

**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
MARCH 15, 2020**

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, Ryan Kern-present, Bob Knight-present, Brandi Miller-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

Citizen comments – none.

Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Administrator Bastian reported grades K-6 have 8.5 days and grades 7-12 has 5.5 days left of extra time. Information from the DPI has not been received as far as making up time off due to the shutdown. Discussion was held and the consensus was students to attend school on Monday and staff Monday through Wednesday. Teachers will work on Tuesday and Wednesday setting up lessons for over the shutdown period.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Davis to close school for students beginning on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 with virtual classes beginning on Monday March 23, 2020. Staff to attend Monday-Wednesday. Motion carried. Any changes to spring break will be discussed at a later time.

Breakfast and lunch meal pickup will be offered to families over the shutdown. Information will be going home tomorrow to all families.

Compensation for Employees. The nine-month hourly employees will receive compensation as if working their regular schedule. They will not receive any additional compensation for days that need to be made up. Twelve month employees will receive full compensation, custodian will be coming in to disinfect and clean rooms, kitchen staff will be in to check coolers and make breakfast and lunch carry outs, office staff will work from home.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by O'Neill to fully compensate the support staff through the shutdown with no additional pay if the school year is extended. Motion carried.

Athletics – Building is closed for all school and public activities to April 6. Key fobs will be disabled for non-essential staff (i.e.: youth coaches/open gyms).

Motion by Davis, seconded by Knight to allow Administrator Bastian to make future decisions regarding COVID-19 as needed. Motion carried.

Jeff and Melissa Droessler were awarded the "Teachers of Promise" by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

Staff will be allowed to enter the building over shutdown to pick up supplies and resources as needed. No others will be allowed in the building until April 6 or further notice.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk