

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
August 12, 2026**

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

Citizen Comments-None.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes minutes of the July 8, 2026 meeting and the July 29, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Bastian gave the Treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was included.

Mr. Kern gave the Athletic Director's report. Items discussed were football numbers, football trip renewal, football field prep, Bound switchover, Hudl camera in the lower gym, electronic ticketing, Birchwood golf course meeting, and possibly holding a cross country meet at that location. Starting date for girls golf was August 10th. High school cross country and volleyball start on August 17th. Middle school cross country and football start on August 24th.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the Principal's report. The custodial staff has done an excellent job prepping classrooms for the school year and making last-minute adjustments. Students and staff members have been assisting with the Benton Library & Museums moving in the new Benton Community Center. Mr. Bastian, Mr. Brant and Mrs. Lawrence attended the "I Love U Guys" training on August 12th. The training focused on school safety and is an initiative from the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department. New staff in-service has been scheduled for Monday, August 17th. This will include new employees and their mentors. Rosters for online programs are being finalized. Mrs. Lawrence is working with the Benton Library Board on exposing our students to what the new Community Center has to offer.

Mr. Bastian gave the Superintendent's report. The custodial staff is on schedule to have the school ready for the first day of school. They have been working diligently to make sure we are ready for students to enter the building. Our estimated equalized value for the 2026-2027 school year has decreased by .18% from the 2025-2026 school year. We are running registration this week. The office staff are putting the final touches on everything that needs to be done for the start of the school year.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to pay bills #39912-39972. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the second reading of policies 0144.5 to 8462 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the Employee Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang to approve the Mentor Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to accept the resignation of paraprofessionals, Lynne Willis and Anna Creed, and NHS advisor, Roxanne Boardman. Motion carried.

The Benton School District would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Lynne and Anna for their dedication and commitment to our students and school community. We are grateful for the time, care, and service they have given to Benton and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Klang to adjourn to closed session at 6:43 P.M. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1) (c) which permits convening in closed session for the purpose of discussing employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to discuss employment of the NHS advisor, 7th and 8th grade volleyball coaches, middle school volunteer volleyball coach, FFA advisor, and varsity football coach, and the staff survey. Megan Flatley- yes, Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Paul Klang- yes. Motion carried. 5 yes, 0 no.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to reconvene in open session at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve Emily Toomey-Adams as the NHS advisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to hire Emma Zinkle as the 7th grade volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to hire Marissa Hulse as the 8th grade volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to approve Tiffany Saunders as a volunteer middle school volleyball coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

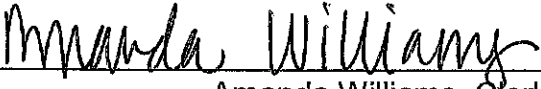
Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve Roxanne Boardman as the FFA advisor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Klang to hire Todd Bastian as a varsity football coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the change in the amount of the assistant volleyball coach to the same amount as the assistant football coach that is paid by Benton.

Staff survey results have been discussed.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:04 P.M.


Amanda Williams, Clerk

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**SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
August 26, 2026**

President Angie Davis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library. Roll call: Paul Klang-present, Megan Flatley-absent, Angie Davis-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Ryan Kern-absent, and Joe Lukaszewski-present.

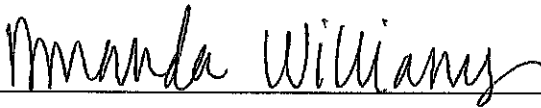
Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the consent of agenda. Motion carried.

The Board decided there was not need to go into closed session. All of the discussions and actions were held in open session.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to approve making Jessica Spillane a full-time paraprofessional. Motion Carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang approve Emma Zinkle as a special education paraprofessional and increase her hours to 29 per week. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Amanda Williams, Clerk