

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
May 9, 2024**

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 Jordan Kieler-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the April 10, 2024 meeting with an adjustment on the first page from vice president to president. Motion carried.

Annual School Board Reorganization: Election of Officers. Motion by Kern, seconded by Williams to nominate Angela Davis as school board president. Motion by Kern, seconded by Kieler to close nominations for the office of president. Motion carried.

Motion by Angie Davis, seconded by Kieler to nominate Ryan Kern as school board vice president. Motion by Davis, seconded by Klang to close nominations for the office of vice president. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kern to nominate Amanda Williams as clerk. Motion by Kern, seconded by Davis to close nominations for clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kern to nominate Paul Klang as school board treasurer. Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson. Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to close nominations for treasurer. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to continue with the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

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

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

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Flatley to set the regular monthly meeting date and time on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. Motion carried.

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

The athletic director's report was given by Mr. Bastian. The MS track conference meet will be at River Ridge, on May 16. Softball begins Regionals on May 16. Baseball begins Regionals on May 23. HS Track conference meet is on May 13, and Regionals will begin on May 20. For the next two seasons, we will play in the SWAL conference for football. The WIAA will reassign football conferences for 26-27 this fall. Free athletic physicals will be provided by Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County at BHS on July 16, 8 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Athletes will need to make an appointment with our office.

The principal's report was given by Mr. Bastian. All state required assessments are complete. We are working on the district assessments in grades PK-8. Fine Arts Night was a success! Thank you to Kari Liddicoat, Reagan Callan, Isabelle Sander, and Roxanne Boardman. Prom was a very positive event. Thank you to Kari Liddicoat, Jenna Lyne, and Scott Austin. Students are finalizing schedules for the 024-25 school year. We are working on curriculum budget/materials for the 2024-2025 school year and are wrapping up educator effectiveness. I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Education for allowing me to be a part of this district, trusting me, and encouraging me to continue to improve the services we offer to our students and staff. With this support, I was very fortunate to receive the Herb Kohl Principal Leadership Award. Thank you!

Mr. Bastian gave the superintendent's report. CESA has hired Katelyn Van Buren who will replace our current speech therapist. We will have to hire two custodians in the near future and then we will be fully staffed. On Saturday, former Zephyr, Mike McCrea, was the commencement speaker at Loras College. Three former Zephyrs, Holden Murphy, Zander Jones, and Liberty Foht, graduated from Loras that day. My daughter, Payton, will graduate from UW-Madison on Friday with her doctoral degree from the School of Veterinary Medicine. Zephyrs are doing great things all over the country. Another school year is coming to an end. We are sending off another group of seniors on to higher education, the military, and eventually the workforce. We have one student going to the University of Minnesota, one to NICC, one to Loras, three UWRF, three to UW-La Crosse, three to Southwest Technical College, one to UW-Platteville, one to UW-Whitewater, and one to the United States Marine Corps. Our staff and the community have done an outstanding job preparing these young men and women for their future. I am looking forward to seeing what they accomplish.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Williams, to pay bills #37904-37978, voiding #37903, #37905, #37907, and #37909. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the Extra-Curricular Code Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kieler to accept the donation of 30 fishing poles from the Izaak Walton League with thanks, and to sell the old fishing poles for \$5 each. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Williams to approve the \$6,000 donation from the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Principal Leadership Award in Lisa Lawrence's name. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to approve the summer school courses for the summer of 2024. Motion carried.

Megan Flatley will attend the CESA 3 Annual Convention on Tuesday, August 6, at 6:00 P.M.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kern to approve the 66.0301 agreement with the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call: Flatley-yes, Klang- yes, Kern-yes, Richardson- yes, Kieler- yes, Davis- yes, Williams- yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0-no.

Angie, Jeff, Megan, and Amanda will be attending the graduation ceremony.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Kieler to approve a Tavern League Scholarship from the tavern league of Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties. Roll call: Davis- yes, Richardson- no, Kieler- yes, Klang- yes, Kern- yes, Williams- yes. Motion carried. 6-yes, 1- no.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Williams to approve the resignation of Dan Kilcoyne effective October 18, 2024, with gratitude for his 34 years of service. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Kieler to adjourn to closed session at 6:25 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) to discuss health insurance for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call: Kern-yes, Richardson-yes, Kieler-yes, Williams-yes, Klang-yes, Flatley-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to reconvene in open session at 7:03 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Klang to approve staffing for the 2024-2025 school year as proposed in Schedule A. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve the Resolution to renew teacher contracts for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call: Richardson- yes, Kieler- yes, Kern-yes, Flatley- yes, Davis- yes, Williams- yes, Klang- yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0- no.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Richardson to approve a 4% raise for support staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Flatley to approve the contract for Katherine Strong as the Director of Special Education for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang to approve the contract for Angele Walsh as the School Psychologist for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kieler, seconded by Klang to approve a 4% raise on the Co-Curricular schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kieler to hire Maggie Neis as our school nurse for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to spending the remaining of the nursing grant as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kieler to approve the open enrollment applications 1-13. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Amanda Williams, Clerk

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