

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the IMC of the high school. Roll call: Angela Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Larry Redfearn-absent, Lou Langkamp-present, Brandee Blaine-present, Mick Vaughn-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

BEST Representatives-none

Citizen Comments: Paul Raley spoke on the Kansas City track meet trip. The trip expenses will be covered by the track activity fund and Shullsburg and Scales Mound Schools will be providing the transportation.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of the January 11, 2017 meeting with changes to page 2, paragraph 9, to read "roll call vote: Blaine-no, Vaughn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Redfearn-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-no." Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to approve the minutes of the special meeting held January 24, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Blaine to approve the consent of agenda. Motion carried.

Schneider Electric reps gave a report on their finding on utility improvements and infrastructure. A copy of their report will be emailed to board members.

Hillyard representative Mark Baker gave a report on the school maintenance project. Mr. Baker felt the elementary gym floor should only be waxed every other year. Three items are needed in the future, a carpet extractor for approximately \$3,500, and walk behind sweeper for approximately \$2,000, and matting at a cost of approximately \$4,800. Over the next two years he will be working with the custodians on reducing product inventory, with the goal of having only a one year supply of products in inventory.

Financial Report. Administrator Luedtke report the CPI is estimated to be at 1.26%, last year it was 1.12%. Governor Walker's proposed state budget will increase student aid to \$200 per student and possibly increasing sparsity aid to \$400 per pupil, which would be a \$100 per pupil increase from last year. The transportation aid may increase, but would have no effect on our district as it would be for transporting students who live at least twelve miles from the school building. Also, an increase in sparsity aid would have little effect on our district. The utility bill for this month was \$1108.19. Mr. Luedtke will be contacting the village regarding the bill. There was a leaking water softener and an issue at Swift Park causing a large increase in the cost this month.

Tri-Cor Insurance projected health insurance premiums to increase 8%.

Principal Lawrence reported a joint meeting with the Shullsburg calendar committee will be held on February 15 or March 1. Angie Davis and Ryan Carver will serve on the committee. A proposed weighted scale for students taking in-district AP courses was distributed. Principal Lawrence is working on changes to the summer school program. The proposal will include classes being offered in July for 3 weeks between 8 a.m. and noon, offering remedial courses for grades 8-12, and having the school library open during summer hours.

Superintendents Report: Mr. Luedtke attended the WASB conference in Milwaukee. The meeting gave information on salary and state equalization aid and matching funds for hiring and retaining teachers. He spoke with Dan Bowden of Cuba City School Board on developing a distance learning program between Shullsburg, Cuba City, Southwestern, and Benton to offer more course options for students. Mr. Luedtke reported Six River superintendents voted yes to Pec/Argyle being in the SWAL conference for football only by a 7-5-1 vote with Albany being absent. SWAL voted 5-3. It now goes to the WIAA. TC Networks will be doing an inventory update over break. The DPI is evaluating the licensing process and looking at becoming more flexible. Mr. Luedtke will be attending the WASB Day at the Capitol on March 17. Board members are invited to attend as well.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #31112-31214 noting voided checks #31112 and 31128, and 56050.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Langkamp to deny the petition to alter school property lines. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held on the weighting of AP courses. Decision tabled to a later meeting.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve the overnight track field trip to Kansas on April 20-22, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Davis to approve the high school girls' basketball overnight trip to state tournament. Motion carried.

Resignations – none.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Blaine to adjourn to closed session at 7:19 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c and f) to discuss personnel including but not limited to elementary teachers, special education teacher, spring coaches and athletic director and compensation, and student discipline. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, Blaine-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes 0 no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to reconvene in open session at 8:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to change the sick day payout language for employees with 20 years of service and age 60 to the rate of \$50 per day for days 1 through 132 and individuals without the 20 years of service or under age 60 will be paid at a rate of \$25 per day per each accumulated sick leave day above 36 through 120. Employees must notify the district of their resignation by April 1 of that year.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve Kyle Kern as athletic director for the 2017-2018 school year to begin on July 1, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to approve Jenna Wagner as 3rd grade teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Davis to approve John Klein as special education instructor for the remainder of this school year and the district to pay for his emergency license. Motion carried.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve Alex Wright as unpaid assistant track volunteer. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve Chris Lakner as unpaid volunteer weight room supervisor upon completing training with Todd Bastian. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Angela Davis, Clerk

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