

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
March 13, 2024**

Vice President Ryan Kern 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-present, and Jordan Kieler-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

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

The athletic director's report was given by Mr. Bastian. Track practice began last week for the high school team. We have eleven track athletes. Softball practice began Monday. We have nine softball athletes. Baseball practice begins Monday. We are anticipating 18-20 baseball players from the two schools combined. Middle school will begin the first week of April. Spring is a very hectic time in the athletic department. I'd like to thank Niki Mowry for being so helpful with scheduling buses and transportation for all of our athletic events. I'd also like to thank Becky Korleski for her help in keeping all of our early release times and bus times organized. We should be considering any potential changes to the Athletic Code for next season. At this time, I have no recommendations regarding any potential changes to the code.

The principal's report was given by Mr. Bastian. The ACT was completed today, 3/13/24. The District Literacy Plan final draft is in progress. We had a great in-service day on March 8th, evaluating last spring's test results from the Forward Exam and comparing with this winter's iReady testing. The staff activity of bowling at Pioneer Lanes was much needed and the cost was covered through a grant. We are beginning to work on curriculum budget for the 2024-25 school year. We continue to work with staff on educator effectiveness. The summer PD calendar has been set for K-3 staff which is part of Act 20 requirements.

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. We received our insurance proposal for Medical Associates for next year. The POS went up 24.8% and HMO went up 11%. Our rep at TriCor is exploring other options. The staff had a great time bowling on Friday. We heard a lot of laughs and positive comments from the staff. We will be asking the staff for summer school classes they wish to teach in the next month. Last night we had several students advance to the Wisconsin State Forensics Meet. The members that qualified are Arianna Stochl, River Curtis, Isabell Langkamp, Kaitlyn Richardson,

Sydney Mowry, and the group of Isabella DeMuth and Madison Digman. We have one group left to compete.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Williams to pay bills #37804-37845 and voiding #37804. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to approve the first reading of policies 0100 to 9130. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the resignation of Sarah Bellamy. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to adjourn to closed session at 6:20 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss employment of volunteer softball coaches, aides, junior high track and field coaches, compensation of summer school for teachers and aides, and approving the contracts for Mr. Bastian and Mrs. Lawrence. Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Flatley-yes, Davis-absent. Motion carried. 6-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Kieler to reconvene in open session at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to approve Angie Stluka and Nicholas Brant as volunteer coaches for Softball for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Flatley to approve the hiring of Mary Jo Hoffman and Jackie Bennett as the part-time special education aides. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the compensation for teachers to be \$40 per hour and aides to be \$25 per hour for summer school during the summer of 2024. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler approve the contract for Mr. Bastian and Mrs. Lawrence for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

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