

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 16, 2026

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, July 16, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mark Minor opened in prayer and Robin LaBuwi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Abi Martin, Student Council Representative.

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

Robin LaBuwi made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel. Stacia Sloan 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 5:31 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:06 P.M. Marci Glover, Secretary called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes and Marci Glover – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Abi Martin, Student Council Representative and Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2026

5.2 Approve Financial Report (June 2026)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (June 2026)

5.4 Approve 1st Reading Board Policy Updates Issue 122

5.5 Approve Centerstone MOU

5.6 Approve Project ECHO and STARQuest Regional Safe School MOU

5.7 Review/Approve ShutterSnap Photo Agreement

5.8 Approve ControllIQ SLA Service Contract

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Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of removing item 5.7 ShutterSnap Photo Agreement. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- Project Updates

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Docherty provided written reports.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Abi Martin introduced herself as the new Student Council Representative for Board Meetings

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

Review/Approve ShutterSnap Photo Agreement was originally Item 5.7 on the Consent Agenda, but was removed and moved to New Business for consideration. Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve a 1 Year ShutterSnap Photo Agreement, while authorizing the Superintendent to adjust the terms as directed. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – no, Stacia Sloan – yes, and Jay Copple – yes. Motion carried.

9.1 Assignment of Personnel

9.2 Employment of Personnel

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions

9.4 Review/Approve Student Handbook Updates Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Student Handbook as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve Faculty/Staff Handbook Updates Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Faculty/Staff Handbook as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Coaches Handbook Updates Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Coaches Handbook as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Classification of Executive Board Meeting Minutes The executive board meeting minutes from January – June 2026 have been reviewed and the need for confidentiality continues to exist, therefore, Robin LaBuwi made a motion to continue to classify the executive board meeting minutes as confidential. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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9.8 2026-2027 Budget Hearing Date Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Budget Hearing Date for September 17, 2026 at 5:15 P.M. in the District Board Room. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.9 Review/Approve Additional Building Renovations Alternative Packages Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the Additional Building Renovations Alternative Package as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.10 Approve Final Reading Board Policy 7:40 - Nonpublic School Students Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Final Reading Board Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Marci Glover – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Stacia Sloan – no, and Jay Copple – yes. Motion carried.

9.11 Approve Intergovernmental Agreement and MOA Between BCHS District #103 and Franklin County Regional Delivery System for the Provision of a Regional Carpentry Class Robin LaBuwi made a motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement and MOA Between BCHS District #103 and Franklin County Regional Delivery System for the Provision of a Regional Carpentry Class as presented. This will allow BCHS to host the Carpentry class for Franklin County students. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

Stacia Sloan requested the extracurricular committee explore the idea of adding a second dead week in the summer next year, as it is expensive to travel around the 4th of July.

Stacia Sloan requested the Honors English students be allowed to take their summer reading tests during the summer. She stated the amount of time between completing the reading in the summer and taking the test during the school year makes the test more difficult.

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 P.M. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.


BOARD PRESIDENT


BOARD SECRETARY