

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

### REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON MAY 16, 2023

#### I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

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

#### II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Ware, Pieske, Carter, Abraham, Martin, Brooks (arrived at 6:30)

Members 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 April 18, 2023

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 2, 2023

4. Approval of the Bills to be Paid:

a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (76723-76801)

b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5126-5130)

c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12304-12307)

d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1413-1414)

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

5 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

#### III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

A. Lower Elementary - Connor Phillips, 1st grade

Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced and highlighted many attributes Connor

possesses.

- B. Upper Elementary - Joseph Carmona, 5th grade  
Mrs. VanAntwerp introduced and highlighted many attributes Connor possesses.
- C. Junior High School - Anlayh Stinson, 6th grade  
Mr. Nasson introduced and highlighted many attributes Anlayh possesses.
- D. High School - Joshua Taylor, 9th grade  
Mr. Nasson introduced and highlighted many attributes Anlayh possesses.

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Deputy Kenna - Vaping Epidemic

Deputy Kenna presented information on the Vaping Epidemic that not only is a concern here at Baldwin Schools, but all over the country.

#### **V. ACADEMIC REPORTS**

- A. Elementary School

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented Elementary updates and upcoming events.

- B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Nasson presented Middle and High School updates and upcoming events.

- C. Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum presented an overview of how Spring testing is going and how successful has

#### **VI. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS**

None at this time.

#### **VII. CLOSED SESSION - EMPLOYEE MATTER**

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to enter into Close Session at 6:35 pm.

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

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

President Martin proceeded back into Open Session at 6:49 pm.

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. 2023-2024 Non-Union Contracts

Mr. Forrester is asking the Board to approve a 3% increase for all Non-Union staff.

B. Notice of Biennial Election of the Board of Education of West Shore Educational Service District

The Board discussed the candidates for West Shore Educational Services District Board. They reviewed the candidates resumes. The Board designated Mary Ann Pieske to serve on the 2023 electoral body responsible for electing members to the WSESD Board of Education.

**IX. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS**

None at this time.

**X. ACTION ITEMS**

A. 2023-2024 Non-Union Contracts

A motion was made by Pieske and supporters by Ware to approve the Non-Union Contracts for 2023-2024.

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

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

B. Adopt resolution for the Biennial Election of the Board of Education of West Shore Educational Service District

A motion was by Brooks and supported by Pieske to adopt the resolution for the Biennial Election of the Board of Education of West Shore Educational Service District, as discussed.

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

6 Ayes

0 Nays

Motion Carried

**XI. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS**

A. GEO

Mr. Forrester gave an update on the GEO contracts. BCS does have to pay



back some money and will receive less tax money.

B. Bus Update

Mr. Forrester informed the Board that the new bus will be here in August.

C. Graduation - May 26th

Mr. Forrester reminded the Board of graduation and all other End of Year Celebration.

D. Band Concert and Art Gala - May 17th

Mr. Forrester reminded the Board of the Band Concert and Art Gala tomorrow evening.

E. Career Quest

F. Behavior Reward Trips

Mr. Forrester shared the trips that are set up for the Behavior Rewards trips for students.

G. Communications Update

Mr. Forrester reported that there will be a new newsletter released soon. There will also be an article that will highlight the Decision Day ceremony.

H. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester reviewed all current postings.

I. Board Retreat - Friday, October 13 through Sunday, October 15, 2023

Mr. Forrester reported that all rooms are booked and the retreat will be at Crystal Mountain. He will create a working agenda and encourage Board members to send any items that would like to see on the agenda.

J. Student Representative 2023-2024

Mr. Forrester has been working with Mr. Nasson to identify a student. Both Mr. Forrester and Mr. Nasson have identified Ryland Abraham to act as the Student Representative.

K. Special Board Meeting

Mr. Forrester asked to have a Special Board meeting on May 31, 2023 in order to complete the Superintendent Evaluation.

**XII. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS**

Mrs. Martin encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming graduations. She recognized the successful Decision Day and Prom and was very amazed how each of these events turned out. She was very pleased with all the turnout for both events. She applauded Mr. Forester for his continuous hard work and dedication to the district and effortless attempts to make each kid successful.

**XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

None at this time.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Ms. Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:47 pm.

**Respectfully Submitted by,**

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

**Katena Abraham, Secretary  
Board of Education**