

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
held on Monday, February 19, 2024, 6:00 PM  
in the Batesville High School Bulldog Center

Attending:

- Board Members: Mike Baumer, President; Stephanie Davidson, Vice President; Larry Merkel; Secretary; Sean Townsley, Board Member; and Jeremy Raver, Board Member
- Administrators: Paul Ketcham, Superintendent; and Tim Hunter, Director of Operations
- Others: Laura Cole, Administrative Assistant; Media Representatives; Patrons and Students

REGULAR SESSION

**ITEM # 1**

- A. Call to Order – Mr. Baumer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Baumer and was followed by a Moment of Silence.
- B. Other – None.

**ITEM # 2 BCSC Vision Statement**

Mr. Ketcham reviewed the vision statement.

**ITEM # 3 Consent Agenda Items**

- A. Minutes – Minutes of the January 15, 2024 Executive Session and Regular Session Board Meetings as well as the January 15, 2024 Board of Finance Meeting Minutes were previously sent to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the January 15, 2024 Executive Session, Regular Session and Board of Finance Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel  
Seconded by: Jeremy Raver  
Action: Unanimous approval

- B. Payroll Journals and Register of Claims – The payroll journals and register of claims were previously provided to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the payroll journals and register of claims as presented.

Motion to accept: Jeremy Raver  
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson  
Action: Unanimous approval

- C. Personnel – The most recent personnel changes were previously provided to the board for review and are attached to these minutes.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the personnel list as presented and attached to these minutes.

Motion to accept: Sean Townsley  
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson  
Action: Unanimous approval

- D. Travel - Travel requests were previously given to the board for review.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the travel requests as presented.

Motion to accept: Jeremy Raver  
Seconded by: Larry Merkel  
Action: Unanimous approval

- E. Board Member Per Diem Payments

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves a per diem payment of \$50.00 for each school board member who attends a regular meeting, special meeting, executive session, work session, or Board committee meeting.

Motion to accept: Stephanie Davidson  
Seconded by: Larry Merkel  
Action: Unanimous approval

- F. Distribution of Early Literacy Achievement Grant

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the Early Literacy Achievement Grant be distributed equally amongst eligible employees as determined by the Superintendent.

Motion to accept: Stephanie Davidson  
Seconded by: Jeremy Raver  
Action: Unanimous approval

- G. Corporation Treasurer Contract – Mr. Ketcham reported that Mr. Nobbe has taken on additional responsibilities in his position and the amended contract reflects that.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the amended Treasurer Contract as presented by Mr. Ketcham.

Motion to accept: Jeremy Raver

Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson  
Action: Unanimous approval

H. Other – None.

**ITEM # 4 Believe in Better** – Mr. Ketcham and the Board congratulated BHS Junior Max Amberger for being a state wrestling qualifier. He then invited head coach Matt Linkel to talk about the wrestling program.

**ITEM # 5 Financial Report**

A. Monthly Financial Report - Mr. Hunter reported that there was a current balance of \$2,146,560 in the Education Fund as of January 31, 2024. The total of all funds as of January 31, 2024 was \$6,813,220.

B. Construction Funds Report - Mr. Hunter further reported that a total of \$1,150,289 has been paid to Maxwell for the Tech Center Addition and \$653,024 has been paid to Bruns Gutzwiller for the athletic fields work being done. The current goal is to have the softball field completed by mid-April. Completion of the field, of course, is weather-dependent.

C. Other – None.

**ITEM # 6 Patron Comments/Questions**

Rob Shane shared concerns regarding the Chinese immersion program, the lack of a German program, as well as his concerns regarding gender identification issues within the schools and sports programs. Mr. Shane encouraged the school board to allow the community to support them and they in turn will support the community.

