

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
MAY 13, 2020**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting is being conducted as a virtual meeting in response to the COVID-19 crisis. Roll call: Angie Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Ryan Kern-present, Bob Knight-present, Brandi Miller, present, Ryan Carver-present.

Citizen comments: none.

Consent Agenda. Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to approve the consent agenda which includes the proof of giving public notice, approval the minutes of April 8, 2020 and April 21, 2020, approval the WIAA 2020-2021 membership renewal, approval of the contract for transportation, and approval of the agenda. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Davis-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

President. Nomination by Kern, seconded by O'Neill for Ryan Carver as President. Nomination by Carver, seconded by Knight for Angie Davis as President. Davis accepts the nomination. Carver declines his nomination. No other nominations.

Motion by Knight, seconded by O'Neill to close the nominations. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Davis-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Roll call vote to elect Angie Davis as President: Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Davis-abstain, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-abstain. Angie Davis elected as President.

Vice-President. Nomination by O'Neill, seconded by Kern for Carver as Vice-President. No other nominations.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Miller to close the nominations. Roll call vote: Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Carver-yes, O'Neill-yes, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no. Roll call vote to elect Ryan Carver as Vice-President: Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Carver-abstain, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. 6-yes, 1-abstain. Ryan Carver elected as Vice President.

Clerk. Nomination by O'Neill, seconded by Carver for Brandi Miller as Clerk. No other nominations. Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Knight to close the nominations. Roll call vote: Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Miller-abstain, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes, Miller retracts abstain, changes to yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 0-no. Roll call vote to elect Miller as Clerk: Knight-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-abstain, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 1-abstain. Brandi Miller elected as Clerk.

Treasurer. Nomination by Davis, seconded by Carver for Coffey as Treasurer. No other nominations. Motion by Carver, seconded by Kern to close the nominations. Roll call vote for Coffey to remain as Treasurer: Kern-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-No. Coffey will remain Treasurer.

Committee of the Whole. Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Miller to continue with the Committee as a whole. Roll call vote: Knight-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Fund Depositories. Motion by Coffey, seconded by Knight to designate the Benton State Bank as the official fund depository. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Knight-yes, Carver-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

School Newspaper. Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Carver to designate the Tri-County Press as the official school newspaper. Roll call: Knight-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Meeting dates and time for regular monthly meetings. Motion by Coffey, seconded by Carver to keep the meeting date and times as 2nd Wednesday of each month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote: O'Neill-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Knight-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Treasurer's Report was given by Administrator Todd Bastian.

Athletic Director's Report. Kyle Kern reported Southwestern School has approved a new athletic facility and they are playing more of their 2020 football season on the road. Benton School may be able to help them out having games here. They are also adding a track. Volleyball and basketball All-Star games are still being planned for July. All seniors who were planning to participate in spring sports will letter. Underclassmen will receive a letter for this spring if they participate in the sports next spring and earn a letter in the same sport.

Principal's Report. Lisa Lawrence reported off-site instruction is going smoother. Teachers are using Google Classroom, Schoology, or paper packets for instructions to students. Mr. Brant is working on scholarships for seniors. Teachers were challenged last week to "see or hear" from every student. There was close to 100% success. A parent survey and a student survey was sent out to each family. Community support continues to exceed expectations with donations being received to purchase groceries and assist families. Also, donations were received to purchase "extra" senior items such as graduation banners and yard sign. The 2020-2021 master schedule has been finalized. Luminaries will be placed on Main Street on May 22. On May 29 a high school awards and scholarship announcement video will be on the website and social media starting at 7:30 p.m. Parents will be asked to come to the school on June 3 and June 4 to drop off/pick up materials, clothing, books etc. for their children. More information and a schedule is coming.

Superintendent's Report. Todd Bastian reported 100 gallons of milk were donated last week for distribution to families, 75 more gallons were donated this week along with 75 cartons of cottage cheese. Many thanks are given to the community for their support. The Six-Rivers Conference has cancelled all spring sports. There are approximately 68 students per day receiving meals during the shut-down. TC Networks will not be increasing their contracted price for the 2020-2021 school year. Delta Dental is giving a 50% credit to April 2020 billed premiums. Southwest Health will not be billing us for the trainer for any month services were not provided. Six Rivers Conference Secretary/Treasurer Jim Siedenbug along with Conference Commissioner Jim Hazen are retiring after serving many years with the conference. Senior diplomas will be signed after tonight's meeting.

