

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
DECEMBER 11, 2019**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Angela Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Ryan Kern-present, Bob Knight-present, Brandi Miller-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

Citizen Comments – none.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Kern to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of November 13, 2019. Motion carried.

Administrator Todd Bastian gave the Treasure's Report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported winter sports are in full swing. There are nineteen students out for high school boys' basketball, one for wrestling, and twelve on the girls' basketball team. The Alexander Holiday Tournament is December 27 and 28. The JV boys' tournament has been moved to December 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported she has volunteered to serve on the Lafayette County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. The National Honor Society inducted three new members at their induction ceremony. Kathy Bresnahan, former teacher and now author, gave a presentation to 7-12 students. The PK-8 Christmas Concert was amazing. Mr. Auden and the students did an awesome job! Coming up on December 19 is "Rock the Gym". The board members are invited to attend the staff breakfast to be held at 7:00 a.m. on December 20.

Superintendent Todd Bastian reiterated on what a great holiday concert Mr. Auden put together. The WASB State Convention is approaching fast and reservations need to be made. The BSMS Football Awards Banquet was held on Sunday, there was a great showing. Will Lawrence received Honorable Mention All-State from the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association. We were not awarded the DRA Grant. The Notifications of Non-Candidacy deadline is December 27 at 5:00 for school board members. The deadline to file Declarations of Candidacy is Tuesday, January 7, at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Bastian is working on completing the TEACH Grant.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Miller to pay bills #33830-33908, noting voided checks #33845-33862. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Davis to approve the Cross County Co-op renewal. Motion carried.

The cost of installing cameras on the busses was discussed. The cost is estimated to be around \$4,500 with installation. Board consensus was for Mr. Bastian to pursue estimates and purchasing of the cameras.

Libby Foht gave a presentation of the senior class trip proposal. Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve the senior class trip. Motion carried.

Members of the public have requested to walk in the gym during the school day. Available hours would be 6:00-7:30 a.m., 9:40-11:00 a.m. and 1:45-2:10 p.m. It was suggested walkers should check in the office when arriving and bring a separate pair of shoes to wear in the gym. The 6:00-7:30 a.m. walkers would check in the north door with the gym supervisor. Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to open the gym to walkers and exercise buffers. Motion carried.

A security drill was held on December 5. Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to certify the written evaluation of the security drill. Motion carried.

No resignations.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to adjourn to closed session at 6:31 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Coffey to reconvene in open session at 6:40 p.m. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Kern to hire Paul Raley as head track coach and David Neis as assistant track coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Coffey to approve Brennan O'Connell as a math intern. Motion carried.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Davis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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