

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

## BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Baldwin, Michigan 49304

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2022

#### I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

##### A. Call to Order

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

##### B. Roll Call

Member's Present: Martin, Abraham, Carter, Pieske, Brooks, Ware  
Absent: Hill

##### C. Pledge of Allegiance

##### 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)

None

#### III. PRESENTATIONS

##### A. EPIC-MRA - Bond Proposal Survey

Mr. Forrester introduced Mr. Kelly Sullivan from EPIC. Mr. Sullivan reviewed and explained the data gathered and results of the survey.

#### **IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. BEA Contract (Calendar)**

Mr. Forrester provided a brief update on previous discussion of switching to a more traditional calendar or to keep the alternative calendar. Mr. Forrester is continuing to work with the Union. There are some concerns regarding the salaries of teachers, but the summer school program will likely be able to operate without having to put a cap on the number of students enrolled.

**B. Board Workshops**

Mr. Forrester opened the conversation by offering the Board an option to send them an email and list of topics ideas. Board members supported this idea. Mrs. Ware noted that she feels the most important training would be the Superintendent Evaluation. It should be put on the top of the list.

**C. Communications Firm**

Mr. Forrester explained Bryon & Fisk is a communication firm that assists organizations/school districts in designing a communication plan to target people with specific information. Mr. Forrester explained how Bryon & Fisk will distribute information throughout the district and community and provided the benefit of having a public relations to assist BCS in not only with the bond proposal but overall school improvement.

**D. Elementary Basketball**

Country Cloud is being recommended for the position of the Elementary Basketball coach.

**E. Secondary Behavior Intervention Specialist**

Mr. Forrester reviewed the job description of this position and reminded them that this is a grant funded position. Mr. Nasson is proposing that Jim Dennis be approved to fulfill this position.

F. Organizational Meeting Items

Mr. Forrester asked the Board to review some actions that were assigned to he and Mrs. Robinson during the July 2021 Organizational meeting.

**V. COMMUNICATIONS (COMMUNITY ITEMS)**

Mrs. Williams approached the Board with some questions regarding the traditional calendar, especially with the transition and how it will affect the students. Mr. Forrester and the Board addressed all of Mrs. Williams' questions and concerns.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Agreement with Communications Firm

A motion was made by Ware supported by Brooks to approve the agreement with Bryon & Fisk communication firm.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

B. Approve Courtney Cloud as the Elementary Basketball Coach

A motion was made by Pieske supported by Carter to approve Courtney Cloud as the Elementary Basketball Coach.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

C. Approve Jim Dennis as the Secondary Behavior Intervention Specialist.

A motion was made by Ware supported by Abraham to approve Jim Dennis as the Secondary Behavior Intervention Specialist.

5 Ayes, 1 Nays, Carried

D. Financial Transactions

*"I make a motion to authorize Jennifer Vidak to perform financial transactions on behalf of the school district."*

A motion was made by Brooks supported by Ware to approve Jennifer Vidak to perform financial transactions on behalf of the District.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

E. Designation of Election Duties and Responsibilities

*"I make a motion to authorize the Board Secretary to designate Faith Nelson the duties and responsibilities of elections for the 2021-2022 school year."*

A motion was made by Pieske supported by Brooks to designate Faith Nelson the duties and responsibilities of elections for the 2021-2022 school year.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

F. Legal Notice Posting

*"I make a motion to authorize Faith Nelson to post public notices of all Board of Education meetings and legal notices."*

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Ware to approve Faith Nelson to post all Board of Education meetings and legal notices.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Carried

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

A. Math Night

Mr. Forrester shared how he was amazed by the turnout from both staff and parents. He discussed how it had been quite some time since we hosted an in-person event and he could not be more proud of our elementary teachers. The preparation by staff was evident and I saw parents and students thoroughly enjoying themselves. He noted a special thanks to Kylie Jones and Julie Holton for their wonderful presentations.

**B. Elementary Principal**

Mr. Forrester shared that this position will be posted with a July 1st start date. Mr. Dan Bauer will be the Interim Principal until that time as approved in the February Board of Education meeting.

**C. Masks**

Mr. Forrester updated the Board Members on the new mask requirements as released by the CDC last week. BCSD has lifted the mask mandate, with the exception of students that ride the bus.

**VIII. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS**

Mrs. Martin thanked the community members for coming and supporting BCS. She also thanked BCS staff for their continuing dedication to improving BCS.

**IX. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS**

Mr. Brooks shared some information with Mr. Forrester regarding some new members coming to the community and here to build up the community as far as jobs and helping and working with young adults.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Brooks supported by Ware to adjourn today's meeting.

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:36 pm

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katena Abraham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Katena Abraham, Secretary  
Board of Education