

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Organizational Meeting of the Benzie County Central Board of Education was held Monday, January 12, 2026, in the Board of Education Conference Room.

Superintendent Amiee Erfourth called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mr. Childs, Mr. Barnard, Mrs. Gillison, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kempton, Mrs. Campana, Piper Barnard (non-voting member)

Members Absent: Mr. Egeler

Nominations for President were requested.

25-26-050 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith to nominate Brian Childs for the office of President.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Nominations for Vice-President were requested.

25-26-051 It was moved by Mrs. Campana and supported by Mr. Barnard to nominate Matt Smith for the office of Vice-President.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Nominations for Secretary were requested.

25-26-052 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Childs to nominate Jason Barnard for the office of Secretary.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

Nominations for Treasurer were requested.

25-26-053 It was moved by Mr. Childs and supported by Mr. Barnard to nominate Shannon Gillison for the office of Treasurer.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

25-26-054 It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith that the regular monthly meetings be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. January and June include Board Retreat meetings and include different start times. June's second meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. Board Retreat – 6:30 p.m. Budget Review – 7:00 p.m. Budget Hearing. All *Three meetings were changed from what was presented. March 16 to March 9, September 7 to September 14, and December 7 to December 14. Board of Education meetings will be held in the Board of Education Conference room; 9300 Homestead Rd., Benzonia.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

- 25-26-055** It was moved by Mr. Childs and supported by Mrs. Gillison to approve the attached suggested agenda format as presented. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Catina Crossman suggested removing Bond Project Updates. All agreed.
- Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

Board of Education Committees – Board of Education committees will remain the same. Committees will be reviewed and updated in July 2026.

- 25-26-056** It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mrs. Campana that the following banks be named depositories for respective school funds during the 2026 calendar year:
- Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**
- State Savings Bank**
Student Activity Accounts

- 25-26-057** It was moved by Mr. Barnard and supported by Mr. Smith that the following banks be named depositories for respective school funds during the 2024 calendar year:
- Honor Bank**
General Fund Checking
General Fund Savings
Food Service Account
Sinking Fund 2017-2026
Early Childhood Savings
Early Childhood Checking
Debt Retirement Savings
Dependent Care Checking
- Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus**
Bond Proceeds 2021
Bond Proceeds 2023
General Fund
Sinking Fund
Debt Fund
- Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried**

Superintendent Erfourth presented the Board of Education with certificates.

25-26-058 It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Campana to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.
Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Motion Carried

The Organizational Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. and the board entered into the Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary, Board of Education

Please note that January 12, 2026 Organizational Board Minutes are subject for approval on February 9, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Catina M. Crossman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Respectfully Submitted,
Catina M. Crossman
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent
Board of Education Administrative Assistant
Pupil Accounting Specialist
Talent Management Administrative Assistant
Schools of Choice Coordinator
Director of Communications
Benzie County Central Schools