

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
September 11, 2024**

President Angela Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Paul Klang-present, Megan Flatley-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Ryan Kern-absent, Jordan Kieler-present, Amanda Williams-present, and Angela Davis-present.

Citizen comments: None.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the August 14, 2024 buildings and grounds committee meeting, and the August 14, 2024 regular meeting. Motion carried.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasurer's Report.

Todd Bastian gave the Athletic Director's report on behalf of Jeff Droessler. We are planning to host our own basketball teams. We are not sure about the status of jv teams at this time. We should have at least one gymnast and one wrestler. Football and volleyball schedules are set for 2025. Thanks to Mr. Kern for converting our livestreaming to the Hudl app. We have 22 athletes competing in trap shooting in grades 6-12.

Principal's Report. Principal Lawrence reported that we were awarded a grant from the Benton Community Fund in the amount of \$5,184. That money, along with \$3,000 from the Herb Kohl Principal Award will allow us to purchase a new school sign for Main Street. The Benton Community Fund has given the district \$48,227.38 to date. We are thankful for their continued support of the Benton School District. Scheduling and online programs are up and running. Students in K-8 started the beginning of the year assessments.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Bastian reported that the year is off to a great start. We had a lot of kids help out the fire department on September 1. Our kids are learning to get involved in the community and work hard. The Budget Hearing, Annual Meeting, and regular board meeting to adopt the budget and set the levy will be on October 30, 2024.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to pay bills #38158-38239. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the new BACPAC hours to be 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on days school is in session. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to approve the annual Restraint and Seclusion Report as presented by Mrs. Lawrence. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the second reading of policy 7450. Motion carried.

Discussion was had about hiring a new administrative assistant. Mr. Bastian noted that this is a new position. Mr. Bastian made several points for then need of this position. Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve creating a new administrative assistant position. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to approve the 10-Year Long-Term Capital Improvement plan. Motion carried.

Resignations – none.

The Board elected to stay in open session.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to hire Carina Pitzen for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coaching positions. Motion carried.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Flatley to hire Emma Zinkle for the part-time BACPAC postion. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, October 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting will be Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. A special School Board meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. or immediately following the Annual Meeting (whichever is later) on October 30, 2024. This Board meeting will be to adopt the School District of Benton budget and set the levy.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

  
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Amanda Williams, Clerk

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