

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

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

Citizen comments – none.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve the proof of agenda including the minutes of August 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Bastian gave the treasurer's report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported a volleyball game was rescheduled due to the lack of an available official to ref the game. A volleyball tournament will be held this Saturday at Benton. Cross Country is off to a great start. Coaches are mixing up practice locations between the schools. Middle school football is doing a co-op with Shullsburg, per their request, due to their lack of student participation. JV football is low on numbers and one game had to be canceled. Shullsburg has approached us in regards to forming a HS football tri-op for next year. They are low in numbers. Baseball is meeting to discuss a trip to Florida in March or April.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported the recently installed Ga-Ga Ball Pit is a very popular piece of equipment on the elementary playground. Roxanne Boardman, High School Science Teacher, received Science Neulog Data Loggers from a grant and is incorporating it into her curriculum. Student scheduling has gone very smoothly. Mrs. Lawrence will be surveying staff for curriculum needs for next school year. She is still looking for a volunteer to run the signage project and has reached out to the Benton Community Fund to house the project. Homecoming week begins Sunday with hall decorating.

Administrator Todd Bastian reported the leak in the elementary gym was from one of the utilities that is on the roof. The insurance company has been contacted about the damages and will be getting back to us. A letter of apology was received from the Shullsburg coach and administrator regarding an incident which occurred at a football game last week. The WASBA Conference will be held in January; interested board members should let Mr. Bastian know a.s.a.p. if they wish to attend as rooms are being filled fast. Opening Specialist is working on adjusting recently installed locks. TC Networks is working on the front door lock system. The WAVE System was tested during in-service. The new camera system is up and running. Round 2 of the security grant results have been published, Benton will receive about \$11,300 to be used for training and purchasing of two-way radios. Administration has begun working on the updating of policies with the NEOLA rep.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #32570-32681, noting voided check #32626 issued to wrong vendor and reissued as #32666. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to set the Class of 2019 graduation date as May 24, 2019, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Discussion was held on the cost of athletic passes. Students enrolled in Benton School pay a registration fee and receive an athletic pass free of charge. The price of a student pass went from \$20 last year to \$10 this year. Area schools charge more for athletic passes than Benton.

Discussion was held on doing a survey of families of students not enrolled in the Benton School but residing in the Benton School District. Administrator Bastian will reach out to these families.

Board consensus was to approve the exploring of a forming a football tri-op between Benton, Scales Mound, and Shullsburg per Shullsburg's request. The team size is projected to be 40 if the three schools tri-op next year.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve an amendment to the 2018-19 Student Handbook: "The possession or use of electronic smoking devices, defined as any electronic device containing or delivering nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption that an individual may use to simulate smoking by inhaling vapors or aerosol from the device, regardless of whether the device is manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an "e-cigarette", "e-cigar", "e-pipe", "e-hooka," or "vape pen" or under any other product name or descriptor, is prohibited on school property or at any school activity. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on paying \$500 for being part of a co-op or tri-op to Cuba City and Southwestern yearly whether we have athletes participating in the co-op/tri-op sport or not. On the years we do have a co-op/tri-op nothing changes. Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Knight to approve paying \$500.00 to be part of a co-op/tri-op with Cuba City and Southwestern.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Langkamp to approve a Cuba City student to join the Benton School Trap Shooting team. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by O'Neill to approve Emily Lange as a BACPAC employee, Mitchell Brant as JV Girls Basketball Coach, and Rob Savala as Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Future Meetings:

Buildings and Grounds walk through November 14, 2018 at 4:45 p.m.

Finance Committee – October 10, 2018 at 5:45 p.m.

Regular School Board Meeting October 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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