

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
JANUARY 10, 2018**

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

B.E.S.T. Reps: none  
Citizen Comments-none

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Knight to approve the consent of agenda which includes the minutes of December 13, 2017 and January 3, 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Tom Andres gave a financial report.

Athletic Director report-none.

Principal's report was given by Lisa Lawrence. Two students, Aaron Pulvermacher and Emma Lawrence, have advanced to the state level of the Herb Kohl Scholarship. Four students need approval to apply for youth options at UW-Platteville. Students who showed a predetermined improvement in MAPS testing received a motivational reward. The Crisis Intervention Plan needs approval.

Angie Davis arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The high school volleyball team will be presented the State Volleyball Sportsmanship Award at the high school boys' basketball again against Highland on January 25.

Superintendent's report was given by Tom Andres. Mr. Andres met with TCNetworks to review the technology infrastructure. Governor Walker has a bill for rural school, we should encourage our senators to support it. Mr. Andres invited Governor Walker to make the announcement at Benton School. Representative Travis Tranel and Senator Howard Marklein will be coming to tour the school on January 29 at 9:30 a.m.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #31978-32074, noting voided check #31996. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Knight to clarify that the weighted grading school procedure includes college courses taken as well as for AP courses. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to approve Ashley Brant as assistant softball coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to approve the space availability for open enrollment as presented. Motion carried.

The following policy drafts were reviewed: Early College Credit Program (506.9), Course Option: Technical College (506.9B), Employment Exam (301d), and Recommendations for Employment.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Davis to approve the resolution for referendum for April 3, 2018 to exceed the revenue limit: Consideration of and action on a Resolution To Exceed The Revenue Limit Specified In Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, By \$300,000 Beginning With The 2018-2019 School Year For Recurring Purposes, And By An Additional \$150,000 For The 2018-2019 School Year, \$225,000 For The 2019-20 School Year, And \$370,00 For The 2020-21 Through 2021-2022 School Years For Non-Recurring Purposes, Consisting Of Continuing And Enhancing The Programs Approved In 2006, 2009, 2012 And 2015, Which Includes Sustaining Operating Expenses With Which To Maintain The Current Level Of Operations. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Davis to approve the resolution for April 3, 2018 for referendum providing for a referendum as follows: Consideration of and Action on a Resolution Providing for a Referendum on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution To Exceed The Revenue Limit Specified In Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, By \$300,000 Beginning With The 2018-2019 School Year For Recurring Purposes, And By An Additional \$150,000 For The 2018-2019 School Year, \$225,000 For The 2019-20 School Year, And \$370,00 For The 2020-21 Through 2021-2022 School Years For Non-Recurring Purposes, Consisting Of Continuing And Enhancing The Programs Approved In 2006, 2009, 2012 And 2015, Which Includes Sustaining Operating Expenses With Which To Maintain The Current Level Of Operations. Roll call vote: O'Neill-yes, Vaughn-yes, Langkamp-yes, Knight-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

The budget goal was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Andres reminded the board of the Benton School District mission is to provide an educational program designed to effectively and efficiently meet the academic, career, personal and social needs of its student in the best learning climate possible. Mr. Andres recommended that the board move forward and support this mission statement. The students have excelled in academics, fine arts and athletics and the school provides a great foundation for our youth. The financial impact will soften in two years and we need to urge the Benton residents to hang in there and embrace the Benton School District. We should continue business assuming the referendum will pass.

Leadership options for 2018-2019 were reviewed. General consensus was to seek a 60% administrator posting the position immediately for 30 days then review the percentage if no strong applicants apply.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 7:31 p.m. to discuss performance evaluation and employment of district administration and future leadership. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Langkamp to reconvene in open session at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried. A committee of the whole meeting for referendum planning will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 5:15 p.m.

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

Jean O'Neill, Clerk