

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
May 14, 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-absent, and Joe Lukaszewski-present.

Citizen Comments-None.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the April 9, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.

Annual School Board Reorganization-Election of officers was held.

President: Angie Davis was nominated by Klang and seconded by Richardson. Angie accepted the nomination. Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to close nominations. Motion carried. Angie was then elected president with six votes.

Vice-President: Megan Flatley was nominated by Lukaszewski and seconded by Klang. Megan accepted the nomination. Motion by Davis, seconded by Richardson to close nominations. Motion carried. Megan was then elected vice-president with six votes.

Clerk: Amanda Williams was nominated by Flatley and seconded by Richardson. Amanda accepted the nomination. Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to close nominations. Motion carried. Amanda was then elected to clerk with six votes.

Treasurer: Paul Klang was nominated by Flatley and seconded by Richardson. Klang accepted the nomination. Motion by Davis, seconded by Lukaszewski to close nominations. Motion carried. Klang was then elected treasurer with six votes.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to continue with the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to designate the Benton State Bank as the official fund depository. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to designate the Tri-County Press as the official school newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to set the regular monthly meeting date and time on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. 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. Spring sports seasons are quickly coming to an end. The middle school track team will have their final meet, which is also the conference meet, at River Ridge, WI on May 22nd. The high school track team will have their conference meet on May 19th at UW-Platteville. Regionals are on May 27th, at Blackhawk, and sectionals are in Bangor on May 30th. The softball team begins regionals on May 22nd, at Potosi. The baseball team will begin regionals on May 29th, at a site to be determined. All sports equipment purchase orders have been completed and submitted. All varsity schedules are complete for the 2025-2026 school year.

Principal's report was given by Mr. Bastian. There will be a professional development day on May 16th. Activities include AI training through CESA3, Educator Effectiveness, and a textbook presentation. Classroom needs for the 2025-2026 school year were discussed. Student class schedules are being finalized for the 2025-2026 school year. We are preparing for summer school courses and activities.

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. The onsite visit for the Civil Rights Compliance Review occurred on April 23rd. We are waiting for a summary. Jeff Droessler wrote a grant to obtain \$600 to help with the expenses of the middle school fishing trip. Superintendent Bastian attended the Trouts Unlimited banquet on May 2nd, to receive the grant for the school district. It was a great experience. Patsy Freiburger talked to some local businesses in town and managed to get enough donations to buy a new baseball/softball scoreboard for Swift Park. The total cost for the scoreboard will be \$20,790. It will be completely paid for with private donations. Katherine Strong wrote a FabLab grant. The grant will be for \$16,936 from the FabLab. Scott Austin donated \$8,468 for the matching part of the grant. We have purchased most of the equipment for the Tech Ed shop. The class of 2025 is ready to graduate. They are prepared to enter four-year colleges, technical colleges, and the workforce.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to pay bills 38818-38901. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to approve the second reading of policy 5411-Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the summer school courses for the summer of 2025. Motion carried.

Joe Lukaszewski will be attending the CESA3 annual convention in August.
Membership audit summary was discussed.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to approve the resignation of Roxanne Boardman as the forensics coach. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to adjourn to closed session at 6:30pm as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss employment of the 4K teacher, staffing, teacher contracts for 2025-2026 school year, renewal of the support staff for 2025-2026 school year, renewal of the Director of Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year, renewal of the School Psychologist for the 2025-2026 school year, co-curricular compensation for the 2025-2026 school year, health, dental and vision insurance for the 2025-2026 school year. Also as permitted under State Statute 19.85 (1) (f) to discuss open enrollment applications for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried. Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Paul Klang- yes, Megan Flatley- yes, Angie Davis- yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to reconvene in open session at 7:15pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang to approve Kathryn White for the 4K teaching position. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve staffing for the 2025-2026 school year as proposed in Schedule A. Motion carried.

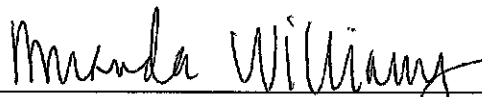
Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the Resolution to renew teacher contracts for the 2025-2026 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was carried with 6-yes and 0-no.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve a 3% raise for support staff and the other salary adjustments for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to approve the contract for Katherine Strong as the Director of Special Education for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Klang to approve the regular open enrollment applications numbered one through eleven. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



Amanda Williams, Clerk