

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
DECEMBER 12, 2018**

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

Citizen Comments – none.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent of agenda which includes proof of giving public notice, agenda and minutes of the November 14, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasurer's Report.

Athletic Director Report – Kyle Kern. Mr. Kern reported the football tri-op has been approved and we are moving forward with finding a nickname and working on all of the other logistics. He is searching for a week nine opponent as the team scheduled to play has gone to an eight player team. Middle School boys' basketball is wrapping up this weekend. A coaching education program called 3D Coaching will be utilized as a training tools for coaches. We may need to look into forming a girls' basketball co-op, more information will be available at the January board meeting.

Principal's Report. Mrs. Lawrence reported the ACT scores on the comparison chart have been updated. Once again, Benton students scored well above the state average. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade is baking and delivering cookies tomorrow to some of the elderly community members. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be visiting the Cuba City Nursing Home on Friday. A "Penny War" is taking place this week between Benton and Shullsburg Schools for the Aaron Rodgers NorCal Fire Recovery Fund. The Six-Rivers crossover game to be held on January 25 will be slated as "Suicide Awareness Night" sponsored by Mental Health Matter Lafayette County and Suicide Prevention Coalition of Iowa County. T-shirts will be sold prior to the event night.

Superintendent's Report. Mr. Bastian reported he and Mrs. Lawrence had their final meeting with NEOLA on policy writing. Policies require two readings, the second readings will be at the February board meeting and if approved will go in to effect at that time. The claim for the damaged oven is still open. No payments were received this month for the breach of contract from three past employees. Mr. Bastian will be sending reminder notices to these individuals. There were three households that have requested being mailed board minutes. The notice of an upcoming election was published. Three incumbents are up for re-election. Non-candidacy forms are due by December 21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are due January 2, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. There will be a lunch audit next week. Mr. Coffey and Mr. Bastian will be attending State School Board Convention on January 22-25, 2019. The majority of the TEACH Grant funds have been received. The football season ended with a BSM banquet on December 2 with around 100 people in attendance.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #32861-32994 noting voided check #32943. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on NEOLA Policy 9700.01-Advertising and Commercial Activities. The general board consensus was to leave the policy as if it is currently.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to approve the first reading of policies #3111 to 3531, 4111 to 4531 and 8120 to 8900. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by O'Neill to approve the IEQ Plan (Indoor Environmental Quality Management Plan). Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to approve the calendar change of February 21, 2019 from a full day of no school to a 12:45 early dismissal day. Motion carried. This is due to conflicts with ACT testing dates.

Finance Committee Meetings. Board consensus was to discontinue holding a finance committee meeting prior to each regular meeting.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Knight to approve the safety assessment. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve the implementation of E-Funds. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve Benton becoming the home school for the cross country track co-op. Knight would like it noted to keep the coach the same as loyalty to that person who has been coaching for a number of years.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to approve the security drill evaluation. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the tri-op football coaching staff. With Benton being the home school the coaching staff can remain the same. Board consensus was Mr. Bastian would remain in this position. Recommendations will be brought to the January board meeting. The plan is to have seven coaches (two from each school along with the head coach) and three volunteer coaches if possible. Mr. Knight requested it be noted the Associate Head Coach does not necessarily become the head coach should that person leave the position.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to hire Tina Haynes as a part-time aide. Motion carried.

No resignations.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Langkamp to adjourn to closed session at 6:58 p.m. as permitted under Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee. Roll call vote: Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Knight to reconvene in open session. Motion carried.

The next regular school board meeting will be January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Langkamp to adjourn. The meeting adjourn at 7:24 p.m.

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Jean O'Neill, Clerk