

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

The Board of Education of the Benton Consolidated High School District #103 met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 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 Shane Cockrum led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej and Mary Ann Supancic, BEA Representatives.

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. Shane Cockrum 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 5:32 P.M.

Open Session - The Board reconvened in an Open Session at 6:00 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 Shane Cockrum – yes.

Others present: Benjamin Johnson, Superintendent; Sean Docherty, Principal; Shane Garner, Athletic Director; Kenise Head, Recording Secretary; Amy Kolodziej and Mary Ann Supancic, BEA Representatives.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Approve Minutes: Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2026
Executive Board Meeting Minutes, March 19, 2026

5.2 Approve Financial Report (March 2026)

5.3 Approve Payment of Bills (March 2026)

5.4 Approve Summer Camps/Conditioning Insurance Policy

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

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REMARKS

Mr. Johnson commented on the following:

- American Fidelity met with staff April 6th – 10th. Our representative shared that staff seemed to be more engaged and interested in annuities, health savings accounts and other optional insurance coverages to help build and protect their future.
- BCHS has received tax appeal letters from the Franklin County Supervisor of Assessments
- OMNI construction updates/plans

Mr. Docherty and Mr. Miller provided written reports.

Mr. Garner shared a monthly athletic newsletter to staff and board members emails.

7. COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

8. OLD BUSINESS

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Assignment of Personnel Stacia Sloan made a motion to accept the Resignation of Joseph Smith as Class of 2028 Sponsor effective at the end of the 2025-2026 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 the 2026-2027 Extra Duty Slate of Assignments, excluding Spring Sports, as presented. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

Shane Cockrum made a motion to approve an MOU with the BEA to split the Baseball Assistant Coaching Stipends for the 2025-2026 SY. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

9.2 Employment of Personnel

9.3 Review/Approve Posting of Open Positions Stacia Sloan made a motion to approve the posting of any Approved Extra Duty Slate Openings, as well as the following part time and as needed positions: Summer Secretary, Summer Custodian, Summer Driver Ed Teachers and Summer Student Maintenance Workers. Jay Copple seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

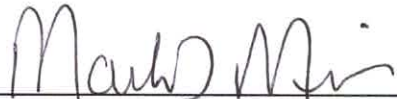
9.4 Review/Approve the 2026-2027 Amended School Calendar Jay Copple made a motion to approve the Amended School Calendar for the 2026-2027 SY as presented. Shane Cockrum seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.

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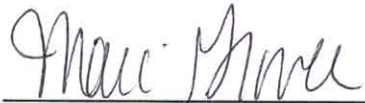
9.5 Discussion Regarding Board Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students the Board directed Superintendent Johnson to compile and present information outlining the advantages and disadvantages of permitting in-district non-public school students to participate in extracurricular activities and athletics. No action was taken at this time.

10. BOARD OF EDUCATION REMARKS

11. ADJOURNMENT Jay Copple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 P.M. Mitch Bennett seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. Motion carried.



BOARD PRESIDENT



BOARD SECRETARY