

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
APRIL 8, 2020**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the library of the high school. This meeting is being conducted as a virtual meeting in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Roll call vote: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-absent, Jean O'Neill-present, Ryan Kern-present, Bob Knight-present, Brandi Miller-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to approve the consent agenda which includes the following: public notice of the meeting, minutes of March 11, 2020 and March 15, 2020, the boys' and girls' track and field tri-op renewal for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, approval of the boys' baseball co-op renewal for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, approval of the girls' softball co-op renewal for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, and approval of the agenda. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes. Motion carried 5 yes, 0 no.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasurer's report. Revenue and expenses are on track and in line with previous years.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported all sports are on hold. The WIAA has tentative plans to start up April 30 and/or for May 15 should it become possible. All-Star games are still being planned for this summer. Gratitude was expressed to Donald and Mikaela Manke who have been working on cleaning and raking at the baseball field at Swift Park.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported teachers were allowed to choose their on-line platform for off-site instruction and were using Google Classroom, Schoology, and in the lower grades paper packets. The scholarship application period to apply will be opened and senior students and parents will be contacted to let them know. If the senior class trip has to be cancelled a decision as to their fund balance will need to be discussed at the May meeting. Parent and community support during this time has been very good. Work is being done on developing the 2020-21 master schedule.

Todd Bastian gave the Superintendent's report. Mr. Bastian reiterated that the teachers are doing well with the online teaching. Standardized testing has been waived for the spring of 2020. Teachers are logging hours. The membership audit was completed by Johnson Block and no errors were found. Student lunch and breakfast is available for pickup during the school closing, approximately 45 students are participating. Mr. Bastian has finished his administrative courses. The final payment on the school building was made on April 1, 2020!

Policy regarding holding virtual board meetings. Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Miller to approve the first and only reading of the policy 0167.1. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Davis to pay bills #34171-34203. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the second reading of policy updates from NEOLA. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to approve the first reading of policy 0165.1 – notice of regular meetings to be posted at the school, on the school website, and notices sent to the Tri-County Press

and other medias that have requested notice. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

A public hearing on Request for DPI Waiver pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 118.38 due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for: i. Instructional Hours, ii. Completion of Educator Effectiveness Cycle., and iii. Civics Exam. No public comments were made. Hearing closed by President Carver.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the resolution on Request for DPI Waiver due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency for: i. Instructional Hours, ii. Completion of Educator Effectiveness Cycle., and iii. Civics Exam. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Kern to waive local graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year per School Board Policy 5460 using the minimum state requirements of 15 credits. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6 yes, 0 no.

Mark Coffey joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the 66.0301 contract with Shullsburg School for Tech Ed for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Miller to approve the 66.0301 contract with Shullsburg School for Business Education for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Coffey to approve the Lafayette County Nursing Contract for 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by O'Neill to approve the Athletic Trainer Contract with Southwest Health for 2020-2021. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Davis to approve the CESA #3 Contract for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Health insurance plans for 2020-2021 will be researched more. The board consensus was to table to the May meeting.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Davis to accept the resignation of Kyle Kern as Athletic Director effective July 1. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Stace Anderson, School Psychologist, contracted through a 66.0301 with Seneca School District has informed us that he will not be returning to the Benton School District next year.

Before closed session each board member and administration were asked by President Carver; "Are you in a secure setting where no one else can hear?" Responses: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes, Bastian-yes, Lawrence-yes.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Davis to adjourn to closed session at 6:50 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss employee compensation; spring coaches, crossing guards, bus drivers and related employees. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to reconvene in open session at 7:08 p.m. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Davis-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to pay spring coaches their regular salary for this school year. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Miller to continue to pay the crossing guard through the regular original school year. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to pay bus drivers for their regularly scheduled daily routes. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to approve Angele Walsh as School Psychologist for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Coffey to employ Russ Bastian to maintain the football field and Pat McCarthy and Jim Monahan to do grass mowing this summer. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Schedule for future meetings; no special meetings, next regular meeting May 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Davis to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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