

BENTON CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL
Benton, Illinois 62812
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 18, 2026

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. in the District Board Room. President, Mark Minor called the meeting to order.

Mitch Bennett opened in prayer and Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Mark Minor appointed Mitch Bennett as Secretary Pro Tempore.

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

Others present: Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

4. (CLOSED) EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.1 Appointment/Compensation/Discipline/Performance of Personnel

4.2 Collective Bargaining

Jay Copple made the motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, and Performance of Personnel and Collective Bargaining. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board 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 5:52 P.M. Mitch Bennett, Secretary Pro Tempore called the roll. Answering present: Mark Minor – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes and Robin LaBuwi – yes.

Others present: Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej, BEA Representative.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, May 21, 2026

5.2 Approve Financial Report (May 2026)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (May 2026)

5.4 Approve Final Reading of Board Policy Updates from Press Plus Issue 121

5.5 Approve Iconik Studio Photography Service Agreement

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

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Kenise Head commented on the following:

- Project Updates
- Update on Insurance Increases (4%)

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller provided written reports.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Extra Duty Slate of Assignments for Spring Sports and Bass Fishing. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Shane Cockrum – yes, Mitch Bennett – yes, Robin LaBuwi – yes, Jay Copple – yes, Stacia Sloan – abstain and Mark Minor – yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Karla Gunter as an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mitch Bennett made a motion to approve Lauren Johnson as an Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Makane Cass as an Assistant Girls Golf 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 Brian Blades as an Assistant Girls Wrestling Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jay Copple made a motion to approve Paige Hutchcraft as a Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Mitch Bennett 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 accept the Resignation from Dave Brown as Assistant Football Coach effective immediately. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Blakely Johnson as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve Jeff Cima as a Part Time Cook for the 2026-27 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve Debra Moss as a Part Time Cook for the 2026-27 SY. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.3 Review/Approve Fees for 2026-2027 School Year Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the fees for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.4 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the posting/reposting of any Remaining Extracurricular Openings for the 2026-27 SY. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.5 Review/Approve District Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal Jay Copple made a motion to approve the District Property and Casualty Insurance Proposal as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.6 Review/Approve Bookkeeper Contract Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve the Bookkeeper Contract for Kenise Head as presented. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.7 Review/Approve Assistant Bookkeeper Contract Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve the Assistant Bookkeeper Contract for Lori Craven as presented. Robin LaBuwi seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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9.9 Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with the BEA Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve a 5-Year Agreement with the BEA as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, board members voted as follows: Jay Copple – yes, Shane Cockrum – yes, Mark Minor – yes, Stacia Sloan – abstain, Robin LaBuwi – abstain, and Mitch Bennett – yes. Motion carried.

9.10 Review/Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement with School Service Union Robin LaBuwi made a motion to approve a 5-Year Agreement with Service Employee Union as presented. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 P.M. Stacia Sloan seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

BOARD PRESIDENT

BOARD SECRETARY