

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
April 8, 2026**

Angie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Paul Klang-present, Megan Flatley-present, Angie Davis-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Joe Lukaszewski-present, and Ryan Kern-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Kern, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the March 11, 2026, meeting and special meeting on March 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Superintendent Bastian gave the Treasurer's report which included the cash in bank report.

Superintendent Bastian gave the Athletic Director's report. We currently have eight softball players, eight baseball players, seven male track athletes, and ten female track athletes. The Bound software program continues to make progress towards full implementation. The new scoreboard was used for the opening baseball game. It worked well, and we received many positive comments about it. The sponsor signage will be installed soon. Thanks again to Patsy Freiburger for getting this project started. The new softball uniforms are being worn by the softball team and they are very stylish.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the Principal's report. We are grateful for our community support regarding the operating referendum. Grade 11 has completed the ACT. 4K-3rd grade AIMSweb reading assessments are complete. We are administering and monitoring state spring assessments in grades PK-12, previewing curricula and online platforms for the 2026-2027 school year, as well as collecting quotes. We continue to conduct teacher evaluations. Cell phone/device surveys will go out to students on April 13. Staffing and placements for the 2026-2027 school year are being compiled. A training for staff regarding student grief/trauma is scheduled for May 13, as well as professional development training on the program, MagicSchool AI.

Superintendent Bastian gave the Superintendent's report. The unofficial results of the referendum are as follows: Village of Benton, 192 Yes and 63 No; Town of New Diggings, 48 Yes and 19 No; Town of Benton, 45 Yes and 30 No; Town of Hazel Green, 4 Yes and 4 No; Total, 289 Yes and 116 No (71%). The unofficial results of the School Board Election are: Jeff Richardson 345 and Megan Flatley 337.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to pay bills 39650 through 39719. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Williams to approve the 66.0301 agreement with the Wisconsin School Nutrition Purchasing Cooperative for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll Call: Megan Flatley- yes, Paul Klang- yes, Ryan Kern- yes, Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Angie Davis- yes, Amanda Williams- yes. 7 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the summer school booklet for the summer of 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Williams to approve Delta Dental as our dental insurance provider for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve Delta Dental as our vision insurance provider for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Kern to approve NIS as our long-term disability insurance provider for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to approve NIS as our short-term disability insurance provider for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang to approve the calendar change for the 2025-2026 school year that would have a face-to-face school day on May 8, 2026, and an in-service day on May 13, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the contract with Southwest Health to provide our trainer for the next three years, as presented. Motion carried.

Megan Flatley, Amanda Williams, Jeff Richardson, Joe Lukaszewski, and Angie Davis plan to be at the graduation ceremony on May 22, 2026, at 7:30 P.M. to hand out diplomas.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to approve Pat Neis' resignation with gratitude for her years of enthusiastic service to the children of Benton School District. Motion carried.

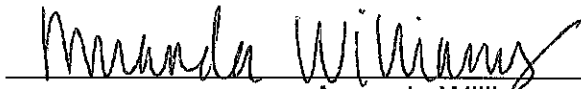
Motion by Flatley, seconded by Kern to adjourn to closed session at 6:31 P.M. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss a staff schedule modification and staff discipline or termination. Motion carried. Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Paul Klang- yes, Megan Flatley- yes, Angie Davis- yes, Ryan Kern- yes. Motion carried. 7 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to reconvene to open session at 6:55 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve a ten-month schedule for Jordan Kieler, with her calendar going from August first to the last day of the school year calendar. Motion carried.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Lukaszewski to suspend a support staff employee for the rest of the school year without pay. Angie Davis- yes, Jeff Richardson- no, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Paul Klang- abstain, Ryan Kern- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Megan Flatley- yes. Motion carried. 5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 P.M.


Amanda Williams, Clerk

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April 29, 2026
Special Meeting**

President Angie Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the library of the high school. Roll call: Paul Klang-absent, Megan Flatley-present, Angie Davis-Present, Jeff Richardson-absent, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-absent, and Joe Lukaszweski-present.

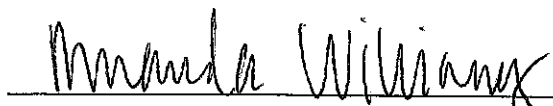
Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszweski to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

The Board decided to remain in open session.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Flatley to approve Lisa Lawrence and Todd Bastian as 50% middle school track coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszweski to approve Medical Associates as our health insurance provider for the 2026-2027 school year as presented using option B. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszweski to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.



Amanda Williams, Clerk

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