

Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
BATESVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
held on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:00 PM  
in the Batesville High School Bulldog Center

Attending:

Board Members: Jeremy Raver, President; Mike Baumer, Vice President; Stephanie Davidson, Secretary; Larry Merkel, Board Member; and Sean Townsley, 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. Raver called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Raver 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 16, 2023 Executive Session and Regular Session Board Meetings as well as the January 16, 2023 Board of Finance Meeting Minutes were previously sent to the board for review. Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the January 16, 2023 Executive Session, Regular Session and Board of Finance Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel  
Seconded by: Mike Baumer  
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: Stephanie Davidson

Seconded by: Sean Townsley  
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: Mike Baumer  
Seconded by: Stephanie Davidson  
Action: Unanimous approval

- D. Other – None.

**ITEM # 4 Believe in Better** - Mrs. Cassie Wallpe, FFA Sponsor, introduced the Livestock Skillathon team who recently traveled to Denver, CO. Team members - Anna Bergmann, Onika Struewing, Kaitlyn Sarringhaus, and Blake Belter - shared about their experience at the competition as well as the trip overall.

**ITEM # 5 Financial Report**

- A. Monthly Financial Report - Mr. Hunter reported that there was a current balance of \$1,987,865 in the Education Fund as of January 31, 2023. The total of all funds as of January 31, 2023, was \$6,295,309.

- B. Other – None.

**ITEM # 6 Patron Comments/Questions**

There were none.

**ITEM # 7 Action Items**

- A. Approval of Professional Educator’s License - Mr. Ketcham requested approval of a Professional Educator’s License from BCSC to Joy Lake in the subject of English as a New Language. Motion: The Board of School Trustees approves the Professional Educator’s License for Joy Lake in the subject of English as a New Language with an issued date of January 25, 2023 and an expiration date of January 25, 2027.

Motion to accept: Larry Merkel  
Seconded by: Sean Townsley  
Action: Unanimous approval

- B. Acceptance of \$300 Donation - Mr. Ketcham presented a donation for acceptance. Motion: The Board of School Trustees accepts a \$300 donation from Ripley County Farm Bureau to be used for payment of school lunches for students in need.

Motion to accept: Stephanie Davidson  
Seconded by: Mike Baumer  
Action: Unanimous approval

**ITEM # 8 Superintendent Report**

A. Superintendent

- 1) Upcoming Dates and Events - Mr. Ketcham shared upcoming dates and events with the board.

**ITEM # 9 School Board Comments**

A. Larry Merkel - Expressed his appreciation of the presentation by the FFA Skillathon team.

B. Mike Baumer - Shout out to Mr. Strouse and Mr. Tucker for the BMS sporting events taking place.

C. Stephanie Davidson - Gave a report from the latest athletic council meeting. Among other news, she shared that track season has begun and all spring sports will be started by March 15.

**ITEM # 10 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm. The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 20, 2023, at 6:00 pm in the Bulldog Center at BHS.

## PERSONNEL

Monday, February 20, 2023

1. Resignation and Extended Leave Certified
  - a. BHS - Dawn Campbell, Science Teacher, Retirement
2. Recommended Certified
  - a. BIS - Grace Kraus, Grade 5 Extended Leave Teacher
  - b. BIS - Joy Lake, Part-time English Language Learner (ELL) Teacher, Extended Leave
3. Resignation and Extended Leave Classified
  - a. None
4. Recommended Classified
  - a. BHS - Deanna Raver, Administrative Assistant (moving from Guidance Secretary), effective 4/3/23
5. Resignation Extra Curricular
  - a. None
6. Recommendation Extra Curricular
  - a. BHS - Cassie Wallpe, FFA Sponsor, Extra Time Stipend
  - b. See attached for Athletic Department recommendations
7. Resignation Transportation
  - a. None
8. Recommended Transportation
  - a. None
9. Open postings:
  - a. BPS - Special Education Teacher Long-Term Substitute
  - b. BHS - Science Teacher
  - c. BCSC – School Psychologist



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To: Paul Ketcham and the BCSC School Board  
From: Bryan Helvie, Athletic Director  
Re: Athletic Department recommendations / requests – February 2023 meeting

1. Coaching recommendations for the 2022-23 school year.

**Batesville High School Spring Sports Season**

|                                   |             |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|
| Track and field – Assistant coach | Gabe Gunter | (New) |
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**Batesville Middle School Spring Sports Season**

|   |                |        |
|---|----------------|--------|
| Track and field – Assistant coach           | Bernice Essick | (New)  |
| Track and field – Volunteer assistant coach | Thomas Essick  | (Same) |
| Track and field – Volunteer assistant coach | David Raver    | (New)  |

2. Extra time stipends.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Wrestling– Individual Regional   | Curtis Miller (head coach)    | 1 week (\$100) |
| Wrestling– Individual Semi-State | Curtis Miller (head coach)    | 1 week (\$100) |
| Wrestling– Individual Regional   | Matt Linkel (assistant coach) | 1 week (\$100) |
| Wrestling– Individual Semi-State | Matt Linkel (assistant coach) | 1 week (\$100) |