

BOARD OF EDUCATION

BALDWIN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Baldwin, MI 49304

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES ON MARCH 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING

Mrs. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

II. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

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

C. Recitation of BCS Mission Statement

"To prepare students for the Promise of their tomorrow"

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. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of February 20, 2024
3. Approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 27, 2024
4. Approve the Bills to be Paid:
 - a) General Fund Account Check Numbers (77632-7712)
 - b) Food Services Fund Account Check Numbers (5165-5168)
 - c) Student Activities Fund Account Check Numbers (12339-12341)
 - d) Baldwin Promise Authority Account Check Numbers (1443-1446)

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

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

III. STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- A. Lower Elementary - Beatrix Aronovici, K
- B. Upper Elementary - James Johnson III, 5th grade
- C. Junior High School - Matthew Wright Jr., 7th grade
- D. High School - Sha'Karion Graham, 10th grade

Building principals presented and introduced students and highlighted many of their attributes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Baldwin High School Band Program - Anthony Aronovici

Mr. Aronovici gave an overview of the field trip he is seeking approval for. The Baldwin Panther Band is planning on playing in the Memorial Day parade in Mackinaw City.

- B. Senior Trip Update - Faith Nelson

Ms. Nelson updated the Board on the tentative planned Senior trip that has been scheduled for May 19 thru May 21, 2024.

V. ACADEMIC REPORTS

- A. Elementary School

Mrs. VanAntwerp presented and highlighted various events that took place over the last month and some upcoming events happening at the Elementary.

- B. Jr./Sr. High School

Mr. Nasson presented and highlighted various events that took place over the last month as well as some upcoming events that are taking place this month.

- C. Instructional Services

Mr. Mangum presented the schedule for the upcoming State Assessment period. Mr. Mangum also shared an update on the ISF job position and progress of getting this posted and filled by the upcoming school year. He and Mr. Forrester met with Haley Tracy, Community Health Program Specialist, from Corewell Health West to discuss additional support that Corewell could potentially provide to BCS families and students.

VI. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

Ms. Billie Myers brought an athletic concern that she experienced during a basketball game. She reached out to some administrator at the school and wanted to make the Board aware of the situation.

Marco Iafrate from the Ludington Daily News came to introduce himself as he is a reporter that will be covering Lake County and Baldwin Schools.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. West Shore Educational Service District Budget Hearing Designation
- B. West Shore Educational Service District General Fund Operating Budget
- C. Donation from Mrs. Elizabeth Convery in the amount of \$46.91 to the Class of 2024
- D. Donation from Wesco in the amount of \$278.88 to the High School Student Activities account
- E. Resignation
- F. Student Advocate
- G. Summer School Directors
- H. Baldwin High School Band Field Trip

Mr. Forrester reviewed each discussion item in great detail.

VIII. COMMUNICATION / COMMUNITY ITEMS

There were no Community Items at this time.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve West Shore Educational Service District Budget Hearing Designee

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Pieske to approve Mr. Marion Carter as the Budget Hearing Designee.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- B. Adopt the West Shore Educational Service District General Fund Operating Budget Resolution

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to adopt the West Shore Educational Service District General Fund Operating Budget Resolution.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- C. Accept the donation from Mrs. Elizabeth Convery in the amount of \$46.91 to the Class of 2024.

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to accept the donation in the amount of \$46.91 to the Class of 2024.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- D. Accept the donation from Wesco in the amount of \$278.88 to the High School Student Activities account

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Carter to accept the donation from Wesco in the amount of \$278.88 to the High School Student Activities account.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- E. Accept the Resignation of Natasha Kaster

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Ware to accept the resignation of Natasha Kaster.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- F. Approve Kirk Walden as the Student Advocate

A motion was made by Abraham and supported by Pieske to approve Kirk Walden as the High School Student Advocate.

Roll Call: Brooks, Ware, Pieske, Carter Abraham, Martin
6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- G. Approve Julie Holton and Nicole McGahey as Summer School Directors

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to approve Julie Holton and Nicole McGahey as Summer School Directors.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

- H. Approve Field Trip for the Baldwin Panther School Band

A motion was made by Brooks and supported by Ware to approve the overnight Field Trip for the Baldwin Panther Band to Mackinaw City.

Roll Call: Brooks, Ware,
6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

X. CLOSED SESSION - PERSONNEL MATTER

A motion was made by Ware and supported by Brooks to enter into Close Session at 7:02 pm to discuss a personnel matter.

6 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Ms. Martin called the meeting back into Open Session at 7:16 pm.

XI. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Mr. Forrester reviewed the new updates on the Board Policy. Mr. Forrester offered to meet with any Board member with any questions on the updated policies.

XII. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

Ryland had no items to discuss at this meeting.

XIII. SUPERINTENDENT ITEMS

- A. Communications Update
 - 1. End of the Year Events
- B. Lake County Youth Survey Data Presentation
- C. Board Member - Background Checks
- D. West Shore Area Board Association Banquet - April 18, 2024
- E. West Shore ESD offering CBA 104: Basic School Law - April 23, 2024
- F. Congratulations to Ms. Martin for receiving Level 5 - Master Diamond Award from MASB
- G. Carnival Update
- H. Teacher Recruiting Event

Mr. Forrester reviewed in great detail each one of the Superintendent Items.

XIV. BOARD PRESIDENT ITEMS

Ms. Martin thanked the other Board Members for their support. She is thankful

XV. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Carter requested more information on the Summer Programming particularly in the High School. Mr. Forrester shared that we are using Edmentum and it is really on the students' effort for them to regain credit or not. Mr. Forrester shared that this is an opportunity to advance to the next grade level. Ms. Ware is glad that we offer the Summer School Program district wide as it just gives all of the students an opportunity to grow socially and educationally.

Mr. Carter shared a concern regarding our Safety Plan and outsiders getting in while

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one person is leaving and one coming in. Mr. Forrester addressed the issue and will have a discussion with the building secretary.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Pieske and supported by Abraham to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Katenna Abraham, Secretary
Board of Education