

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Baldwin, Michigan 49304

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2022**

**I. ROUTINE BUSINESS**

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Martin at 6:04 pm

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Martin, Abraham, Carter, Ware, Hill, Pieske  
(arrived at 6:06 pm)

Absent: Brooks

C. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Martin.

D. Recitation of BCS Mission Statement

E. The Purpose of the 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"*

**II. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)**

There were no community items at this meeting.

**III. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Carter to enter into close session at 6:05 pm

President Martin called the meeting back to order at 7:25 pm

#### **IV. ACTION - PERSONNEL MATTER**

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to accept the resignation of Mr. Byington as of January 25, 2022.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, carried.

#### **V. PRESENTATION**

##### **A. GPS Solutions**

GPS staff and Board members commenced in open discussion in a questions and answers session. Data was retrieved from parents, students, teachers and admin staff.

#### **VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

##### **A. GPS Solutions**

Carter feels that BCSD has competent leadership and would like to give their leadership a chance to lead.

Abraham questioned financially where the school is at with GPS and the contract that was established. There is a year long contract. Forrester explained that this is a fixed rate based contract and feels GPS is fulfilling their contract.

##### **B. Human Resources Update**

- a. Athletic Director: Mr. Forrester spoke with the Athletic director today that he will be moved into a full-time Student Advocator position, so he can grow professionally into the Athletic Director position. There are opportunities for him to mentor with the AD and build knowledge to better serve him in his future. The school will continue to support a part-time Athletic Director. There are a couple of in house possibilities.
- b. Director of Instructional Services: Mr. Forrester revisited this position that will be funded with ESSER-3 funds that we need to use by September 2024. A specific staff member has

expressed interest. Mr. Forrester asked instead of posting this position that we post an Elementary Principal and allow Mr. Mangum to move into this position.

- c. Human Resources Specialist: Mr. Forrester reported that they have conducted interviews for this position. Unanimously Janelle Williams is first choice for this Human Resource position. Mr. Forrester informed the Board that he will be coming to the Board in February for approval of Ms. Williams.
- d. Superintendent Vacancy: Mr. Forrester brought a contract to the Board meeting for consideration to fulfill the position as the Superintendent.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. GPS Solutions**

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to proceed with dissolving services GPS Solutions.

5 Ayes, 1 Nay, Carried

### **B. Superintendent Vacancy**

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware\_ to accept the contract presented by Mr. Forrester for Superintendent.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

None

## **IX. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS**

Miss Martin thanked GPS for their services and if the need arises in the future this Board would look forward to working with them. She expressed thanks to everyone and wants everyone to appreciate each other and their opinions.

**X. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

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