

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Members Present: Brooks, Pieske, Carter, Abraham, Martin
Member Absent: Ware, Hill

C. Recitation of BCS Mission Statement

D. 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"

E. Consent Agenda Items

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 17th, 2023

Approval of the Bills to be Paid:

- a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (76469-76558)
- b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5117-5118)
- c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12296-12298)
- d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1403-1404)

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

A. Lower Elementary - Genesis Beal, 2nd grade

Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced Genesis to the Board and highlighted many of Genesis's attributes and qualities.

B. Upper Elementary - Zuri Davis, 5th grade

Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced Zuri to the Board and highlighted many of Zuri's attributes and qualities.

C. Junior High School - Lillyana Allen, 6th Grade

Mr. Nasson introduced Lillyana to the Board and highlighted many of Lillyana's attributes and qualities.

D. High School - Avery Shooks, 11th grade

Mr. Nasson introduced Avery to the Board and highlighted many of Avery's attributes and qualities.

IV. CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTER

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Carter to enter in Close Session to review a Personnel matter.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Returned back into the open session at 6:42 pm.

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Brooks to terminate the employee that was discussed in the Closed Session.

Roll Call: Brooks, Piekse, Carter, Abraham, Martin

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

V. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations at this meeting.

VI. ACADEMIC REPORTS

A. Elementary School

Mrs. VanAntwerp shared some highlights that have been going on in Elementary. She invited all Board Members to Family Night for February and the Passport to Lake County! She shared that 5th grade students interviewed community members and will be portraying them in a living wax museum! Other activities will include trivia from Baldwin, Bitely, Idlewild, and Irons and dinner. For Black History Month, Kindergarten is learning about George

Washington Carver, Second, Fifth and Fourth Grades are all learning about a different historical figure each day during Crew. Third Grade and First Grade are reading books and listening to stories online about historical African Americans. We celebrated the 100th day of school last week. Which means Fifth Grade students celebrated 1000 days of school! Fifth Grade and Kindergarten even did some fun activities together. Classes also celebrated Valentine's Day.

B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Nasson informed Board Member's that Winter NWEA testing is complete in both buildings and students have demonstrated growth across all grade levels in the junior and senior high. Mr. Mangum will be presenting both the junior and senior high school progress toward the 98b goals that were set at the beginning of the school year.

Mr. Mathis is currently taking courses through GVSU to attain his School Counseling credentials and is attending ESD programs such as the Suicide Risk Assessment Work Group in order to prepare to fully take over the school counselor position in the secondary building.

Mr. Roberts is organizing a bowling trip for students meeting behavior goals in the high school and middle school. Mr. Dennis and Ms. Miller is providing support for students with behavioral issues which has taken the form of mentoring and assistance in working with students to take care of needs that can be root causes of negative behavior in classrooms. Average daily SWIS discipline referrals are continuing a downward trend in both buildings. Focus on specific priority students will hopefully continue to bring this number down.

The junior high and high school are celebrating Black History Month with an assembly that was originally scheduled for Friday, February 17th, but due to a Snow Day this will be scheduled for the last week in February. The high school student council is sponsoring a Black History themed door decorating contest and individual teachers are doing themed lessons throughout the month with students.

C. Instructional Services

Mr. reviewed all of Baldwin Community Schools 98B Goals in detail district wide.

VII. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

There are no Community Items at this meeting.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Elementary Paraprofessional - Patricia Okrajek
- B. Elementary Paraprofessional - Dixie Herington
- C. Elementary Paraprofessional - Kayla Hernandez
- D. Accept donation of \$2500 from ICDC to be used for high school student

activities, such as field trips or educational purposes.

- E. Add Mr. Aronovici as signatory to the Band Boosters Account

IX. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

There are no Community Items at this meeting.

X. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Patricia Okrajek as the new Elementary Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Piekse and supported by Abraham to approve Patricia Okrajek as an Elementary Paraprofessional.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- B. Approve Dixie Herington as the new Elementary Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Carter and supported by Brooks to approve Dixie Herington as an Elementary Paraprofessional.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- C. Approve Kayla Hernandez as the new Elementary Paraprofessional

A motion was made by Piekse and supported by Carter to approve Kayla Hernandez as an Elementary Paraprofessional.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- D. Approve donation of \$2500 from ICDC to be used for high school student activities, such as field trips or educational purposes.

A motion was made by Abraham and supported by Carter to accept the \$2500 donation from ICDC for high school activities, such as field trips and education purposes.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- E. Approve Mr. Aronovici as a signatory to the Band Boosters Account

A motion was made by Piekse and supported by Brooks to approve Mr. Aronovici as a signatory to the Band Booster's account.

5 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

XI. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS

A. Communication Update

Mr. Forrester provided an update on our communication. There will be another Panther Press Newsletter that will be sent out by Spring Break and hopes to send more of these out throughout the end of the year.

B. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester shared there are still a couple of vacant positions.

C. Mr. Forrester shared that WSESD is hosting a CBA 102: Governing through Policy class on Tuesday, April 25. He asked the Board members if you are interested to let Ms. Nelson know so she can get you registered.

XII. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Ms. Martin expressed her happiness with everyone working

XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Ms. Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



**Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education**