

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER - ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Ms. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

A. Roll Call of Members

Present: Arnold-Arbrahim, Brooks, Ware, Pieske, Abraham, Martin, Carter
(showed up late)

Absent: Hill

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Recitation of Baldwin Community School's Mission Statement

D. Purpose of Open Board Meetings:

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E. Election of Officers

1. Election of Temporary Chairperson

Open nominations for the temporary chairperson.

Brooks and Martin nominated Mr. Forrester as the Temporary Chairperson.

Close nominations for the temporary chairperson.

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Martin to approve Mr. Forrester as the temporary chairperson."

5 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

2. Election of President

At this time, nominations are open for the Board President.

Pieske and Abraham nominated Ms. Martin as the Board President.
At this time, nominations are closed for the Board President.

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to approve Ms. Martin as the Board President.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

3. Election of Vice President

At this time, nominations are open for the Board Vice-President.

Ware nominated Pieske as Board Vice President.

At this time, nominations are closed for the Board Vice-President.

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to approve Mrs. Pieske as the Board Vice-President.”

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

4. Election of Secretary

At this time, nominations are open for the Board Secretary.

Pieske and Brooks nominated Ms. Abraham as the Board Secretary.

At this time, nominations are closed for the Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Pieske and Ware to approve Ms. Abraham as the Board Secretary.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

5. Election of Treasurer

At this time, nominations are open for the Board Treasurer.

Pieske and Brooks nominated Mr. Carter as the Board Treasurer.

At this time, nominations are closed for the Board Treasurer.

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

F. Board Committee Assignments

1. Disciplinary Committee
 - a) Abraham, Hill, Martin
2. Board Policy Committee
 - a) Ware, Pieske
3. Finance Committee
 - a) Brooks, Carter
4. Facilities Committee
 - a) Carter, Brooks

G. Adjournment of the Organizational Meeting

A motion was made by Pieske and supported Brooks to adjourn the Organization meeting at 6:11 pm.

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to call the Regular meeting to order at 6:11 pm.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

Present: Arnold-Arbrahim, Brooks, Ware, Pieske, Carter, Abraham, Martin
Absent: Hill

- C. Recitation of BCS Mission Statement
- D. Purpose of Open Board Meetings:

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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 December 12, 2023
3. Approval of the Bills to be Paid:
 - a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (77481-77549)
 - b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5157-5161)
 - c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12333-12334)
 - d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1439-1440)

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2022

- A. Lower Elementary - Genesys Rosa-Irizarry, 2nd grade
- B. Upper Elementary - Trevor Smith-Davis, 4th grade
- C. Junior High School - Atheena Porter, 7th grade
- D. High School - Imani Cowell, 10th grade

Each principal introduced each student to the Board member and highlighted many of the attributes.

IV. CLOSED SESSION - STUDENT # 11747

A motion was made to enter by Ware and Brooks into Closed Session at 6:26 pm.

A motion was made by Carter and supported by Abraham to table this matter and investigate further.

Roll Call: Brooks - Nay, Ware - Nay, Pieske, Carter - Aye, Abraham - Aye, Martin - Nay

4 Ayes, 2 Nays
Motion Dismissed

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Brooks to expel Student #11747 for the state mandatory permanent 180 days expulsion.

Roll Call: Brooks - Aye, Ware - Aye, Pieske - Aye, Carter - Nay, Abraham - Nay, Martin - Aye

4 Ayes, 2 Nays

Motion Carried

V. PRESENTATION

A. Byrum & Fisk

Byrum & Fisk presented and provided data on the recent surveys that were completed for moving forward with a new bond proposal in November 2024.

VI. ACADEMIC REPORTS

- A. Elementary School - Mrs. VanAntwerp presented noted highlights happening over the past month.
- B. Jr./Sr. High School - Mr. Nasson presented noted highlights happening over the past month.
- C. Instructional Services - Mr. Mangum

VII. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

Mrs. Andrea Mitchell presented and introduced members of the PTCA. She highlighted some of the goals that the PTCA has for the future of the Parents and Students.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Elementary Cheer Coach - Nicole Day
- B. Robotics Coach - Ryan Tebo
- C. Donation for \$500 from Fresh Coast Foam for Basketball Jerseys
- D. Donation for \$100 from Fabric Peddler LLC for new bowling shirts
- E. Termination of Georja Whipple
- F. Board Policy
- G. Talent Together Program - Apprenticeship teaching position Dixie Herrington

IX. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

X. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Nicole Day as the Elementary Cheer Coach

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to approve Nicole Day as the Elementary Cheer Coach.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

B. Approve Ryan Tebo as the Robotics Coach

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Pieske to approve Ryan Tebo as the Robotics Coach.”

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

- C. Approve the donation in the amount of \$500 for basketball jerseys from Fresh Coast Foam

A motion was made by Abraham and supported by Brooks to approve the \$500 for basketball jersey from Fresh Coast Foam.”

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

- D. Approve the donation for \$100 from Fabric Peddler LLC for new bowling shirts

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to approve the donation for \$100 from Fabric Peddler LLC for new bowling shirts.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

- E. Approve termination of of Georja Whipple

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to approve the termination of Georja Whipple.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

- F. Approve Board Policy

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Martin to table the approval of the new Board Policies.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

- G. Approve Dixie Herrington apprenticeship teaching contract through Talent Together Program.

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to approve the apprenticeship of Dixie Herrington

6 Ayes, 0 Nays

Motion Carried

XI. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS

- A. Recognize Board Members
- B. Human Resources Report

Mr. Forrester presented and recognized all the Board members in honor of Board Appreciation Month. He thanked them for their services as Board Members.

Mr. Forrester touched base on the Human Resource report with current openings and potential new positions.

XII. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Ms. Martin thanked the Board Member for nominating her again as the Board President. She stated that she is very proud to be a part of the school system and will continue to work diligently in making things better.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Abraham talked about her Suicide Training and she is happy to share it with anyone that is interested.

Mrs. Pieske again thanked for her reelection as Vice President and she is proud to serve the district.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Katena Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education