

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
JANUARY 11, 2023**

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

Amanda Williams arrived at 6:01.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the December 14, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasurer's Report.

Athletic Director's Report. Mr. Bastian reported on behalf of Mr. Droessler that winter sports are rolling along. Middle school girls basketball starts, and we have fifteen girls involved in grades six to eight. Teams are cooperating well to share practice times, and the janitors have been very helpful in setting up the gyms. Fall schedules are set are set for football and volleyball. Cross country should be set soon.

Principal's Report. Mrs. Lawrence reported that the district will be exploring elementary writing components and a middle school ELA program. Thank you to all the businesses that donated to our Holiday Fun Day in December. This includes Sarah Monson Photography, Spooky Pinball, Lawrence's Pub & Eatery, Be Rooted Chiropractic & Wellness, St. Patrick's CCW, and the Benton State Bank.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Bastian reported that there are three names on the April 4, 2023, ballot for the two available School Board positions. The candidates are Brian Korleski, Megan Flatley, and Jeff Richardson. We expect the sign on the north end of the parking lot to be installed soon. The brick work will have to wait until the weather is warmer. The second Friday in January count will be Friday, January 13.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to pay bills 36690-36765 voiding #36735. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Korleski to approve the space availability for Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. See attachment. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Kieler to approve the calendar for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Knight to approve the resignations of the seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball coaches.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Korleski to adjourn to closed session at 6:16 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss employment of volunteer track coaches and junior high girls' basketball coach, compensation for the bookkeeper, administrative assistant, and health aide, and performance evaluation for the District Administrator. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Korleski-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Knight-yes, and Davis-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Klang to reconvene in open session at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Korleski to approve Todd Bastian, Jeff Droessler, Julie Redfearn, Marie Wamsley, and Dylan Redfearn as volunteer track coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to approve Luke Tyson as the junior high girls' basketball coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to approve the retention bonus for Traci Calvert and Tiffany Saunders. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to approve the employment of Cheryl Johnson as a part-time health aide to assist with the ongoing provision of day-to-day health aide services. Motion carried.

Motion by Korleski, seconded by Williams to accept the performance evaluation for Superintendent Bastian. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kieler to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Amanda Williams, Clerk