

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
February 11, 2026**

Angie Davis 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-present, Jeff Richardson-present, Amanda Williams-present, Joe Lukaszewski-present, and Ryan Kern-present.

Citizen Comments-None

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Bastian gave the Athletic Director's report. Winter sports are winding down. Parent's Nights and Senior Nights have been scheduled and organized by the Pep Club. Thanks to Melissa Keleher and Traci Calvert for their help with this. Spring sports will begin shortly; HS track begins March 9th, softball on March 16th, and full team baseball practice will begin March 23rd. Boys golf practice will begin on March 30th, but we have not had any athletes express an interest in participating in golf. Mr. Kern and I have been working on the conversion to the Bound software. Mr. Kern has been very helpful and the help desk at Bound has been very quick to answer questions. I am hoping that this conversion will be completely in place by the end of this school year. The Shullsburg athletic director has indicated that he believes the Shullsburg village park will be remodeled this summer and they will need us to host football games this fall. This additional wear and tear will need to be monitored, but I am certain our staff will take care of this issue. The new softball uniforms have not arrived yet, but should arrive any day. Laurel Hartung has dropped off a check to pay for these uniforms.

Mrs. Lawrence gave the Principal's report. Sofia Curtis, in grade 8, qualified for the State Spelling Bee. The Bee will be held in Madison on Saturday, March 21, at the Mitby Theater in Madison. Nicolas Flatley, in grade 8, was awarded the Patriot Pen Award. This contest is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Auxiliary. Administration is analyzing Forward Exam results from the 2024-2025 school year, preparing for state spring assessments (grades 3-11), and previewing curricula and online platforms for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Bastian gave the Superintendent's report. Traci Calvert wrote a Community Fund Grant to help purchase the batting cage that is now installed in the elementary school gymnasium. The Benton Athletic Booster Club took care of the rest of the cost. We may have a small cost for installation, but it is a great addition to the school. I recently put a video on social media pointing out some facts about the referendum. I also let people

know how to get to the referendum page on our website. We are continuing to get all of the legal documents and notices completed for the school board elect and referendum election.

Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to pay bills 39510 through 39594, voiding check 39523. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the AGR report. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Kern to approve the graduation date of May 21, 2027, for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Flatley to approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Klang to adjourn to closed session at 6:19 P.M. as permitted under State Statute 19.85(1)(c) to discuss performance evaluations and employment. 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.

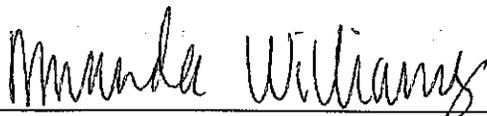
Motion by Kern, seconded by Flatley to reconvene to open session at 6:25 P.M. Motion carried.

Motion by Flatley, seconded by Richardson to approve the evaluation of Lisa Lawrence. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Flatley to hire Kyle Kern to fill the athletic director position starting July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve Emma Lawrence and Paul Raley as volunteer track coaches. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:28 P.M.



Amanda Williams, Clerk

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