

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 13, 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, Bob Knight-present, Mick Vaughn-present, and Ryan Carver-present. Lou Langkamp-absent.

BEST Reps-none
Citizen Comments-none

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Davis to approve the proof of giving public notice and minutes of August 9, 2017 and August 15, 2017. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the consent of agenda with the date of December 14, 2016 changed to August 9, 2017 and August 15, 2017. Motion carried.

Administrator Tom Andres gave a financial report. The audit was completed and the report will be coming within the next two months. An amplification system has been set up and working. It was purchased with a grant from the Community Fund. A bill at SWTC was paid and has already been reimbursed to the district by Jason Robbins. The Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing will be next Wednesday, September 20.

Principal's Report. Principal Lisa Lawrence reported in-service went very well. The K-12 science curriculum has partially been shipped and teachers are working on learning the new curriculum. We have 12 out of 24 new teachers, plus a new Special Ed director. The new staff is great and are very hard workers. The veteran teachers are doing a wonderful job mentoring the new teachers. Roxanne Boardman is the new NHS advisor and will be bringing new ideas for approval. NHS students would like the induction ceremony during non-school hours so family and community members can attend without having to take work off. ACT scores have been published. The composite score is slightly down but that could be due to the fact all juniors must take the ACT test. Knight would like to have our high ACT scores highlighted and Davis would also like to see the amount of scholarships Benton graduates received highlighted. There will be an early dismissal on Friday; teachers will be working on Educator Effectiveness. Picture day is September 26 and information is on the website.

Superintendent's report was given by Tom Andres. He was impressed how the staff goes above and beyond and reported the new hires are doing a great job. Future discussions will be held on a referendum and leadership. The 35 second clock rule was approved by the WIAA so a clock will need to be a future budget item. WASB policy on open meetings is a hot topic right now, any committee meeting of the board needs to be posted as an official meeting. The Department of Labor over-time rule was halted so we can carry on as we have been doing with paying out of over-time. Enrollment is at

204 students for the district, this will impact future budgeting. The Joint Finance Committee will be voting in the next couple of days, hopefully before October 15. An incentive for consolidated sharing of administration for 2018-2019 would give schools money for sharing administrators, principals, and business managers.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Vaughn to pay bills #21611-31709. Motion carried.

Crisis Intervention Plan – will remain the same procedure as previous years. There will be four staff members attending non-violent crisis intervention training at Southwestern on September 29.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Davis to allow Kim Maring to hold Zumba classes at the school waiving the building use rental fee. Motion carried. This class is open to the community and is not for profit.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Davis to approve working with Carol Wirth on the bond referendum. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to adjourn to closed session as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss personnel: including but not limited to business education teacher contract. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Davis to reconvene in open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Davis to offer a contract to John Klein as 100%FTE business education teacher. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Coffey to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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