

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

Vice President Ryan Kern called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Jordan Kieler-present, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-present, Brian Korleski-present, Bob Knight-present, Paul Klang-present, and Angie Davis-absent.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kieler to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the January 11, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasurer's Report.

Athletic Director's Report. Mr. Bastian reported on behalf of Mr. Droessler that middle school girls basketball finishes with the league tournament on February 25 and 27. High school girls basketball begins tournament play on February 21, and boys basketball tournament begins on February 28. Wrestling regionals are February 11. Track practice begins on March 6, softball on March 13, and baseball on March 20. The trap shooting team is working on the practice schedule. The process of preparing next year's budget is underway.

Principal's Report. Mrs. Lawrence reported that the district is evaluating student assessment results for instructional focus. The winter assessments are complete. We have been selected as one of the schools to receive the Kohl Initiative Scholarship for one senior. We had a virtual assembly with authors, Jarrod Schusterman and Sofia LaPuente. The students really enjoyed this. The students enjoyed a K-12 sledding party this week. We are prioritizing budget options regarding curriculum, working on the schedule for 2023-24, and the educator effectiveness progress.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Bastian reported that the footings have been poured for the sign, and it is expected to be up and running within a couple of weeks. The cement base will be completed when it gets warmer. Angie Stluka reported the district has passed all of our food service inspections. Congratulations to Angie and her staff for continuing to do a great job. Mr. Bastian spent three days in Milwaukee at the State Education Convention. It was a great and informative convention.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Williams to pay bills 36766-36883 voiding the listed checks. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kieler to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction report. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to approve the graduation date of May 24, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Williams to approve the resignation of Kyle Kern as the live stream coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Williams to adjourn to closed session at 6:15 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the performance evaluation of the principal, the 2023-2024 employee compensation, and the employment of a paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Klang to reconvene in open session at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the performance evaluation of the principal. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Klang to approve the hire of Kayla Casper as a paraprofessional. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

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