

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2022

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Ware, Pieske, Hill, Carter, Abraham, Martin

Members Absent: Brooks

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 September 27, 2022.
3. Approval of the Closed Sessions Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2022.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 3, 2022.
5. Approval of the bills to be paid:
 - a) General Fund Account check #'s (76081 through 76197)
 - b) Food Services Fund Account check #'s (5103 through -5104)
 - c) Baldwin Promise Authority Account check #'s (1394)
 - d) Student Activities Account check #'s (12285-12286)

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Carter to approve the Consent Agenda items.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

II. STUDENT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2022

A. Lower Elementary - Rachel Owens - Ms. Bacon's Class

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented Rachel to the Board and family present at the meeting.

B. Upper Elementary - Harmony Smith-Davis - Mrs. Bennett's Class

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented Harmony to the Board and family present at the meeting.

C. Middle School - Grace Wilbur

Mr. Nasson presented Grace to the Board and family present at the meeting.

D. High School - Ariel Coleman

Mr. Nasson presented Ariel to the Board and family present at the meeting.

Mrs. Martin thanked the parents for joining this meeting celebrating their students. She applauded them for their dedication, hard work and success they are having and encouraged them to keep up the good work.

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. 2021-2022 Financial Audit

Mr. Marc Sawyers, from Hungerford Nichols, presented an overview of the 2021-2022 Financial Audit. He highlighted the highs and lows. There were no auditing findings and noted this was a very clean audit.

IV. ACADEMIC REPORTS

A. Elementary

Mrs. VanAntwerp shared that PlayWorks did a week-long training with the staff and students. This is a recess program that works on team games and activities. Coach Jamie came and taught our Paraprofessionals different games to play in small groups outside to create a positive, team building experience for our students. We also now have a team of Junior Coaches composed of Fourth and Fifth grade students that were handpicked by teachers to go to recess with the younger grades.

Mrs. Van Antwerp reported that the Elementary celebrated Homecoming week with our own special days to support the High School. The teachers and students made decorations for the football team, volleyball team and the track team! Then we cheered them all on during a special walk through on Friday, the 7th.

Mrs. VanAntwerp informed the Board that Miss Julie Holton held the first Stem Club meeting. She reported that this was a huge success and more students signed up than the group could have. They will continue to meet monthly in two groups, one group will be Kindergarten through 2nd grade and the other will be 3rd through 5th grades. Mrs. VanAntwerp also noted that they will be having the first Math Carnival Thursday, October 20, 2022 and encouraged Board members to attend if available.

Mrs. VanAntwerp reported that enrollment increased by 6 students so far this month.

B. Secondary

Mr. Nasson shared that Homecoming weekend was held the weekend of October 6th-7th. Students took part in hallway decorating, banner making, a pep assembly, etc. The sports teams paraded through the elementary on Friday afternoon and the football team won its game handily that evening. Mr. Aronovici was able to have the band perform at the pep assembly and at the game which provided a boost of school spirit that has been missing during the pandemic. Over 50 students attended the homecoming dance. Ms. Reidel and Ms. Bergman did a great job organizing the homecoming activities with the student council.

Mr. Nasson reported that the EWIMS team will be meeting on Saturday, October 15th to analyze the first 30 days of school data for Attendance, Behavior and Course Performance. The team will be looking for trends/issues that can be addressed in all three categories and looking at strategies that can help improve all three areas.

Mr. Nasson shared that the Junior High trips to Eagle Village have started. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will do two days at Eagle Village. The first days were the week of October 10th. The students are working on team building activities, empathy, and problem solving. This aligns with the CREW lessons they receive in their advisory courses and they are attending Eagle Village with their CREW advisory teacher.

Mr. Nasson stated that the end of the marking period is October 21st and parent teacher conferences will be held November 3rd and 4th.

Mr. Nasson shared that enrollment was down by 8 students this month.

C. Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum presented an overview of the Student Engagement Focus group. They are utilizing information from 2021-2022 walkthrough data as well as student focus group data, it was determined that for the 2022-2023 school year Baldwin Community Schools will be focusing on instructional practices that

promote student engagement in the classroom. As such, BCS administration identified in the 5D+ dimension of student engagement, domain 4 (SE.4), Opportunity and support for participation and meaning making, as a growth goal area for all instructional staff this year in the 5D+ evaluation rubric. 5D+.SE.4 focuses on an instructor's ability to set expectations, provide opportunities, and support engagement strategies that support meaning making (for course specific content) by students. To support teachers in the successful attainment of this focus goal area all instructional staff and administrators will be participating in a training titled Management in the Active Classroom, led by our EL Education instructional coach Lori Davis on October 21. In addition to the training held on October 21, each instructor will receive his or her own copy of the text Management in the Active classroom, as a planning resource. Administrators will also be receiving a copy of the text and will be working with Mrs. Davis to develop a walkthrough tool to ensure the implementation of strategies learned via the training and/or text.

Mr. Mangum shared during the week of September 26 through September 29 paraprofessionals, teachers, and students completed PlayWorks structured recess training. This training included instruction in teamwork oriented games, transition strategies for returning to class ready to learn and leadership opportunities for 4th and 5th grade students as recess coaches. Our PlayWorks coach met with each class for a half-hour to lead recess workshops, completed an hour-long all staff training, led lunch recesses each day and trained 13 4th and 5th grade students on how to be coaches during a two hour after school recess coaching academy. Teachers and paraprofessionals have begun implementing their learning during recess periods, and student coaches have started assisting with recess games for the younger students during lunch recess periods.

Mr. Mangum shared that NWEA and Benchmarking assessments have been completed. K-5 grade level meetings were completed with teachers, intervention staff, myself and Mrs. VanAntwerp.

Mr. Mangum reports that Read 180 and System 44 classes have begun in the Jr. High. In the Elementary both in-class differentiation support and intervention room small groups have begun.

V. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

None at this time.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Donation item from Axium of a washer and dryer
- B. Appoint Baldwin Community Schools' representative on the West Shore ESD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee - MaryAnn Pieske
- C. 2021 Financial Audit Report
- D. Resignation of Paige Whitaker

VII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept donation of the washer and dryer from Axium

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to approve the donation of the washer and dryer from Axium.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- B. Approve Mary Ann Pieske as Baldwin Community Schools' representative on the West Shore ESD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee

A motion was made by Ware and Hill supported by to approve the Mary Ann Pieske as Baldwin Community Schools representative on the West Shore ESD Special Education Parent Advisory Committee.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- C. Accept the 2021-2022 Financial Audit Report

A motion was made by Hill and supported by Carter to accept the 2021-2022 Financial Audit report.

Roll Call: Ware, Pieske, Hill, Carter, Abraham, Martin

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- D. Accept the Resignation of Paige Whitaker

A motion was made by Carter and supported by Pieske to accept the resignation of Paige Whitaker.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS

- A. Honor BCS Principals in Celebration of National Principals Month in October

Mr. Forrester took a moment to acknowledge Mr. Nasson and Mrs. VanAntwerp on their constant dedication as principals.

B. Communications Update

Mr. Forrester reported that the communication firm and himself are continuing to work very hard on getting information out to the community that highlights the events, activities and other various things that we are doing here at Baldwin Schools. He is going to be sending out a survey to get back feedback from employees, Board members, and parents on what they would like to hear more about.

C. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester reported that they still are attempting to fill all positions.

X. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS

President Martin thanked the leadership team and school Board member's for all of their hard work and continuous dedication they have for Baldwin Community Schools.

XI. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS

Mr. Carter congratulated the school on a victorious Homecoming. He said he was glad to see the band back and how the whole event was a great success.

Mrs. Pieske expressed how much she is looking forward to the MASB conference this weekend and spending time with her constituents.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Martin to adjourn this meeting at 7:06 pm.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted by,



Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education