

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BENTON, WISCONSIN  
JANUARY 9, 2019**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Lou Langkamp-present, Bob Knight-present, Mick Vaughn-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

Citizen Comments – none.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Vaughn to approve the consent of agenda which includes the minutes of December 12, 2018. Motion carried.

Administrator Bastian gave the treasurer's report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported compliments were received on the athletic trainer's performance. Gratitude was expressed to Nicholas Neis for clearing the way for Santa Claus to appear at the Highland game. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our state championship in basketball is February 8. Jim Blaine is contacting players and some other people to attend the Cassville boys' game that evening and recognize them at half-time. "Rock the Gym" is next Thursday. The WADA Service Award recipient will be recognized that evening. Potosi/Cassville will not be allowed to participate in baseball playoffs due to the late forming of their baseball co-op. The numbers for girls' basketball projections were reviewed.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported three staff members will be attending "Teach Like a Champion" training at CESA #3. Curriculum surveys are going out to teachers next week. The January 25 in-service will include ACES training, a mental health component of the School Safety Grant. They will also have eDoctrina training in the afternoon. Rylan Meyer won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Spelling Bee today, Madison Lakner came in second.

Superintendent Todd Bastian reported policies 5111 to 5880 and 6108 to 6830 are ready for the first reading tonight, 7100 to 7550 will be ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the February meeting. The oven claim was denied; the attorney feels the cost of taking the issue to small claims court would be almost as much as just paying for the repairs of the oven. There were four residents who requested having the minutes mailed to them. There are four candidates running for school board at the April election: Ryan Carver, Jeremy Kidwell, Brandi Miller and Ryan Kern. The lunch audit went well with only a few adjustments needing to be made. WASB Convention is coming up; Mark Coffey will be attending along with Mr. Bastian. Jane Keeley, Speech Therapist will be done next week and will be replaced with Nancy Herrington from CESA. Gratitude was expressed to Mrs. Keeley for coming out of retirement and serving the district during first semester. Mr. Bastian has been discussing the choice to home school with two home-school families and neither family had any difficulties or ill-feelings toward the district, just choose to home-school for various reasons. We have been reimbursed or approved to receive about \$68,000 of the DOJ Grant so far from both rounds. The camera system has proven to be a very useful addition. Mr. Bastian is still checking with other school on their use of the E-Funds system and he has heard no bad reports. Using E-Funds for lunch deposits has no cost to the district but does have a transaction fee for the person depositing the funds.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to pay bills #32945-33020, noting voided check #32952. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by O'Neill to approve that Mark Coffey, our WASB Delegate, support the WASB Assembly resolutions. Motion carried.

The NEOLA policies were reviewed.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Langkamp to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of policy #5111-5180 and #6108-6130. Motion carried.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Coffey to approve the number of spaces available for open enrollment in 2019-20 as presented. Motion carried.

Cross Country Co-op Leadership. Motion by Knight, seconded by Coffey to approve, as Benton being the home school for Cross Country and we look in to the hiring of the head coach followed by the assistant coach. Motion carried.

Football Update: On Friday a Google doc will go out to all students in grades 5-12 to vote on the football mascot. The voting window is open between 8:30-11:30. Only students are allowed to vote. The result will then go to the school board at the February meeting for approval.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Langkamp to approve the girls' golf co-op. Motion carried.

Motion by Vaughn, seconded by O'Neill to hire Kent Miehe as Head Track Coach. Motion carried.

No resignations.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Davis to adjourn to closed session at as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) at 6:53 p.m. to discuss personnel included but not limited to the District Administrator evaluation and negotiations. Roll call vote: Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, Knight-yes, Langkamp-yes, Vaughn-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Davis to reconvene in open session at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.

No committee meetings were scheduled. The next regular board meeting will be held on February 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Langkamp, seconded by Vaughn to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Jean O'Neill, Clerk