

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

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

BEST Rep-none
Citizen Comments-none

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Langkamp to approve the proof of giving public notice and the minutes of February 8, 2017, with a change to page 3, paragraph 2 to read "\$50 per day". Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent of agenda. Motion carried.

A presentation was given by Brad Wellborn on the Slow Rides Rural Safety Program. Their company sells solar lights to place on signs in hazardous areas where school buses make their stops. The lights cost \$1800.00 per sign with no installation fee.

Angela Stluka gave a presentation on a conference she will be attending on June 5-9, 2017 called "Cooking Serving up Science: The Path to Safe Foods in Schools". The conference is held in Kansas and is paid for by the DPI. Motion by Blaine, seconded by Coffey to send Angela Stluka to the Food Science Conference in Kansas at no cost to the district. Motion carried.

Jay Lucas, Representative from WEA Benefits gave a presentation on their 403(b) Employer Matching and Vesting Contribution Program. The benefit to the district would be to help retain and recruit employees. The benefit to the employee would be the district matching a percentage of what the employee invests and it get employees to start investing for their future.

Correspondence. A letter from Kelly Laschinger and Southwest Tech were reviewed. Southwest Tech will have three vacancies occurring on their board and will be holding a meeting on March 30 at 7:00 p.m. for the appointment committee.

Administrator Luedtke gave the monthly financial report. Tri-Cor insurance received a bid from WEA insurance for next year. The bid shows an increase of 11.9% in the current plan. Tri-Cor is seeking bids from other companies and also looking at other plans WEA offers. Teachers are working on their orders for next school year; forms are due back March 31. Mr. Luedtke is meeting with the Southwestern School Administrator to work on the cost differences of the ECH students who attend there. There was one student who participated in gymnastics and two in wrestling, we have not yet received the bill for these Tri-Op sports. The revenue limit worksheet was reviewed, with declining enrollment exemption some monies should be received from the state next year. The mil rate is projected to be 11.40.

Principal's Report. Principal Lawrence reported that changing to a weighted grading scale retro to the beginning of this year would not affect the class rank for either the junior or senior class. Elementary staff will be working with a rep from CESA on math curriculum and language arts on March 14 and March 20. Mrs. Lawrence attended a meeting in Darlington with law enforcement on establishing a pre-delinquency program. A DRA grant has been submitted for twenty Chromebooks and a cart.

Superintendent's Report. The 2017-2018 schedule is being worked on with finalization taking place after April 1. Assembly bill 103 to allow the schools start date to be before September 1 is in the works. The WIAA Board of Control has not had the Pec/Argyle for Southwestern switching of conferences for football only on their meeting agenda yet. The CESA services bill for this year is \$116,778.19. Mr. Luedtke is looking in to sharing services with Seneca School District to see if there would be a savings. The screening of 4k students for next year will take place on April 7. Letters have been sent out to fifteen families. There are eighteen students in 4K this year with three being retained. The 3rd Friday enrollment was 248 this year, next year it is projected to be 231. A course options request has been received from a student from a neighboring district.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #31212-31270. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to acknowledge John Perkins and Kevin Slater for all the volunteer work they did with the Swift Park lighting project. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded to Coffey to implement the weighted a grading scale beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Blaine to approve as presented the 2017-2018 school calendar that was developed jointly with the Shullsburg School District. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to set the 2018 graduation date on May, 25, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to approve the 2017-2018 Employee Handbook school calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to approve adding five minutes on the length of the school day for Jr/Sr high students for the rest of this school year to make up 4.8 hours of instructional time due to snow days. Motion carried.

The 2017-2018 course description books were distributed.

Motion by Blaine, seconded by Redfearn to approve Kyle Kern as the Summer Rec Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Blaine to approve Marie Wamsley as a volunteer assistant track coach. Motion carried.

No resignations.

A buildings and grounds committee meeting was set for April 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. The next regular meeting will be April 12, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Motion by Redfearn seconded by Blaine to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Angela Davis, Clerk