

TO: BENTON COMMUNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
FROM: DR. JAMES BIESCHKE, SUPERINTENDENT
RE: WORK SESSION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING - FOLLOWING THE WORK SESSION
TIME: 5:00 P.M. WORK SESSION - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 WITH REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING
PLACE: Central Office - Board room
304 1st Street
Van Horne, Iowa 52346



Board Work Session – 5:02 PM

1. WORK SESSION - 5:02 P.M.

- Discussion of the Facilities Master Plan and potential funding.

Income Surtax and voted PPEL were discussed. Voted PPEL requires 50%+1 voter approval and that vote can take place in March 2024, September 2024 or in 2025 in the months of March, September or November. It cannot take place at a November election in an even year.

- Possible additional work session to be held 1/31/2024.

Regular Meeting – 6:28 PM

1. Call to Order – 6:28 PM

Directors in Attendance: Directors: Kaiser, Ludeking, Schanbacher, Shaw, Thompson, and Werning.

Absent: Director Nolte

A quorum was declared present.

Also Present: Dr. Bieschke, Anna Selk Shawn Pfiffner, Melisa Venneman, Katie Bauder, Ryan Junge, Jason West, Phil Eastman, Larry Carlson and Melody Spence.

2. Delegations, Communications, Considerations of Additional Items for the Agenda

***Add 1 Early Retirement application to the list of approvals for tonight – Tracie Kimm.

3. Action Item #66 – Approval of Agenda

Motion by Werning, second by Kaiser to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

4. **Open Forum** - None

5. **School Improvement Report** – Larry Carlson/Anna Selk

BENTON COMMUNITY TEACHER LEADERSHIP TEAM - INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

- Continuous Improvement
- Planning
- Teacher/Instructor Support

6. **Administration Report**

a. **Administration Report**

7. **Action Item #67 – Early Retirement**

The following staff qualified for and applied for the early retirement plan:

- Colleen Reinhardt, Transportation Secretary
- Tracie Kimm, Teacher, 3rd Grade, Keystone Elementary

Motion by Shaw, second by Kaiser to approve the submitted early retirement applications as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

8. **Consideration of Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Levying a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax.**

a. **Resolution**

No action taken.

9. **Action Item #68 – Consideration of Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Levying a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax**

A) **Resolution**

Motion by Kaiser, second by Schanbacher to approve the resolution ordering election on the question of levying a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax and income surtax as submitted to be held March 2024.

Roll Call Vote - Director Kaiser yes, Ludeking yes, Schanbacher yes, Shaw yes, Thompson yes, and Werning yes.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

10. **Action Item #69 – 24-25 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The calendar committee met and gained feedback from each attendance center before bringing this recommended calendar forward for consideration.

Discussion was held by the Board regarding the calendar for FY'25.

Motion by Schanbacher, second by Kaiser to approve the recommended 24-25 school calendar as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
5 AYES/1 NAY

11. Action Item #70 – Business Services

Motion by Werning, second by Kaiser to approve warrants and financial reports as presented.

- a. **WARRANTS**
 - a. [WARRANTS](#)
 - b. [ADDITIONAL WARRANTS](#)
 - c. [SUMMARY OF PAID WARRANTS](#)
- b. **FINANCIAL REPORTS**
 - a. [GENERAL FUND REPORT](#)
 - b. [ALL FUNDS REPORT](#)

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

12. Action Item #71 – Consent Agenda

Motion by Shaw, second by Schanbacher to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- A. HIRES
 - a. Ashton Bohlen, Substitute Teacher
- B. RESIGNATIONS
 - a. Tabatha Barger, Color Guard
- C. Volunteers
 - a. Pam Duball, Vocal - Show Choir
 - b. Ben Seeck, Vocal - Show Choir
 - c. Kelly Becker, Vocal - Show Choir
 - d. Amber Gale, Vocal - Show Choir
 - e. Aaron Gale, Vocal - Show Choir
 - f. Tisha Fontinel, Vocal - Show Choir
 - g. Taylor Schlicher, Vocal - Show Choir
 - h. Jennifer Hayden, Vocal - Show Choir
 - i. Taylor Dengler, Vocal - Show Choir
- D. CONTRACTS
 - a. [Iowa City Rural Food Purchasing Group](#)
- E. MEETING MINUTES
 - a. [December 20, 2023](#)

MOTION CARRIED
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13. Action Item #72 – Policy Review

- [405.2](#) Licensed Employee Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection
- [505.4](#) Testing Program
- [506.4](#) Student Photographs (no recommended changes from IASB)
- [506.5](#) Student Directory Information (Benton created policy)
- [506.5R1](#) Use of [USE OF STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION](#) Student Directory Information - Admin. Regulation (Benton created policy)
- [603.13](#) Citizenship (no recommended changes from IASB)

Motion by Kaiser, second by Shaw to approve the reviewed and revised policies as presented.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

14. Superintendent Report

- a. Snow Days and Calendar
- b. AEA update and recent communication
- c. [Preschool/Kindergarten registration on February 5th](#)

15. Action Item #73 – Adjournment

Motion by Kaiser, second by Werning to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED
ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING AYE

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.