

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
MAY 10, 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, Jeff Richardson-present, Megan Flatley-absent, Paul Klang-present, and Angie Davis-present.

Citizen Comments-Kyle Kern expressed how wonderful the fine arts night and prom went. Thank you to all the teachers that helped make that possible and all the work they put in.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the April 12, 2023, meeting, the minutes of the April 26, 2023, special meeting, WIAA renewal for 2023-2024, the Swift Park Use agreement for the 2023-2024 school year, and the Extra-Curricular Code Handbook for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Annual School Board Reorganization-Election of Officers:

- Nomination by Kern for Angie Davis as President, seconded by Klang. Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to close the nominations. Motion carried. 5-yes, 0-no, Davis-abstain. Angie Davis will serve as President.
- Nomination by Klang for Ryan Kern as Vice-President, seconded by Williams. Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to close the nominations. Motion carried. 5-yes, 0-no, Kern-abstain. Ryan Kern will serve as Vice-President.
- Nomination by Kieler for Amanda Williams as Clerk, seconded by Kern. Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to close the nominations. Motion carried. 5-yes, 0-no, Williams-abstain. Amanda Williams will serve as Clerk.
- Nomination by Kern for Paul Klang as Treasurer, seconded by Williams. Motion by Kern, seconded by Williams to close the nominations. Motion carried. 5-yes, 0-no, Klang-abstain. Paul Klang will serve as Treasurer.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to continue with the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to designate Benton State Bank as the official fund depository. Motion carried.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Williams to designate the Tri-County Press as the official school newspaper for publications. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to set the meeting date and time of regular monthly meetings as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Administrator Mr. Bastian gave the Treasurer's report.

Athletic Director's Report: Mr. Bastian reported on Jeff Droessler's behalf that the spring sports are winding down for the high school athletes. Middle school track has one more meet on May 18. All of next year's sports schedules are set. We still need to hire some officials, but most of those positions are filled as well. There will be a boys' summer basketball league, and the volleyball coach is working on a summer volleyball league in Dubuque.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Lawrence reported that all assessments will be completed by May 12, 2023. Fine Arts Night was a success. Special thanks to Mrs. Liddicoat, Ms. Callan, and Ms. Baty. The administration is working on streamlining our checkout/end-of-the-school-year process for students and curriculum updates for middle school ELA. Staffing for substitutes continues to be an issue. There are two students that have been selected for the all-star games. Rex Blaine has been selected to play in the Wisconsin Basketball Association Division 5 South All-Star game. Nate Lawrence has been selected to play in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Star game.

Administrator Todd Bastian reported we are working hard to staff the building for the 2023-2024 school year. As another school year comes to an end, we are sending another group of seniors on to higher education, the military, and the workforce. Our staff and the community have done an outstanding job preparing these young men and women for their future.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Williams to pay bills #37035-37108. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to approve the second reading of policies 0100-8802. Motion carried.

There was no decision on the CESA 3 Annual Convention.

There will be 4 members on stage for the graduation ceremony.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Richardson to approve the summer school courses. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the resignation of the 4K teacher. 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 employment of the fourth-grade teacher, second-grade teacher, four-year-old kindergarten teacher, school nurse, head football coach, staffing and assignments, and approval or disapproval of open enrollment applications. Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Flatley-absent, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 6-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to reconvene in open session at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve Kaylee Meyers as the fourth-grade teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Kieler to approve Cora Lierman as the second-grade teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Richardson to approve Michaela Acherman as the four-year-old kindergarten teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve Maggie Neis as the school nurse. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Klang to approve Erik Kudronowicz as the head football coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the staffing as presented in schedule A, approve the hourly rates and salaries for support staff and co-curricular, approve the contract for Katherine Strong, and approve the contract for Angele Walsh. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the resolution to renew teacher contracts for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call: Richardson-yes, Klang-yes, Kern-yes, Flatley-absent, Kieler-yes, Davis-yes, Williams-yes. Motion carried. 6-yes, 0-no

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to approve open enrollment applicant numbers one, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, and eleven and denying application number two because we do not have a program for the student's disability. Motion carried.

The next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Amanda Williams, Clerk