

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON APRIL 18, 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

Member's Present: Ware, Pieske, Abraham, Martin

Member Absent: Brooks, Hill, Carter

- 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 March 21, 2023
  - 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 21, 2023 (Student Discipline)
  - 4. Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 21, 2023 (Employee Matter)
  - 5. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 11, 2023
  - 6. Approval of the Bills to be Paid:
    - a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (76634-76722)
    - b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5122-5125)
    - c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12301-12303)
    - d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1410-1412)

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

4 Ayes, 0 Nays  
Motion Carried

**III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

A. Lower Elementary - Kylie Martin, 2nd grade

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

B. Upper Elementary - Jacob Krawczak, 3rd grade

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

C. Junior High School - Cheyenne Vance, 6th grade

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

D. High School - Carmelo Lindsey, 12th grade

Mr. Nasson introduced Carmelo and highlighted many of his attributes.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Theresa Lewis - Senior Trip

Ms. Lewis presented an overview of the 2023 Senior Trip.

**V. ACADEMIC REPORTS**

A. Elementary School

Ms. VanAntwerp presented Elementary updates and upcoming events.

B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Nasson presented high school and middle school updates and upcoming events.

C. Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum presented updates on state testing and instructional services.

**VI. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS**

There are no Community Items at this time.

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. West Shore ESD General Fund Operating Budget Resolution

Mr. Forrester presented the General Fund Budget and answered any questions.

B. Donation from Baldwin Quick Stop in the amount \$300 for the Baseball team

- C. Donation from Shoey's Log Bar in the amount \$130 for the Baseball team
- D. Donation from Houseman's Food in the amount \$300 for the Baseball team
- E. Donation from Jones Homemade Ice Cream in the amount \$280 for the Baseball team
- F. Donation from Lake County Sheriff Department in the amount \$130 for the Baseball team
- G. Baldwin College Access and Promise Zone Coordinator - Brandon Childress
- H. Speak Up! is a two-day retreat program for 8th grade students that focuses on empowering youth through philanthropy. The retreat focuses on students with leadership potential who have not been given the opportunity to develop their capabilities.

**VIII. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS**

There are no Community Items at this time.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. Adopt West Shore ESD's General Fund Operating Budget

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to approve the West Shore ESD General Fund Operating Budget.

Roll Call: Ware, Pieske, Abraham, Martin

4 Ayes, 0 Nays  
Motion Carried

- B. Accept the donations for the baseball team from Baldwin Quick Stop, Shoey's Log Bar, Houseman's Food Center, Jones Homemade Ice Cream, and the Lake County Sheriff Department.

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to accept the donations from Baldwin Quick Stop, Shoey's Log Bar, Houseman's Food Center, Jones Homemade Ice Cream, and the Lake County Sheriff Department for the Baseball program.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays  
Motion Carried

- C. Approve Brandon Childress as the Baldwin College Access and Promise Zone Coordinator

A motion made by Ware and supported by Pieske to approve Brandon Childress as the Baldwin College Access and Promise Zone Coordinator.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays  
Motion Carried



D. Approve ten 8th grade students to attend the Speak Up! Retreat

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to approve the ten designated students to attend the Speak Up! Retreat at Camp Newaygo.

4 Ayes, 0 Nays  
Motion Carried

**X. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS**

A. Decision Day/Candle Light

Mr. Forrester shared that this day will be May 5, 2023 and will begin at 9 am.

B. American Red Cross Request

Mr. Forrester relayed that we have been asked to allow our building to be an Emergency Shelter. HE is working out a few more details and then will be looking for support from the Board once all the details are planned out clear and concise.

C. EPIC Survey

Mr. Forrester shared that EPIC has been completing surveys and ask if the Board would like them to come in and share the results.

D. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester reviewed the current job posting and expected job posting for the 2023-2024 school year.

E. Special Board Meeting - May 2nd

Mr. Forrester explained the importance of this meeting and Board member-s attend due to the fact that we will be voting on the Bond Application, which is due May 9th, 2023.

F. Board Retreat

Mr. Forrester discussed the Board Reports and the date has been chosen.

**XI. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS**

Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Forrester for his continued efforts in making this district better and the leadership staff.

Ms. Martin thanked Mr. Nasson for representing the school so well

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**XII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

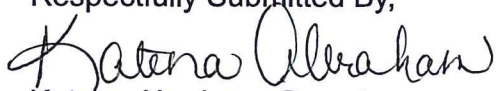
Mrs. Pieske asked Board members to see if the group could commit to a time slot to volunteer at the Lock-In.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kateha Abraham".

Kateha Abraham, Secretary  
Board of Education