

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
NOVEMBER 13, 2024**

Vice-President Ryan Kern 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, Angie Davis-absent, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-present, and Joe Lukaszewski-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on October 9, 2024, and the Special School Board Meeting held on October 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Mr. Bastian gave the treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was given. November is generally when our balance is the lowest.

Athletic Director's Report was given by Mr. Bastian. Middle school boys' basketball started on October 14, and is going well. We have added a 5<sup>th</sup> quarter to some of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade games to allow for more game time as we have 20 boys out for middle school basketball. High school girls' basketball started practice on Monday, November 11. We have 13 girls out for the two teams. We are planning to play the JV game as many nights as possible. High school boys' basketball starts practice on Monday, November 18. We are expecting close to 20 boys to be out for the two teams. Gymnastics started practice on Monday, November 11. We have one gymnast on the team. Wrestling will begin on Monday, November 18. We have two wrestlers signed up to participate.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the principal's report. District report cards will be released on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. The school play was well attended. Mrs. Toomey-Adams and her students did a wonderful job during all three performances. NHS and Student Council students are hosting a food drive through November 20. Principal Lawrence attended the AWSA Elementary Conference in Elkhart Lake for three days. We continue to work on ACT 20 legalities.

Superintendent's report was given by Mr. Bastian. We have been looking into different security measures that we may be able to implement. We have looked at a device that will help secure doors that have windows in them. Superintendent Bastian is going to meet with a person from TC Networks about security cameras. Anything we can do to keep our students and staff safe will be money well spent. We have had an issue with a very high electricity bill. The electricity bill due on November 20, was for \$7,264. The electricity bill due on October 20, was for \$2,565. The electricity bill due on September 20, was for \$3,291. We had Alliant at the school today to check to see if the problem is

on their end. It does not appear that it is. We are trying to troubleshoot on our end to see if we can find the problem. We are hoping it is an air conditioning unit that has not been working properly. This is obviously a problem that needs to be solved as fast as possible and we are working on it. The deadline for the Notice of the Notice of Noncandidacy is due on December 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The deadline to refuse salary for School Board Members is December 2, 2024. The deadline for file Declarations of Candidacy and Campaign Registration Statements is January 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. There are packets available for board members to sign in the office. That can be done as early as December 1, 2024. With the money from the Critical Mapping Grant, CRG has completed the mapping of our school. I have some of the maps with me to pass around so you can take a look at what was done and how they work.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to pay bills 38331-38431. Motion carried.

Sydney Mowry and Isabell Langkamp, along with their classmates, presented the senior trip information for Wisconsin Dells. Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the Senior Class Trip. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Amanda Williams, Clerk

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