

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
NOVEMBER 13, 2019**

President Ryan Carver called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Angela Davis-present, Mark Coffey-present, Jean O'Neill-present, Ryan Kern-absent, Bob Knight-present, Brandi Miller-present, and Ryan Carver-present.

Citizen comments – none.

Approval of minutes. Angela Davis noted a typo on page 1 of the October 9, 2019, minutes, paragraph 7, “middle school bard” should read “middle school band”. Motion by Davis, seconded by O'Neill to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of October 9 and October 23, 2019. Motion carried.

Administrator Bastian gave the treasurer's report.

Athletic Director Kyle Kern reported Kayci Martensen won the Division 2 State Cross Country Championship. A pep rally was held in her honor. Thank you to the Benton Fire Department for helping with the Pep Rally. Mark Horbinski from Necedah did an assembly called WON80, which focused on sportsmanship and being positive. JV girls' basketball has been cancelled for the season due to a lack of participants.

Principal Lisa Lawrence reported the School District Report Cards for 2018-19 have been released with excellent results for Benton School:

District--75.0 Exceeds Expectations 4/5 stars (76.7)

Elementary--84.2 Significantly Exceeds Expectations 5/5 stars (82.8)

Middle--75.4 Exceeds Expectations 4/5 stars

High School--67.3 Meets Expectations 3/5 stars (66.6, 2016-17)

Schoology Training was held last Friday during in-service. Tasha Schuh gave an assembly today that was excellent. Gratitude was expressed to the Benton Community Fund for the grant award which was used to purchase a projection screen. It is being used extensively for assemblies, presentations, and a family movie night held by the Rube Goldberg Team. The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held Sunday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. The band will be playing at Whaley Court for a holiday event on November 27, the PK-8 Holiday Concert will be held at 6:30 on Monday, December 9.

Superintendent Todd Bastian reported the WASB Convention will be on January 22-24. The football season ended with a 7-2 record. The new math teacher started on November 11, Mr. Bastian is still teaching two classes and Mrs. Lawrence is teaching one. The deadline for current school board members to submit notice of voluntary refusal of their 2020 school board salary is December 2, 2019. Notifications for non-candidacy are due December 27 at 5:00 p.m. Declarations of Candidacy are due by January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The bus drivers would like cameras placed in the buses. Mr. Bastian will be looking in to the cost of cameras.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by O'Neill to pay bills #33739-33829. Motion carried.

Laura Darling, Spanish Instructor, presented information on offering a Spanish trip to Costa Rica or Spain. Her proposal would be for a 7-9 day trip during the school year, typically over spring break. It would include meals and airfare and would leave from Madison. The Benton school could partner with other schools for a trip. Board consensus was for Mrs. Darling to proceed with planning a trip for 2021 if students and families were interested.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Davis to approve the second reading of policies #0142.4 to #9600 excluding policy #8500-Food Service as presented to the board. Motion carried.

Motion by O'Neill, seconded by Knight to approve the second reading of policy #8500-Food Services. Motion carried.

Motion by Coffey, seconded by Miller to approve the 2018-19 annual audit. Motion carried.

No resignations.

Knight informed the board that residents have requested to walk in in the gym during the school day when the gym is not in use, possibly 10:00-11:00 in the high school gym. This will be placed on the December agenda for discussion and or approval.

Motion by Knight, seconded by Davis to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Jean O'Neill, Clerk

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