

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
MARCH 8, 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-present, Ryan Kern-present, Brian Korleski-present, Bob Knight-present, Paul Klang-present, and Angie Davis-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the February 8, 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 all the winter sports have completed, and we are beginning the spring rush. High school track has started practice. We have thirteen Benton kids out and a total of thirty-one kids on the BSMS track team. Softball begins practice on March 13. We are expecting ten or eleven Benton players and twenty-five or twenty-six girls on the team. Softball games are played in Benton this season. Baseball starts on March 13 for pitchers and catchers, and the full squad practice starts on March 20. We are planning on eight Benton players. Baseball games are played in Shullsburg this season. Middle school track will begin on April 3. We currently have six meets scheduled.

Principal's Report. Mr. Bastian reported on behalf of Mrs. Lawrence that the Kohl Initiative Scholarship Recipient will be announced in late March. The first session of the ACT is complete. Session two will be March 21, 2023. The administration is working on the budget including K-8 science curriculum and middle school ELA curriculum. We are also working on the master schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Bastian reported that Cathy Halweg has retired from Mowry's. Cathy was outstanding to work with. A heartfelt thank you goes out to her for everything she has done for the students in this district. River Curtis was recently chosen as a winner of the 2023 Wisconsin Society of Science Teachers Essay Contest. Her essay was selected from a collection of essays from around Wisconsin. The digital sign is up with only the masonry work left to complete. Thank you notes will be sent out, and we will be working on a plaque for recognition of the donors that made this project possible. The cost of the project was paid for by private donations. We are working on the budget for next year.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Korleski to pay bills 36884-36946. Motion carried.

66.0301 agreement with the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative. No information to discuss.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to approve the overnight track trip to Lawrence, Kansas for the Kansas Relays. Motion carried.

Live streams. No vote needed. Just information.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Klang to approve the resignation of Ms. Schreiber as the librarian/eighth grade science teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Korleski to adjourn to closed session at 6:25 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the employment of volunteer softball coaches, compensation for K-12 music/band teacher and summer school, and administrative contracts. Motion carried.

Roll call: Kern-yes, Korleski-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Knight-yes, and Davis-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to reconvene in open session at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Knight to approve the volunteer softball coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve half the compensation of the music/band teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Korleski, seconded by Klang to approve the summer school wages. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Korleski to approve the administrative contracts. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Amanda Williams, Clerk