Bills for Payment: Motion by Carver, seconded by O'Neill to pay bills #34204-34273. Roll call vote: Coffey-yes, Kern-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Coffey to approve policy #6116. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Carver-yes, O'Neill-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Budget. Administrator Bastian reviewed the budget.

Summer Lunch. Motion by Carver, seconded by Knight to continue to serve student lunches through June 30, 2020. Roll call vote: Coffey-yes, Kern-yes, Carver-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 0-no.

Fee Schedule 2020-2021. Motion by Carver, seconded by Kern to increase PK-6 paid lunches to \$2.90 daily. Roll call vote: Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Knight-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Lawn Mower Trade In. Motion by Kern, seconded by O'Neill to trade in the lawn mower. Roll call vote: Coffey-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Health Insurance for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion by Carver, seconded by Coffey to switch to Medical Associates Insurance for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, Miller-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

School Calendar 2019-2020. Proposed changes to the calendar will be: last day for seniors – May 15, last day for PK-11 – May 28. Staff in-services will be held on May 29 and June 1. Motion by Coffey, seconded by Knight to approve the changes to the calendar. Roll call vote: Miller-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 0-no.

Graduation. Pending state mandates plans are being made to hold a graduation ceremony on July 10 at Swift Park starting at 8:30 p.m., with a rain date of July 12. Motion by Knight, seconded by Miller to approve the July 10 graduation ceremony. Roll call vote: O'Neill-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Summer School. Mr. Bastian proposed running summer school classes from August 18-31. This would give students 10 days to get caught up with some of their skills they may be deficient in because of the COVID 19 shutdown. The teaching staff will have the days added to their contract. Buses will run and hot lunch will be served. If schools are mandated to do virtual classes, then classes will start on September 1. Motion by Coffey, seconded by O'Neill to hold summer school from August 18-31. Roll call vote: Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Carver-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 6-yes, 0-no.

CESA 3 Annual Convention. Jean O'Neill will serve as our representative at the CESA 3 Annual Convention.

School Calendar for 2020-2021. If summer school is held on August 18-31 Mr. Bastian would like to amend the 2020-2021 calendar to have in-service on August 17, 2020 instead of the August 25, 26, and 27. Motion by Knight, seconded by Carver to move the in-service to August 17, 2020. Roll call vote: O'Neill-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried. 7-yes, 0-no.

No resignations.

Closed Session: The following question was asked each board member individually: "Are you alone in a secure place where no one else can have access to the information in closed session? Are you recording the meeting?" Responses: O'Neill-yes to secure, no to recording, Miller-yes to secure, no to recording, Carver-yes to secure, no to recording, Knight- yes to secure, no to recording, Kern-yes to secure, no to recording, Coffey-yes to secure, no to recording, Davis-yes to secure, no to recording.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Kern to adjourn to closed session at 7:00 p.m. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the special education position and staffing and assignments. Roll call vote: Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes, Knight-yes, Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

In regards to the question: "Are you alone in a secure place where no one else can have access to the information in closed session? Are you recording the meeting?" added before going in to closed session: Lawrence-yes to secure, no to recording. Bastian-yes to secure, no to recording,

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Carver to reconvene in open session at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Kern to hire Melissa Keleher as a Special Education Instructor. Roll call vote: Knight-yes, Miller-yes, Carver-yes, Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Miller to approve the resolution to renew teacher contracts for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Kern-yes, Coffey-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes, Miller-yes, Knight-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no.

The next meeting will be the regular meeting on June 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Knight, seconded by O'Neill to adjourn. Roll call vote: Coffey-yes, Kern-yes, Knight-yes, Miller-yes, O'Neill-yes, Carver-yes, Davis-yes. Motion carried 7-yes, 0-no. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Brandi Miller, Clerk

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