**ITEM # 7 Action Items**

A. Approval of Change to Date of March School Board Meeting

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the March school board meeting be held Monday, March 11, 2024, due to the timing of Spring Break.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel  
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson  
Action: Unanimous approval

B. Approval of Apple Purchase – Mr. Ketcham gave the board details regarding the purchase of devices for staff.

Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the purchase of Apple devices by a 0% finance four-year lease not to exceed the amount of \$280,704.00.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel  
Seconded by: Jeremy Raver  
Action: Unanimous approval

**ITEM # 8 Superintendent Report**

A. Certified and Classified Staff Sick Bank Reports – Mr. Ketcham reported that there are 90 days in the certified staff sick bank and 79 days in the classified sick bank.

B. Upcoming Dates and Events – Mr. Ketcham shared dates of upcoming events.

**ITEM # 9      School Board Comments**

Mr. Raver pointed out that tomorrow is the second master planning day for Ford NGL.

Mr. Townsley wanted to acknowledge the concerns that were expressed during the patron comments section and ensure the patron that he had been heard and that Mr. Townsley would become more informed on the topics.

**ITEM # 10      Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Bulldog Center at BHS.

## PERSONNEL

Monday, February 19, 2024

1. Resignation and Extended Leave Certified
  - a. None
2. Recommended Certified
  - a. None
3. Resignation and Extended Leave Classified
  - a. BPS – Lori Daulton, Instructional Aide, Resignation effective 2/28/24
  - b. BPS – Misty Meyer, Special Education Paraprofessional, Resignation effective 2/14/24
  - c. BMS – Jayne Wilburn, Special Education Paraprofessional, Retirement effective 5/23/24
  - d. BMS – Kim Brockman, Special Education Paraprofessional, Resignation effective 1/26/24
  - e. BHS – Lori Jewell, Cafeteria Staff, Resignation effective 1/26/24
4. Recommended Classified
  - a. BPS – Jessica Ulmer, Special Education Paraprofessional
  - b. BPS – Mary Kate Ketcham, Preschool Special Education Paraprofessional
  - c. BPS – Mary Kate Ketcham, Latchkey Substitute Assistant
  - d. BMS – Ashley Cornn, Special Education Paraprofessional (Temporary position through end of 2023-24 school year)
5. Resignation Extra Curricular
  - a. None
6. Recommendation Extra Curricular
  - a. BPS – Carli Sutherland, Homebound Instructor
  - b. See attached for Athletic Recommendations
7. Resignation Transportation
  - a. None
8. Recommended Transportation
  - a. None
9. Open postings:
  - a. BPS – Instructional Aide
  - b. BHS – Part-time Cafeteria Staff



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To: Paul Ketcham and the BCSC School Board  
 From: Bryan Helvie, Athletic Director  
 Re: Athletic Department recommendations / requests – February 2024 meeting

1. Coaching recommendations for the 2023-24 school year.

**Batesville High School Spring Sports Season**

Girls Tennis – assistant coach	Carisa VanSickle	(same)
Girls Tennis – volunteer assistant	Bryan Helvie	(same)

**Batesville Middle School Spring Sports Season**

Track and Field – Head Coach	Dee Raver	(same)
Track and Field – Assistant coach	Rob King	(same – 50-percent stipend)
Track and Field – Assistant coach	Clint Pride	(same – 50 percent stipend)
Track and Field – Assistant coach	Kelli Wells	(new)
Track and Field – Assistant coach	Thomas Essick	(same)
Boys Golf – Head coach	Sheryl McCreary	(same)
Girls Golf – Head coach	Brittany Gieske	(same)
Girls Tennis – Head coach	Carisa VanSickle	(same)

2. Extra Time Stipend

**Winter 2023:**

Wrestling – Individual Regional	Matt Linkel (head coach)	1 week (\$100)
Wrestling – Individual Regional	Zach Strub (assistant coach)	1 week (\$100)
Wrestling– Individual Semistate	Matt Linkel (head coach)	1 week (\$100)
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Wrestling– Individual State	Matt Linkel (head coach)	1 week (\$100)
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