

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
February 12, 2025**

President Angie 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, Angie Davis-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-not present, Ryan Kern-present, and Joe Lukaszewski-arrived at 6:01.

Citizen Comments-None.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the January 8, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

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

Athletic Director's Report was given by Mr. Bastian. The high school girls' basketball team has two more regular-season games. Both at home. Their first Regional game will be on February 25. The high school boys' basketball team has three more regular season games. Two of them at home. Their first Regional game will be on March 4. The middle school girls have five more games left in their season. Three of them are home games. They will begin their league tournament on March 1. The high school gymnastics team will begin their tournament on Saturday in Platteville. The high school wrestling team will begin their Regionals on Saturday in Dodgeville. Middle school wrestling finished up on Tuesday, February 11, in Galena. We had seven 6th-8th grade wrestlers this season. Spring sports are just around the corner. High school track begins practice on March 10. Softball begins on March 17. Baseball begins on March 24. Boys' golf begins on March 31. Softball games will be in Benton this season and Baseball games will be in Shullsburg. On a side note, Mark Labarbra has donated five new archery targets for our physical education program. We will plan to use these targets in class this spring. The old targets were getting worn out from being shot so much in the center of the target.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the principal's report. We are evaluating math programs for the 2025-26 school year. We have finished winter testing for all students. We continue to work on the winter screening mandates of ACT20. Second-semester courses are off to a great start. We are beginning the work of the 2025-26 master schedule. Dates to keep in mind: Wednesday, February 19: Parent teacher conferences. Thursday, February 20: Parent teacher conferences. Friday, February 21: No school. Wednesday, April 30: Fine Arts Night.

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. We will have three names on the April 1, 2025 ballot for the three available School Board positions. The candidates are Ryan

Kern, Paul Klang, and Joe Lukaszewski. The primary is on Tuesday, February 18. The State superintendent is on the ballot. The three candidates are Dr. Jill Underly (incumbent), Jeff Wright (Sauk Prairie), and Brittany Kinser (consultant). The primary will eliminate one of the candidates from contention. The camera upgrade is completed. The improvements are great. We have been selected by DPI to have a membership audit this year. It has to be completed by May 1. Johnson and Block will be performing the audit. Superintendent Bastian has received an estimate from Alpha Controls and Services to update our HVAC control system which is at the end of its life. Superintendent Bastian is waiting for a second estimate from Energy Management Consultants. The goal is to present these two options at the next Board meeting. This project can be paid for using Fund 46.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Kern to pay bills 38581-38678. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kern to approve adding the Scales Mound students to the fall Wyalusing trip. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the AGR report. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to approve the 2025-2026 graduation date of May 22, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to approve the 5 year quote for new wireless access points which can be paid for using Fund 46. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Flatley to approve the first reading of policies 1100 to 8600. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the rescinding of policy 2264 with a single reading by use of policy 0131.1. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to approve the resignation of Kyle Kern as Social Media Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Flatley to adjourn to closed session at 6:36 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss the principal performance evaluation and the employment of the Social Media Coordinator.

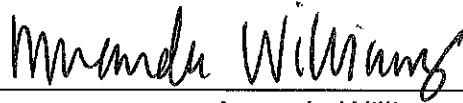
Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Lukaszewski-yes, Williams-absent, Klang-yes, Flatley-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 6-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to reconvene to open session at 6:42 p.m.
Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to approve the performance evaluation of the principal. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve hiring Jordan Kieler as the new Social Media Coordinator. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Amanda Williams", positioned above a horizontal line.

Amanda Williams, Clerk