

Board of Education
Benton, Wisconsin
October 10, 2018

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Library. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Bob Knight-present, Ryan Carver-Present, Mick Vaughn-present.

Citizen Comments –None

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the proof of agenda including the minutes of September 12, 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Bastian gave the treasurer's report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported fall sports are wrapping up. All sports have had a successful year. The High School Girls Volleyball team will host De Soto in the first game of regionals next week. The football team plays this week. Securing a win in that game will allow them a spot in the playoffs. Junior high football ended their season last week. Shullsburg junior high was added to the team early in the season which benefited all players and was a very positive experience. Coach Wiegel and his coaches do an excellent job with the junior high program. Cross Country is wrapping up their season. The team ran the football from New Diggings for the Homecoming Pep Rally and that is a great tradition to have. The athletic trainer has really been a great addition for our students. She gets along well with the students and does a great job of giving them exercises to do on their own time. The donation of a large fan for the gym helps make floor conditions better for the athletes during sporting events. Mr. Kern attended the WIAA Area Meeting in Mt. Horeb recently. A little bit of discussion was had about football and the Football-only conference plan will be coming out and hopefully be approved in the next couple of months. This would take effect for the 2020 football season.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported that the training for the Skyward lunch program was completed last week. Everything seems to be running correctly and we have had a lot of positive feedback on the program. Fall assessments will take place over the next few weeks. With the addition of the Chromebooks to our technology, the district will be able to test all students grades 7-11 at one time. Previously this testing could take weeks to complete. Teacher in-service was held on September 28, 2018.

Administrator Todd Bastian reported the insurance money from the water damage done to the stage has been received. This morning upon arriving at school, it was discovered that the walk-in freezer wasn't working. The compressor will need to be replaced. A thank you goes out to the Shullsburg Creamery who was able to deliver a trailer freezer for us to use. The use of that alleviated us of having food go bad. The third Friday counts have been completed. Numbers are up slightly from last year. Administrator Bastian and Principal Lawrence have had their second meeting with Neola regarding policies. Not everything has been updated yet. The new stove in the kitchen was damaged during shipping, Administrator Bastian is working with the shipping company and the stove distributor on getting repairs covered for the damage done.

Administrator Bastian met with a representative from WASB today. He learned of the services that they can offer and most of it is free to school districts.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #32682-32774, noting voided checks 32702, 32704, 32708, 32711, 32733, 32734 issued and voided per Athletic Director request. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to publish board minutes on school website and publish in the newspaper unless requested by citizens to have a paper copy mailed to them. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Knight to approve the Benton-Scales Mound-Shullsburg Football Tri-op. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to approve the first reading of policy numbers 0100 to 1662. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the new Crisis Intervention Plan. Motion carried.

Discussion on payment to school board members was held. This will be set at a future Annual Meeting.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the Special Education Handbook. Motion carried.

Next monthly board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Selection of Special Board Meetings:

Levy Meeting: October 24, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

Finance Committee Meeting: November 14, 2018 at 5:45 P.M.

Building and grounds walk through: November 14, 2018 at 4:45 P.M.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk