

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

**ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL
AND REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF
JANUARY 18, 2022**

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

A. Call to Order

Superintendent Forrester called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Members Present: Ware, Martin, Pieske, Carter, Abraham,
Brooks, Hill (via phone)
Members Absent: None

D. Recitation of Baldwin Community School's Mission Statement

E. Purpose of Open Board Meeting

"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 Special Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2021
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 14, 2021
4. Approval of the Bills to be paid:
 - General Fund Account check #'s (75370 - 75435)
 - Food Services Fund Account check #'s (5077-5079)
 - Baldwin Promise Authority Account check #'s (1361-1365)
 - Student Activities Account check #'s (12263-1266)

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to approve the agenda.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

II. ORGANIZATION

- A. Election of a Temporary Chairperson - Nomination by Ms. Ware for Mr. Brooks to serve as temporary Chairperson.

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to appoint Brooks as the Temporary Chairperson for Board officer elections.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

- B. Election of Officers

1. Election of President - Mrs. Pieske nominated Mrs. Martin for President.

A motion was made by Pieske supported by Brooks to approve the motion.

6 Ayes, 1 Nays. Carried

2. Election of Vice President - Mr. Brooks nominated Ms. Ware and Mr. Carter nominated Ms. Piekse.

A motion was made by Carter and supported by Hill to approve elect Mrs. Pieske as the Board Vice-President.

4 Ayes, 3 Nays. Carried

3. Election of Secretary - Mrs. Abraham was nominated

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to elect Mrs. Abraham as the Board Secretary.

6 Ayes, 1 Nays. Carried

4. Election of Treasurer - Mr. Carter was nominated.

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to elect Mr. Carter as the Board Treasurer.

7Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

C. Adjournment of the Organizational Meeting at 6:24 pm

III. PRESENTATIONS

A. Principals' Reports

Mr. Bruce Mangum, Elementary Principal, presented recent data growth and updates on the pilot program on SEL with the 5th grade class..

Mr. Stewart Nasson, Elementary Principal, presented data growth from NWEA winter scores. Stewart stated that they are still in pursuit of a School Counselor. Stewart informed the Board that we anticipate 11 Seniors graduating this year.

B. Senior Class Trip 2022 - Mrs. McGahey, Advisor

Mrs. McGahey and 4 students presented a video presentation on their proposal for the 2022 Class trip. These senior's have raised \$2,234 through fundraisers so far, they have 4 more fundraisers.

Mr. Brook and Ms. Ware congratulated Mrs. McGahey for her dedication to the students. Mr. Carter expressed how proud he is of these students and hope the pursuit

IV. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

None

V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

1. Effective Semester 2 2021-22

Addition to page 27 of Baldwin Junior Senior High School 2021-22 Handbook after Attendance Policy and before Excessive Absences paragraph add the following:

Attendance Cap

The maximum number of Unexcused Absence (AU) days a student can miss in a class per semester and remain in good standing is nine (9). A student who exceeds the term total of nine (9) absences will be required to earn a minimum of a 75% (C) on the final exam in order to have the semester grade calculated.* If the exam grade is 74% or lower the student will be issued a No Credit (NC) for a grade.

*Exams are not given in scheduled resource hours and are not formally given in Edmentum online coursework. This policy also applies only to courses on the Baldwin campus and does not affect CTE or Employability Skills grading.

2. Senior Class Trip 2022

Discussion around transportation and chaperones and the number they need to have to make this a safe trip for these Seniors..

B. Use of ESSER II and ESSER III Funding

Superintendent Forrester presented an update on the ESSR funds and how they will be dispersed.

C. Adopt Safer Schools Guidance for Managing COVID-19 Exposures in K-12 School Setting

Forrester reviewed the new guidance from MDHHS and is asking for flexibility from the board to follow MDHHS and DHD # 10 recommendations. Mr. Forrester pressed to move forward with getting our students back into the classroom and in front of the teacher..

D. 21(h) Grant

Discussed the 21(h) Grant, Mr. Forrester will bring a letter of Agreement to the Board to give a 5% bonus if all criteria are met.

E. Employee Resignation

Mr. Fournier announced that he will be retiring on March 31, 2022 as the elementary Student Support Specialist.

F. Board Workshop/Retreat

Mrs. Pieske would like to have a Board Workshop or Report due to upcoming policy reviews. Brooks also expressed high interest in having the retreat soon to review recent data and have discussion on new upcoming changes in Policy and procedure to be prepared for the 2022-2023 school year.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)

Mrs. Martin wanted to thank all community members, students, and staff for their dedication to this district..

VII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Consent Agenda (Items 1 & 2)

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to approve the consent agenda items.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

B. Approve the use of ESSER II and ESSER III funding

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Ware to approve the use of ESSER II and ESSER III funding to maintain stability in the school districts teaching staff during the coronavirus pandemic.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

C. Employee Resignation

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Ware to approve the resignation of Mr. Tim Fournier.

7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Carried

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS

- A. CBA 101 Reminders (Feb 01, 2022, 6-9 @ WSESD)
 - a. Reminded the board members to email Mr. Forrester if they have any interest in attending the class.
- B. Tax Tribunal Update
 - a. Mr. Forrester presented the update.
- C. Bond Survey Update
 - a. Mr. Forrester presented the update.
- D. GPS Report
 - a. Board shared discussion about the GPS Report and would like to take time to thoroughly read the report through a Workshop and ask GPS consultants questions to receive more explanation. Mr. Forrester will invite GPS to the next Board Meeting.
- E. Data Review
 - A. Mr. Forrester and the principal's will be meeting to dive into the data results, student growth and employee retention.

IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS

Miss Martin expressed her thanks to the staff and a special thank you to Ms. Ware and Mr. Brooks for their services to the Board and the school district.

X. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS

Ms. Ware thanked the leadership and is grateful they can keep supporting each other to serve our districts and our students.

Mr. Brooks thanked the Board and continues to be looking forward to a successful year.

Mrs. Pieske expressed her gratitude for the Board allowing her to serve as the Vice President.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Piekse to adjourn at 8:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Katena Abraham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education