

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
DECEMBER 13, 2017

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the IMC of the high school. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Bob Knight-present, Mick Vaughn-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

BEA Reps: None

Citizen Comments: None

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to approve the consent of agenda which includes the minutes of the November 8, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Tom Andres reviewed the financial report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported Benton School won the WIAA Sportsmanship Award at State Volleyball. A pat on the back was given to Pat Neis for reminding the students at the pep rally prior to state tournament of proper behavior and good sportsmanship at the tournament. The administrators of the Six Rivers Conference voted to allow Boscobel and Southwestern in to the conference in 2019-20. The two schools still need approval from the SWAL conference. The WIAA has rescinded the shot clock proposal requirement. A wrestling meet was held in Benton last week. The Wisconsin Athletic Service Award was presented to Cheryl Johnson.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported the 2017 high school biology textbooks have been returned and conflicts have been resolved. The State Report Card results were reviewed. District scores in all three areas improved from 2015-16 school year to the 2016-17 school year, and students exceeded the state average for ACT scores with a test average of 21.8. The staff Christmas breakfast will be held December 22. Board members are invited to attend.

Superintendents Report. Sympathy was expressed to Jean O'Neill on the loss of her mother. Lou and Maggie Langkamp will be featured on Channel 27 News tomorrow night for their service in the community. Elias Cox is serving as an EMT for the Cuba City and Hazel Green EMS during the school day as these groups are short of EMTs. He only goes on calls in the mornings when his schedule is more flexible and Mrs. Lawrence and others have volunteered to cover his students during any calls. A \$2,000 credit was received from EMC (workmen's compensation). The board may want to consider using NEOLA in the future. This company specializes in policy update developments and could be used to make sure our school policy handbook is current. The cost would be \$15,000 to utilize this company. A pep rally was held to present a donation form "Orange Night" to help Liz Wildes with her medical costs. The rally was very powerful and resulted in a great message for our students.

Motion was made by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #31879-31927, noting two voided checks #31890 and 31892. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve the baseball co-op renewal with Shullsburg, softball co-op renewal with Shullsburg, cross country co-op renewal with Southwestern and Cuba City, and track and field co-op renewal with Scales Mound and Shullsburg. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve Kelly Clemens as a support staff aide. Motion carried.

Administrator Andres held three meetings in November to discuss with groups of staff members their ideas on the administrative needs for next year. Notes from those meetings were given to board members to review. At the regular meeting in January his evaluation will be held during closed session. A list of budget goals and priorities for 2018-19 was reviewed.

Carol Wirth gave a presentation to help guide the board on determining an amount for a potential referendum. The discussion will continue at a special meeting to be held January 3 at 7:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be January 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting will be held January 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to further discuss a referendum.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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