

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 21, 2026

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 5:43 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Jay Copple led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members present: Mark Minor, President; Marci Glover, Secretary; Jay Copple, Stacia Sloan, Robin LaBuwi and Mitch Bennett. Board member absent: Shane Cockrum.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

4. Yearbook Staff Presentation Yearbook Staff Presentation, listed as item 4 on the agenda, occurred prior to the start of the regular meeting and before the official call to order.

5. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

5.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

5.2 Collective Bargaining

5.3 Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body Add per the request of Mr. Minor**

5.4 Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students Add per the request of Mr. Minor**

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel, Collective Bargaining, Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Public Body and Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board; Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; and Kenise Head, Recording Secretary entered into an Executive Session in the executive board room at 5:45 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 7:05 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes and Robin LaBuwi – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, April 16, 2026

6.2 Approve Financial Report (April 2026)

6.3 Approve Payment of Bills (April 2026)

6.4 Approve SY 2026-27 Field Trip List for Overnight/ Out of State Trips

6.5 Approve Final Calendar for 2025-26 SY

6.6 Approve 2026-27 Consolidated District Plan

6.7 Approve Surplus Property

6.8 Approve Girls Basketball Overnight Trip to Indiana Fever Game, June 18 & 19, 2026

6.9 Approve Seniors Baseball Trip to St. Louis Cardinals Game on May 31, 2026

6.10 Approve Agreement for IDPH Basic Nursing Assistant Training Program

6.11 Approve 1st Reading of Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 121

6.12 Approve Centerstone MOU

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Mitch Bennett – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Updates
- Ms. Martin provided the results from her Senior Class – Plans After High School survey
- “Thank you” to our retirees – Angie Crawford, Bob Hagerman and Skyla Stotlar

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller provided written reports.

8. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

9. OLD BUSINESS

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Amy Corn as the Class of 2030 Sponsor for the 2026-27 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Amy Jones as the Class of 2030 Sponsor for the 2026-27 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Alicia Ward as the Class of 2029 Sponsor for the 2026-27 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Andy Sloan, Aaron Webb, Joe Smith, Preston Trill and Heather Young as Part Time Summer 2026 Driver's Ed Instructors as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Stacia Sloan – abstain, Jay Copple – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Mark Minor – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Cheryl Ort as a Temporary Part Time Summer 2026 Custodian as needed. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Alayna McDaniel as a Substitute School Nurse as needed. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Noah Jones as a Substitute Bus Driver as needed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stacia Sloan made a motion to accept the Resignation from Bryce Doughty as Girls Golf Assistant Coach effective immediately. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Nathan Minor as an Assistant Cross-Country Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, members voted as follows: Jay Copple – yes, Mark Minor – abstain, Stacia Sloan – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Hannah Drew as a Volunteer Assistant in the Weight Room and Female Sports for the 2026-27 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Jera Pieper as the Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Mary Boyt replacing Lacey Hagerman as Yearbook Sponsor for the 2026-27 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.2 Employment of Personnel Jay Copple made a motion to approve changing Mary Boyt from Part Time Instructor to Full Time Instructor for the 2026-27 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve the 1 Period Overload Proposal during both semesters for Alicia Ward for the 2026-2027 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve Kirklyn Kay, Samuel Bautista, Cedric McCarty, Lukas Head and Briggs Miller as Summer 2026 Student Workers as needed. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to accept the Resignation from Peggy Page as a Part Time Cook effective April 30, 2026. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.3 Review/Approve Assistant Athletic Director Job Description Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Assistant Athletic Director Job Description as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve the posting of Part Time Cook, Girls Golf Assistant Coach and Assistant Athletic Director for the 2026-27 SY. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.5 Review/Approve Computer Network Specialist Contract Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Computer Network Specialist Contract for Cameron McClellan as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.6 Approve Contract for Principal Jay Copple made a motion to approve the School Principal Contract for Sean Docherty as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10.7 Review/Approve BusRight Proposal Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Proposal from BusRight as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

11. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Mark Minor read a thank you card from Skyla Stotlar.

Mark Minor read an article concerning dual credit and provided copies for review.

Stacia Sloan thanked the Yearbook Teacher and Students for their presentation and work.

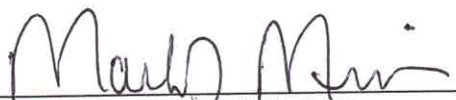
Stacia Sloan thanked those who were involved with the graduation ceremony.

Stacia Sloan provided kudos to Amy Jones and Amy Corn for Project Graduation.

Stacia Sloan complimented Honors Night.

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12. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.


BOARD PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY *pro-tem*