

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON MARCH 21, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Ms. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Present: Brooks, Ware, Pieske, Carter, Abraham, Martin
Absent: 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

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2023.
- 3. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of February 21, 2023.
- 4. Approval of the Bills to be Paid:
 - a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (76559-76633)
 - b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5119-5121)
 - c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12299-12300)
 - d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1405-1409)

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- A. Lower Elementary - Zariah Minor, 1st grade

Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced Zariah and highlighted many of her attributes.

B. Upper Elementary - Gavin Price, 3rd grade

Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced Gavin and highlighted many of his attributes.

C. Junior High School - KortneyJo Hyatt, 7th grade

Mr. Nasson introduced KortneyJo and highlighted many of her attributes.

D. High School - Abigail Pontz, 11th grade

Mr. Nasson introduced Abigail and highlighted many of her attributes.

IV. CLOSED SESSION - Student # 11643

A motion was by Ware and supported by Brooks to enter into Close Session to discuss Student 11643 at 6:13 pm.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks in a to long term suspend Student #11643 the remainder of the year. In order to return she will need to successfully complete a substance abuse program and continued therapy as recommended. Student #11643 will be able to petition the Board at the July 22, 2023 Board meeting.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

V. CLOSED SESSION - Employee Matter

A motion was by Ware and supported by Pieske to enter into Close Session to discuss an employee matter. 6:46 pm

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Ms. Martin called the meeting back into Open Session at 7:37 pm.

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to terminate the contract of the Elementary Student Support Specialist effective immediately.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

VI. PRESENTATIONS

A. EWIMS Team

The EWIMS Team, Mrs. Mathis and Mr. Roberts, presented the EWIMS 2022-23 Quarter 2 Summary Report. They highlighted many areas of growth and some areas that still remain of concern.

VII. ACADEMIC REPORTS

A. Elementary School

Mrs. VanAntwerp highlighted some of the activities that took place throughout the month. This past month we had Family Night. Even with having to reschedule it, there was a great turnout from families and community members. Mrs. Bennett worked hard with her fifth grade students to put on a "living wax museum" and Mrs. Englehart coordinated with her to do the trivia along with everything else that made the night special. Second Grade hosted a Celebration of Learning. Each family that came was met by a student and walked to the cafeteria where students shared stories and books they created about paleontology which is what they had been studying in EL. Miss Holton's STEM Club was able to meet on one of the days we did NOT have a snow day! We are celebrating March is Reading Month at the Elementary. Each day is a new and fun activity for reading including tell a joke day, beach day (bring a beach towel to read on), a book walk, and guest readers.

Mrs. VanAntwerp also noted that Truancy letters will be going out with report cards. Teachers handed them out at conferences and those families that miss conferences will get them in the mail with their student's report card. We have 71 letters going out to students with more than 15 absences. In order to try to increase attendance we have started Fun Friday on half days, special lunch treats on half days, and talked with parents. SWIS referrals have dropped significantly. Staff have worked hard at completing Behavior Plans and implementing check in check out with targeted students. There has also been targeted coaching on classroom management skills.

B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Nasson recognized some of the activities that had been taking place in the Junior and Senior High. The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students were able to attend their second day of social-emotional/team building activities the week of March 13th at Eagle Village. The boys basketball team won the District Championship trophy and represented the school well at the regional competition before bowing out to last year's state champions. The boys and girls bowling teams won their conferences and Jacob Cutler was able to compete at the state tournament individually. Drama students are busy preparing for their spring play on April 20th and 21st. The drama club also attended the musical "Footloose" at West Shore Community College on

March 12th.

Mr. Nason shared that SWIS reports show the continuing reduction in disciplinary write-ups in the school –a trend in both the Junior High and Senior High. There are several factors that affect behavior in the school but the increased activity in PBIS and the interventions and monitoring by the EWIMS team are both helping spur some of the reduction in misbehavior.

Mr. Nason informed the Board that state testing will begin in the week of April 10th for students in the 6th through 11th grade. Staff members have volunteered to assist in planning events/rewards for students. A committee for assessment engagement has been established to help with the events and rewards.

C. Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum shared that starting in late February, Baldwin Community Schools' staff and administrators began preparing for statewide summative assessments (SAT, PSAT, WorkKeys and M STEP). Instructional services administrators and building principals developed testing schedules, completed assessment security training courses and developed (and completed) testing process and procedure training for staff. Additionally, BCS administrators were notified that the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability will be conducting an onsite audit of testing procedures at Baldwin Jr. High School this April.

Mr. Mangum and Alicia Hoppa from the Statewide Field Team (Blueprint) met with small groups of six or seven students from each grade (grades 6th through 12th) to complete culture and climate focus groups (in total 47 students participated in the focus groups). Utilizing information garnered from the secondary climate surveys, focus groups discussed questions pertaining to school belonging and engagement in learning. This information will be aggregated with the survey data and themes will be developed and shared with the Baldwin Community School board on April 11 as part of our district data dialogue. In early March, Baldwin Community Schools parent and family feedback surveys were created and distributed electronically beginning at parent teacher conferences on March 16. Information gathered from these survey responses will be aggregated and themes will be developed and shared with the Baldwin Community School board on April 11 as part of our district data dialogue.

VIII. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

There were no Community Items at this time.

IX. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Letter of Resignation from Mr. Reese Drilling

- B. Donation of \$1,280 from the Gremel Group for Charter Bus to Regional Basketball Game
- C. WSESD General Fund Budget Hearing on April 11, 2023
- D. Bond Application

X. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

There were no Community Items at this time.

XI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept the Letter of Resignation from Mr. Reese Drillings

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to accept the resignation of Mr. Reese Drilling.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- B. Accept donation of \$1,280 from the Gremel Group for Charter Bus to Regional Basketball Game

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to accept the donation of \$1280 from the Gremel Group for the Charter Bus to the Regional Basketball Game.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- C. Adopt a resolution to appoint a Board member to attend the WSESD General Fund Budget Hearing on April 11, 2023

A motion was by and supported to adopt a resolution to appoint Marion Carter to attend the West Shore ESD General Fund Budget Hearing on April 11, 2023.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- D. Approve Bond Application

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Ware to approve the bond application as presented and the following five representations in the certificate:

1. Resolved to apply for preliminary qualification of bonds by the State Treasurer for the purpose of financing the school construction description in this application.

2. That said application is presented to the State Treasurer for action prior to the official action of the Board of Education calling the election on said bond issue.
3. Resolved that this Board of Education will present a final qualification application to the State Treasurer for qualification of their bonds after this bond issue has been approved by the electors of said district.
4. Read this application and approved all statements and representations contained herein as true to the best knowledge and belief of the Board.
5. Authorized the Secretary of the Board of Education to sign this Preliminary Application and submit the same to the State Treasurer for review and approval.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

XII. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS

- A. Communications Update
- B. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester reviewed the current openings and he also informed the Board of current interviews that are upcoming.

- C. USAC Appeal Update

Mr. Forrester shared that we had won the appeal

- D. Superintendent Evaluation

Mr. Forrester reminded the Board that this time is coming up and they need to get this done.

- E. Walkway Shelter

Mr. Forrester stated that this could be taken care of as early as Spring Break. Axum will be taken care of repairs and repair as soon as possible.

- F. Graduation Gowns

Mr. Forrester reminded Board Members to order if needed.

- G. Award letter from MASB recognizing Mary Ann Pieske for her Level 3 Award of Distinction

Mr. Forrester congratulated Mrs. Pieske on her award.

H. Special Board Meeting on April 11, 2023

Mr. Forrester reminded members of the Special meeting on April 11, 2023.

XIII. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Ms. Martin thanked the Board and community members that continually support the district and all their hard work they put in.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Carter wanted to congratulate the community, the school and athletes on their District Championship. Mr. Carter was very proud of our District and athletes that played. Mr. Brooks shared his same excitement and community involvement supporting our Baldwin Athletes.

Mr. Carter commented about recognizing Board Members and school employees at after school activities.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm.

Ms. Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted by,



Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education