be January 12. We had a snow day on that day so we had to ask DPI for an alternative count date of Monday, January 15. That day was granted. Our student count was 252. That was one more than we had on the third Friday count in September. CPI is projected to be 4.12%. That gives us a starting point for salary increases. We are also waiting to see what happens with insurance renewals. That information will be available in early March. We had a small fire in the gym on January 25. One of the motors that raises and lowers the basketball hoop caught on fire because of a faulty switch. The new motor has been installed and the hoop is running again. Thanks to Leifker Farms for bringing in a couple of extra barn fans to air out the gym and Chad Korish at Electric Connection for removing the old motor and replacing it with the new one. We are also planning to replace all the switches in the gym that move the baskets after almost 50 years.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to pay bills #37706-37803. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction report for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to approve the graduation date of May 23, 2025, for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the school calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Keiler to approve the contract with TC Networks for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to adjourn to closed session at 6:30 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss the performance evaluation of Mrs. Lawrence, discuss employment of the summer rec coordinator, and discuss compensation to the six teachers that will be trained in Keys to Beginning Reading this summer. Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Flatley-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to reconvene in open session at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the evaluation of Mrs. Lawrence for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to hire Devin Feryance as the summer rec coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to compensate the six teachers that will be trained in Keys to Beginning Reading this summer and the two teachers that have completed the LETRS training. They will be compensated \$1,250 upon their return to the district for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

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