

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
January 8, 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-present, Ryan Kern-present, and Joe Lukaszewski-present.

Citizen Comments-None.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the December 11, 2024, 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 sports seasons are moving forward in full gear. The gymnastics, wrestling, and basketball teams are all well into their seasons. The Middle School girls' basketball team began their season this past Monday with fifteen students reporting for practice. They begin their season with a home game on January 16th. There was a recent article on the rearranging of conferences proposed by the SWC conference. This is just a possible scenario proposed by this large school conference and has not been approved by the WIAA. There has also been discussion about the possibility of adding New Glarus to the SWAL for football only. There has also been a proposal from the ESC conference to remove Belleville from the SWAL and add them to their conference. This is a decision for the WIAA to make. I would like to thank Mr. Kern and the Hall of Fame Committee members for their creation of the Benton Schools Hall of Fame. This was very well received by our community members and alumni. I hope the Hall of Fame continues to grow in the future.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the principal's report. We are starting the process of evaluating math programs for the 2025-26 school year. We are implementing a program called NextPath, which will collect and assist with ACT20 progress monitoring and compose parent communication tools. We are also wrapping up details of the second quarter and first semester grades.

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 2nd Friday in January count will be Friday, January 10. We will be receiving a notice from the Benton Bank that our payment for the unfunded liability that we refinanced with the Benton Bank will be due on February 20th. That check is not in this run of checks, but we will need to pay it when it is due. The

camera upgrades are just about complete. The new cameras that are up and running work great. This project will be paid out of Fund 46. We had an open forum meeting with the public. Due to multiple factors it is our belief that this is not the ideal time to pursue a girls' basketball co-op with Shullsburg.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to pay bills 38508-38580 voiding check #38508 and #38520. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the Space Availability for Open Enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried.

The WASB Delegate Assembly on January 22nd, will be attended by Megan Flatley. Mr. Bastian led a discussion on how we should direct Megan to vote on each resolution.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the 10-Year Capital Improvement Plan, adding item 24, replace the water heater in the high school boiler room. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the purchase of 25 Nightlock devices for a total of \$1,875 plus shipping. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to adjourn to closed session at 6:48 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss the District Administrator evaluation. Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Lukaszewski-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Flatley-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to reconvene to open session at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

To: Board of Education				
From: Todd Bastian, Superintendent, Benton School District				
Board Meeting: January 8, 2025				
Re: Decisional Criteria for Non-Resident Open Enrollment Applications				
Space Availability for Open Enrollment				
2025-2026				
<p>The number of spaces for open enrollment are based on board policy 5113 including the following criteria: desired class size limits, desired student-teacher ratios, overall building capacity, future enrollment projections, the projected number of sections of particular grades or courses, desired program-size limitations, and known or projected limitations on available staffing and other resources. Based upon a review of the relevant considerations, spaces available for non-resident students are as follows:</p>				
<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Projected</u>	<u>Maximum</u>		<u>Seats Available</u>
4k	15	No Maximum		Unlimited
5K	15	No Maximum		Unlimited
1	21	No Maximum		Unlimited
2	14	No Maximum		Unlimited
3	16	No Maximum		Unlimited
4	22	No Maximum		Unlimited
5	14	No Maximum		Unlimited
6	11	No Maximum		Unlimited
7	17	No Maximum		Unlimited
8	19	No Maximum		Unlimited

9	12	No Maximum		Unlimited
10	15	No Maximum		Unlimited
11	15	No Maximum		Unlimited
12	20	No Maximum		Unlimited
Special Education	42	See Below		See Below

- The number of spaces in special education for open enrollment are based on board policy 5113 including the following criteria:
 - Class size limits and pupil/teacher ratios
 - Caseload limits including the amount of services a student may need, class/group size based on intensity of pupil needs, the type of staff needed to address various disability-related needs (e.g., special education teacher, pupil services staff, related services, paraprofessional)
 - Capacity
 - Enrollment projections and IEP service changes
- Caseloads were considered in light of the number of enrolled students and enrollment projections. Based on this, the following spaces are available for non-resident students needing special education programming in the regular education classroom:
 - Elementary School (PK-6): Zero (0) spaces in regular education classroom.
 - Middle School (7-8): Zero (0) spaces in the regular education classroom.
 - High School (9-12): Zero (0) spaces in the regular education classroom.
- Caseloads for the full-time special education classroom were also considered in light of the number of enrolled students and enrollment projections. Based on this, the following spaces are available for non-resident students needing special education programming in the full-time special education classroom.
 - Elementary School (PK-6): Zero (0) spaces in special education classroom.
 - Middle School (7-8): Zero (0) spaces in the special education classroom.
 - High School (9-12): Zero (0) spaces in the special education classroom.
- Caseloads for students only requiring speech and language services were also considered in light of the number of enrolled students and enrollment projections. Based on this, the following spaces are available for non-resident students needing speech and language only.
 - PK-12: Two (2) spaces are available for speech and language only.