

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

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

BEST Rep – none
Citizen Comments – none

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent of agenda which includes the board minutes of October 11, 2017 and October 25, 2017. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Administrator Andres reviewed the 'cash in bank' report. State aid payments should be coming in December and tax monies in January.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported Boscobel and Southwestern were approved to be in the Six Rivers league by athletic directors for football; however, they still need approval from the superintendents, the SWAL League, and the WIAA. Shullsburg High School will likely be going to eight man football next year. Discussion was held on doing a co-op for cross country with Shullsburg next year for junior high and high school students. The requirement by the WIAA to use shot clocks is to be decided December 5.

Principal's Report: Principal Lisa Lawrence gave a report on the curriculum meeting held at CESA with Cassville School District. The science curriculum purchase decision will be made before Thanksgiving break. The materials are not what was anticipated. State volleyball week was exciting. A HUGE thank you was given to Kyle Kern for doing an amazing job organizing all events and details for a perfect trip to state tournament. An email was received from Lourdes Academy apologizing for their students' behavior at the tournament. An email was also received from a Benton community member commending our school. Principal Lawrence and Mr. Kern are working on a thank you list for donations received from individuals, businesses, and other schools who sent gifts and congratulations to the team.

Principal Lawrence reported good conversations were had with administration from Southwestern, Cuba City, and Shullsburg recently. Another meeting will be held with Shullsburg administration on December 5 to discuss the possibility of sharing services (staff, academic, and athletic).

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Andres reported seeing great sportsmanship shown by Benton students and the great leadership Principal Lawrence and Mr. Kern showed during tournament week. The volleyball team members showed a great work ethic and were great role models for the younger students. Aaron Pulvermacher and Ian Murphy played in a state-wide band at the Monona Terrace and Overture Center in Madison and did a fantastic job of representing Benton and are to be commended. Angela Davis and Mark Coffey are up for re-election in April.

Declarations of Candidacy or non-candidacy papers will need to be completed in December. The audit report has been completed and Treasurer Coffey has the paper copy, electronic copies are also available. An invoice from Slater Electric was received for \$720 for installing the new scoreboards with a donation credit of \$720 from Slater Electric making the balance due \$0. No charge. Gratitude was expressed and will be expressed to Slater Electric for their generous donation. Act 59 has replaced the Youth Options Program with the Early College Credit Program. Changes would be technical colleges would not be included and cost would be shared by the school district, the college, and the state. Changes also have been made to educator licensing requirements, teachers may now be issued a lifetime license. The amount given for open enrollment students has increased slightly. Civics test scores must be 65 now instead of 60 to pass. Schools are required to submit an employee health care report annually.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #31805-31878, noting voided checks #31815 and #31827. Motion carried.

The WASB delegate will be Mark Coffey.

Senior class representative Emma Lawrence gave a presentation on the senior class trip. The trip will be to Chicago on either April 27 or May 2. Chaperones will be Ms. Taylor and Mr. Droessler. The trip will include a Cubs game, meals, school bus transportation, a Chicago crime and mob tour, and Navy Pier. Total trip cost would be \$2980. With funds in account and each student paying a \$50 deposit only \$300 more would need to be earned to cover the cost. There are two fundraisers coming up; 50/50 and Culvers ice cream sales. Motion by Davis, seconded by Vaughn to approve the trip. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to approve John Klein as JV Girls' Basketball Coach and Julie Redfearn as Assistant Track Coach. Motion carried.

No motion made on an application for girls' basketball co-op for 2018-2019.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve the Course and Credit Requirements for Graduation Policy (507.2). Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Knight to approve the Hobart bid for a water softener. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on stipends for teachers coaching and mentoring other teachers.

Discussion was held on the monthly mailings of board minutes to citizens. Mr. Andres would like board members to obtain feedback from the public if these minutes are read or tossed. Mr. Carver would like to know the requirements for publishing minutes. Mr. Andres stated the most reliable method for getting the minutes out is to publish them in the newspaper.

Discussion was held on the 2018-2019 budget referendum. The questions that first need to be addressed are do we want to go to referendum, do you want a recurring or non-recurring referendum, how many years, and the amount of the referendum. Board consensus was to go

forward with having a referendum. Mr. Andres would like direction from the board at the next meeting as to what direction they would like to take as far as leadership for next year as that will affect the amount needed in a referendum.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Langkamp to adjourn to closed session under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) at 7:25 p.m. to discuss deliberating concerning a case which was subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial or hearing. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7.0

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Knight to reconvene in open session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on December 13, 2017.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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