

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BENTON, WISCONSIN
May 13, 2026**

President 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-absent, Angie Davis-present, 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 April 8, 2026, meeting and the April 29, 2026 special meeting. Motion carried.

Annual School Board Reorganization-Election of officers was held.

President: Angie Davis was nominated by Williams and seconded by Richardson. Angie accepted the nomination. Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to close nominations. Motion carried. Angie was then elected president with five votes.

Vice-President: Megan Flatley was nominated by Williams and seconded by Richardson. Megan made it known prior to the meeting that she would accept this nomination. Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to close nominations. Motion carried. Megan was then elected vice-president with five votes.

Clerk: Amanda Williams was nominated by Klang and seconded by Richardson. Amanda accepted the nomination. Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to close nominations. Motion carried. Amanda was then elected to clerk with five votes.

Treasurer: Paul Klang was nominated by Williams and seconded by Richardson. Klang accepted the nomination. Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to close nominations. Motion carried. Klang was then elected treasurer with five votes.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to continue with the Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to designate the Conservation First Bank as the official fund depository. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to designate the Tri-County Press as the official school newspaper. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Lukaszewski to set the regular monthly meeting date and time on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm. Motion carried

Mr. Bastian gave the treasurer's report. The cash in bank report was given.

Principal's report was given by Mrs. Lawrence. Staff members participated in a professional development presentations earlier today including MagicSchool AI and Addressing Student Grief. There are only a few students left to complete the district diagnostic iReady assessment. Administration is currently previewing elementary social studies curricula, prepping for high school and middle school awards nights, monitoring senior academics and preparing an exit survey for seniors.

Mr. Bastian gave the Superintendent's report. The Village of Benton Board has approved naming the football field "Temple Field". We will have a short ceremony before the first home football game and place a sign on the football press box. Mr. Bastian attended a Trout Unlimited banquet on May 1. At the banquet, the school received a \$600 grant to help fund the middle school fishing trip on May 27th. The surprise pep-rally held this past Monday for Pat Neis was a great success and Pat and her family were appreciative.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to pay bills 39722-39812. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Klang to approve the first reading of polices 0100 to 9700.01 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the purchase of the three copy machines as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to appoint Megan Flatley to attend the CESA3 annual convention in August. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Richardson to approve the Swift Park Agreement with the Village of Benton that runs from July 1, 2026, until June 30, 2028. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve full-day 4K for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the resignation of Traci Calvert and Melissa Keleher from their Pep Club advisor positions. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Klang to adjourn to closed session at 6:47pm 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 and 19.85(1) (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data

of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations to discuss the listed items. Motion carried. Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Paul Klang- yes, Angie Davis- yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to reconvene in open session at 7:10pm. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to approve the staffing for the 2026-2027 school year as proposed in Schedule A. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the Resolution to renew teacher contracts for the 2026-2027 school year. Upon a roll call vote, the motion was carried with 5-yes and 0-no. Jeff Richardson- yes, Joe Lukaszewski- yes, Amanda Williams- yes, Paul Klang- yes, Angie Davis- yes.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve a 2.9% raise for support staff and the other salary adjustments for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the contract for Katherine Strong as the Director of Special Education for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Williams to approve the contract for Angele Walsh as the School Psychologist for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Klang to approve a 2.9% raise on the co-curricular schedule for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Richardson to approve the contract for Maggie Pickel as the School nurse for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Richardson, seconded by Williams to approve the contract for Lisa Lawrence as the 4k-12 principal for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, seconded by Lukaszewski to approve the contract for Todd Bastian as the district administrator for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukaszewski, seconded by Richardson to approve the regular open enrollment applications numbered one through ten. Motion carried.

Motion by Klang, seconded by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Amanda Williams, Clerk

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