

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Monday, September 14, 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. August 10, 2026 Regular
- B. Business – General Fund Bills - \$806,580.97
- C. Support Staff Appointments
 - 1. Josephine Johnston – Head Middle School Volleyball Coach
 - 2. Abigail Smith – Permanent Building Substitute – High School
 - 3. Zachary Jajo – Permanent Building Substitute – Middle School
 - 4. Paige Sauer – Permanent Building Substitute -Homestead Hills Elementary
 - 5. Emily Pangborn – Permanent Building Substitute – Lake Ann Elementary
 - 6. Josephine Johnston – High School Student Council Advisor
 - 7. Tracy Hammar – Elementary Teacher – 3rd Grade– Lake Ann Elementary
 - 8. Jamilya Goree – Elementary Teacher – 4th Grade – Lake Ann Elementary
 - 9. Michaila-Ann Zachman – Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Choral Director – Middle School – High School
 - 10. Danielle Northrup – Early Childhood PRK Assistant Teacher – Lake Ann Elementary
 - 11. Julie Sullivan – Bus Driver – Transportation Department
 - 12. Isabella Marranca – Strong Beginnings Assistant Teacher – Homestead Hills Elementary
 - 13. Patricia Hunsinger – 6.5 Paraprofessional – Betsie Valley Elementary
- D. Staff Assignment Changes
 - 1. Mikyla Bates – Willsub to Benzie Employee – Early Childhood Lead Teacher Infant/Toddler
 - 2. Elle Robinson – Willsub to Benzie Employee – Early Childhood Assistant Teacher
 - 3. Renee Brayton – Lake Ann Elementary – 3rd Grade to 4th Grade
 - 4. Cassandra Bentley – adding Homestead Hills Elementary – Special Education
 - 5. Jeannie Brooks – Early Childhood Summer Camp – Homestead Hills Elementary to Early Childhood Aide – Lake Ann Elementary
- E. Leave of Absence
 - 1. NONE

- F. Recommendation for Tenure
 - 1. Hannah Harden
 - 2. Kathryn Hohfeldt
 - 3. Olivia Barnes
 - 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, Greg Kempton -
- VI. Student Council Report – Student Council Board of Education Representative, Keelin Rineer –
- VII. Administration Report
 - A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth
 - B. Homestead Hills Elementary Update – Principal, Steve Graetz
 - C. High School Update – Principal, Cheryl Smith
 - D. High School Hiking Club – Overnight Trip – Principal, Cheryl Smith
 - E. Strategic Plan Update – Superintendent Erfourth
 - F. Resignations
 - 1. Kirsten Cline – High School Student Council Advisor
 - 2. Bonita Eickenroth – 6.5 Paraprofessional – Betsie Valley Elementary-Never started
 - 3. Tonia Puga – Softball Coach – Middle School
 - 4. Susan Payne – Secondary Paraprofessional – Middle School – Never started
 - 5. Alexander Byland – Principal – Middle School – Effective November 24, 2026
 - 6. Steven Lowry – Transportation Department – Bus Driver – Effective September 10, 2026
 - G. Retirements
 - 1. NONE
- VIII. Board of Education/Committee Reports
 - A. Building and Grounds Committee-Smith/Kempton
 - 1. Sinking Project Updates
 - 2. Building and Grounds Modifications
 - 1. NONE
 - B. Policy Committee
 - 1. NONE
 - C. Finance Committee – Gillison/Campana
 - D. Parent Advisory Council - Campana
 - E. Liaison – Egeler
 - F. Ad Hoc – Campana/Egeler
 - G. Negotiations –Erfourth – 2026-2028 Transportation Contract
- 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 –
- XI. Action Topics
 - A. Administrative Appointments
 - 1. NONE
 - 2. Approval of High School Hiking Club Overnight Trip – Upper Peninsula
 - 3. Approval of 2026-2028 Transportation Contract

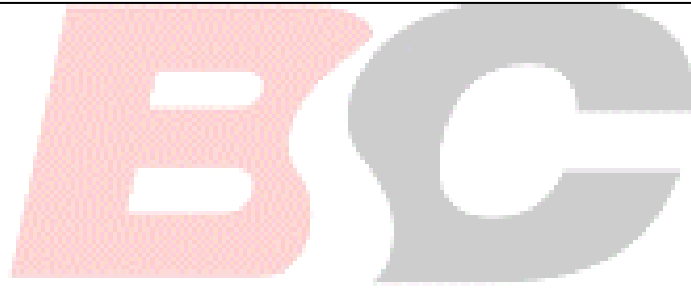
XII. Audience Participation (Open Topics)

XIII. Board Communication

XIV. Announcement

- 1. Early Release – September 25**
- 2. Parent-Teacher Conferences – October 8 & 9**
- 3. Homecoming Game – October 9**
- 4. Homecoming Dance – October 10 - 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**
- 5. Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 12 – 7:00 PM**

*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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