

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, Michigan 49304

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 15, 2022**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

A. Call to Order

President Martin called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Hill, Ware, Brooks, Abraham, Carter, Pieske, Carter, Martin  
Member Absent: None

D. Recitation of BCS Mission Statement

E. Purpose of Open Board Meetings:

*"This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda"*

F. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 15, 2022
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on March 1, 2022
4. Approval of the Bills to be paid:
  - General Fund Account check #'s (75491-75575)
  - Food Service Fund Account check #'s (5081 - 5083)
  - Baldwin Promise Authority Account check #'s (1366-1370)
  - Student Activities Fund Account check #'s (12268)

A motion was made by Carter and supported by Brooks to approve all Agenda items.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

## II. PRESENTATIONS

### III. REPORTS

#### 1. Secondary — Mr. Nasson

Mr. Nasson highlighted that the EWIMS team completed the Tiered Fidelity Inventory for the program and has had significant progress since the program was first started.

8th Grade students visited WSESD CTE program and were able to view various options available to them at the program.

The first Eagle Village trip for 6th grade took place and students and staff were excited about the opportunity to get out of the school setting for some social emotional learning experiences focused on team building and empathy. 7th grade will be going out the week of the 21st and then 8th grade will be going after Spring Break.

Ferris State University wrote a large grant for 20 schools in the region to use virtual reality gear for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math courses next fall. Baldwin was selected as one of the schools. The value of the gear is \$30,000 and the school may be able to use the equipment for purposes outside of the STEM dual-enrollment such as summer school and virtual field trips.

Mr. Nasson noted Parent Teacher conferences will be held March 17th and 18th in-person in the gymnasium. On April 19th, there will be a Technology Night for students and family members.

Mr. Nasson noted that enrollment has continued to remain consistent. There was an increase of one student in the middle school and a decrease of two in the high school.

#### 2. Elementary — Mr. Mangum/Mr. Bauer

Mr. Mangum highlighted the success of Math Night at the elementary. In all, we had 95 students and family members attend. Literacy Night will be held on March 23rd. As part of March is Reading Month, students have been challenged to read 10,000 minutes as a building during the month of March. If this challenge is met, they will be taping Mr. Mangum to the gymnasium wall.

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4th and 5th grade students and staff participated in a team building field trip at Eagle Village. Students and staff were led through several relational-based activities designed to help participants learn to support one another and develop empathy. 4th and 5th grade students will be returning in May for the second half of this experience.

Parent teacher conferences will be held March 17th and March 18th. Teachers have been scheduling times with families and we hope to have an excellent turn out.

Mr. Bauer expressed his pleasure to be back as a building principal in the district. He reported that he is making every effort to be visible to students and staff and getting to know them all. Bauer stated that he has really been working with students at the school keeping “hands off - feet off”. In hopes of reducing the number of office referrals for students, since many behaviors incidents begin with pushing or shoving.

Mr. Mangum reported that enrollment has been consistent, with a decrease of three students this month.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)**

Micah Perkins presented from West Michigan Construction Alliance. Mr. Perkins presented what WMCA has to offer potential graduating students various apprenticeships in numerous trades.

#### **V. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Board member assignment to attend the WSESD General Fund Budget Hearing on April 12, 2022.

Mr. Forrester shared the information that they need to designate a member to attend this hearing. He shared that this has historically been the treasurer and the Superintendent. Mr. Carter agreed to be designated to attend.

2. Elementary Student Support Specialist

Courtney Cloud has been offered the position of Elementary Support Specialist. Courtney brings a lot of experience and knowledge to this position.

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## **VI. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)**

None

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Adopt a resolution to appoint a Board member to attend the WSESD General Fund Budget Hearing on April 12, 2022

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Hill to designate Carter to attend the WSESD General Fund Budget hearing.  
7 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

2. Approve Courtney Cloud as the Elementary Student Support Specialist

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to approve Courtney Cloud as the Elementary Behavior Support Specialist .  
7 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS**

1. West Shore Area School Board Association Banquet - April 14th

Mr. Forrester asked Board Members to RSVP. Ware, Abraham, Martin, Piekse, Hill all plan on attending.

2. Communications Update

Mr. Forrester and Ms. Vidak have been working very closely with Bryon & Fisk to get all relevant communications out to stakeholders. Families, staff, and the community will be receiving more communications as the end of the school year approaches.

3. Bond Scope Determination & Tim Gardner - March 22nd

Mr. Forrester reminded the Board of the Special Meeting regarding the bond and needed to decide which Bond Scope BCS will pursue.

4. Superintendent Evaluation Training - March 29th

Mr. Forrester informed the Board that MSAB will be here to train members on the Superintendent Evaluation Training.

5. Graduation Gowns

Mr. Forrester asked Board members to inform him if any member will need a gown. He is hoping to order numerous gowns this year.

6. Human Resources Report

Human Resources reports will be ongoing and will be shared out each month in the Board packet. This information will share vacancies, resignation and terminations.

7. MASB Award

Mr. Forrester presented and recognized President Martin with her Level 4 Master Board Member Award from the MSAB. He noted that she is one of only twenty recipients of the recognition this year.

## **IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS**

President Martin expressed how excited she is with all the changes that are taking place. She also thanked Mrs. Shelly McGhee on all of her hard work with all the meals and snacks she presents each Board Meeting. President Martin thanked all staff and is grateful for how we are working together.

## **X. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS**

Mrs. Pieske wanted to thank the two students from the Middle School Student School Council.

Mr. Brooks wanted to congratulate the 21/22 Varsity Basketball on a successful season and recognize Mr. Eads on his hard work and dedication. He also thanked all staff members.

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## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Pieske to adjourn the meeting.

President Martin called the meeting to adjourn at 6:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katena Abraham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Katena Abraham, Secretary