

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

Clerk Amanda Williams 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-absent, and Joe Lukaszewski-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on November 13, 2024. Motion carried.

Mr. Bastian gave the treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was given.

Mr. Droessler gave the Athletic Director's Report. Middle school boys' basketball will be finishing up this week. Middle school girls will in January. High school basketball for boys and girls is in full swing. We have one gymnast and two wrestlers in high school. The football schedule for next season is in place and as of now it looks like we will still be in SWAL for the 26-27 school year. Track, softball, and baseball schedules are all set and ready for spring.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the principal's report. District report cards were released on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. As a district we scored at the Exceeds Expectations Rating, which is four out of five stars. Elementary: 4 out of 5. Middle School: 3 out of 5. High School: 4 out of 5. Lisa attended the AWSA Academy Leadership Workshop last week and focused on a project for Chronic Absenteeism-which is one of the Priority Categories on the school report card. Work continues on ACT20 legalities as clarification regarding required testing windows is dictated. All students in grade PK-3 will take a screener exam (AIMSweb Plus) and a diagnostic (iReady) assessment in reading. Students who score below the 25%ile must have a reading plan in place. Dates to keep in mind: December 15 - PK-6 Holiday Concert at 1:00pm. December 17: Gr. 5-12 Holiday Concert at 6:30pm. Friday, December 20: Early Release @ 12:45pm.

The superintendent's report was given by Mr. Bastian. The deadline for the Notice of Non Candidacy is due on December 27, 2024, at 5:00pm. The deadline to file Declarations of Candidacy and Campaign Registration Statements is January 7, 2025, at 5:00pm. Packets are available to sign in the office. Aurora, our trainer, has taken a different job. Southwest Health is filling in at games on an hourly basis. The hourly rate is \$53. It is projected to come in well below the amount we were contracted for. They

are still looking to fill the position. We can also send students to Platteville at the Edge if they need to see a trainer on a night when we do not have a game.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to pay bills 38432-38494 including additional bills that need to be paid which were not yet presented to the board. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Flatley to certify the audit performed by Johnson & Block for the year ending June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the written evaluation of the security drill held on December 3, 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the contract with E. Mowry Transportation for the 25-26 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to approve the replacement of the existing water heater. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the upgrade and addition of cameras as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to hire Becky Korleski as the head forensic advisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

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