

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION Monday, July 13, 2026 – Regular Meeting

AGENDA

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Opening Statement - We are a team. We leave our personal opinions at the door and we are bound by Policy 2302 to faithfully discharge the office of a board member and keep in mind our primary concern is the educational welfare of students focusing on governance and fiduciary obligations of the district including duties of loyalty and care, placing the District's interests above the Board member's personal interests.
- IV. Consent Grouping
The Board has asked that certain items be grouped together and dealt with in a single motion for efficiency. A board member may ask that any listed item be considered separately.
 - A. Minutes
 1. June 8, 2026 Regular | June 22, 2026 Regular (Retreat, Budget Review, Budget Hearing)
 - B. Business – General Fund Bills - \$597,006.02
 - C. Support Staff Appointments
 1. Josephine Johnston – Physical Education Teacher – High School - 26/27
 2. Susan Payne – Secondary 6.5 Paraprofessional – Middle School - 26/27
 3. Evelyn Putney – Michigan College Access Coordinator (MCAN) Advisor - 26/27
 4. Katlyn Kranick – Elementary Teacher – Homestead Hills Elementary – 26/27
 - D. Staff Assignment Changes
 1. NONE
 - E. Leave of Absence
 1. Demae Cicchelli – Early Childhood Site Director – Maternity Leave August 1, 2026 through November 1, 2026.
 - F. Recommendation for Tenure
 1. NONE
 - G. Recommendation for Termination following Probationary Period
 1. NONE
 - H. Recommendation for Termination
 1. NONE
 - I. Contract Updates
 1. NONE
- V. District Impact Team Update – Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith -
- VI. Student Council Report – Student Council Board of Education Representative, Piper Barnard – No Report
- VII. Administration Report
 - A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth
 - B. Non-Union Contract Updates
 - C. Early Childhood/Infant Toddler Summer Camp Update – Early Childhood Coordinator, Melinda Coger

- D. Early Childhood Handbook Update – Early Childhood Coordinator, Melinda Coger
- E. Early Graduation Requests
 - Hailey Brinkman
 - Katelyn Brinkman
- F. 2026/27 1.0 FTE Resolution
- G. Resignations
 - 1. Natasha Shropp – GSRP Assistant Teacher – Lake Ann Elementary
 - 2. Amber Hughes – Middle School Volleyball
 - 3. Jennifer DeCew – Secondary Math 2026/27 – Never officially started
- H. Retirements
 - 1. NONE

VIII. Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. Building and Grounds Committee
 - 1. Sinking Project Updates
 - 2. Building and Grounds Modifications
 - 1. NONE
- B. Policy Committee
 - 1. Thrun Policy Updates – June 10, 2026
- C. Finance Committee – Gillison
- D. Parent Advisory Council - Campana
- E. Liaison – Kempton
- F. Ad Hoc – Campana/Egeler
- G. Negotiations –Erfourth –

IX. Audience Participation (Agenda Items Only)

X. Discussion Topics

- 1. Current District Enrollment Summary Review Exit Out v. Transfer In – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Pupil Accounting Specialist, Catina Crossman – No Report
- 2. Wireless Communication Survey Discussion

XI. Action Topics

- A. Administrative Appointments
 - 1. NONE
- B. Approval of Non-Union Contract Updates
- C. Approval of Early Childhood Handbook
- D. Approval of 2026/27 Course Catalogs as presented in June
 - Elementary Course Catalog
 - Middle School Course Catalog
 - High School Course Catalog
 - Benzie Academy Course Catalog
 - Edgenuity Course Catalog
 - Michigan Virtual Course Catalog
- E. Approval of 2026/27 1.0 FTE Resolution
- F. Approval of Thrun June 10, 2026 Policy Updates

XII. Audience Participation (Open Topics)

XIII. Board Communication

XIV. Announcement

- 1. Regular Board Meeting – August 10, 2026

*Audience Participation: The Board will invite your comments and concerns twice during tonight's meeting. First, you may address items on tonight's agenda. A second opportunity to speak will occur later, when you may address any issue. Though it is the board's usual practice to listen without immediate comment, your concerns are noted, and you may request follow-up. To address the board, please approach the lectern and give your name and address. Please limit your comments to three minutes.



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