

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON DECEMBER 13, 2022

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Vice President Pieske called this meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Ware, Pieske, Carter, Abraham

Members Absent: Hill, Martin, 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 November 15, 2022
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 22, 2022
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of November 29, 2022
5. Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of November 29, 2022
6. Approval of the Bills to be Paid:
 - a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (76305 - 76419)
 - b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5107 - 5115)
 - c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Number (12289 - 12293)
 - d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1398 - 1400)

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

II. STUDENT OF THE MONTH - NOVEMBER 2022

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented each of the Students of the Month.

- A. Lower Elementary - Bentley Andersen, Kindergarten
- B. Upper Elementary - Eli O'Quinn, 5th grade
- C. Junior High School - Amara Martin, 6th grade
- D. High School - Carmen Serna, 9th grade

III. STUDENT REINSTATEMENT #10919

Student # 10919 will return to school on January 4, 2023.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this meeting.

V. ACADEMIC REPORTS

A. Elementary School

Mrs. Van Antwerp that staff and students have been participating all month in December to Remember. Each day there is a new dress there - from winter hats, dressing like snowmen, and an ugly Christmas shirt day! We play a Christmas song that matches the theme of that day and we have trivia also. There might even be a holiday joke or two. Everyone is having a lot of fun with it. We will end with a pajama day just before break.

Mrs. VanAntwerp reported that to combat the rising absences from students, we are incorporating attendance awards in our monthly assembly. We will recognize each student with perfect attendance each month with a special prize attached. We will also be sending truancy letters to parents who student with 10 or more absences. Some parents have come in and talked with admins staff.

Mrs. VanAntwerp reported that enrollment increased this month by almost 10 new students.

B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented on behalf of Mr. Nasson. She shared that the 10th grade class visited the Career and Technical Education Center at WSCC. Students were able to meet with teachers and students in the programs in order to help choose a program for their 11th and 12th grade years.

On Friday December 2nd the Baldwin Junior-Senior High School band marched in the community Christmas parade along with staff and a decorated district bus. Special thanks to Mary Ann Pieske for driving the bus.

Mrs. VanAntwerp highlighted that Mrs. Mathis held a STEM fair evening on

December 5th. Mr. Aronovici and Mrs. Jones coordinated to have a Christmas Art Gala with a performance by the band and student art show. Both events were very well attended.

Mrs. VanAntwerp shared that enrollment in both the Middle and High have remained the same.

C. Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum reviewed the results of the Michigan Department of Education School Index Scores.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

There were Community Items at this meeting.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. \$100 donation from the Marsh Family for the Class of 2024

Ms. Nelson received a \$100 donation from the Marsh Family to put towards the Class of 2024 account.

B. \$1,000 donation from Meijer for Socks and Shoes for Elementary Students

Mr. Forrester shared that Meijer's donated a \$1000 gift card to Baldwin Elementary for the Socks and Shoes for Children Program.

C. Elementary Student Advocate Position

Mr. Forrester went over the details and job description of this new position. Mr. Forrester is asking the Board to create this new position.

D. Bond Proposal Election Date

Mr. Forrester updated the Board on details of the Bond Proposal election dates. Mr. Forrester is recommending that we designate the August election to put the Bond on the ballot.

E. Bond Scope

Mr. Forrester reviewed the new Bond Scope proposal. Mr. Forrester highly recommended the Board members to thoroughly review the new Bond Scope for approval at the January Board meeting.

VIII. COMMUNICATION ITEMS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

There are no Community Items at this meeting.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Accept \$100 donation from the Marsh Family for the Class of 2024

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Abraham to accept the \$100 donation from the Marsh Family for the Class of 2024.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

B. Accept \$1,000 donation from Meijer for Socks and Shoes for Elementary Students

A motion was made by Abraham and supported by Carter to accept the \$1,000 donation from Meijer for Socks and Shoes for Elementary Students.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

C. Approve Elementary Student Advocate Position

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Carter to create a Student Advocate Position for Baldwin Elementary school.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

D. Approve Bond Proposal Election Date

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Abraham to approve August 8, 2023 as the Bond Proposal Election Date.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

X. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS

A. Special Board Meeting on January 10th, 2023

Mr. Forrester would like to schedule this meeting to finish up the approval of the Board Policy.

B. Communications Update

Mr. Forrester informed the Board that Bryun & Fisk has contacted EPIC to conduct the new survey. Bryun & Fisk plans to "tweak" some of the questions that EPIC originally asked.

C. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester reviewed the Human Resource report. Mr. Nasson recently interviewed a new Spanish teacher and this was a very good interview. He plans to reach out to this individual later in the week.

D. Holiday Gathering - December 16th

Mr. Forrester invited Board members to attend our Holiday gathering at Club 37.

E. Partnership District

Mr. Forrester was excited to reiterate that we are no longer a Partnership District. He is happy with our district growth and will continue to keep moving forward with student progression and success.

F. Student Data Presentation

Mr. Forrester shared that we will be doing a School-Wide Data presentation going over all academic and behavioral data.

XI. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS

There were no President items at this meeting.

XII. BOARD MEMBER'S ITEMS

Ms. Ware was very excited to hear that we are off the Partnership District. She gave "kudos" to all staff involved making this huge accomplishment.

Ms. Ware shared that MSU Extension has some grant money that focuses on the At-Risk students. This will be a deep research and data dive to gather information to help students in this area.

Ms. Ware wanted to thank Mr. Drilling for his work as the new CAC Liaison. She recognized his success with students and all his improvement with these students and their future. Mr. Forrester agreed and recognized all the accomplishments he has made in the College Access Center and with the Baldwin Promise.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Pieske adjourned this meeting at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



**Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education**