

BENZIE COUNTY CENTRAL SCHOOLS



BOARD OF EDUCATION Monday, September 8, 2025 – 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 11, 2025 Regular
 - B. Business – General Fund Bills - \$1,040,895.55
 - C. Support Staff Appointments
 1. Rachel Higgins – Fall Musical Director – High School - Willsub
 - D. Staff Assignment Changes
 1. Paige Sauer – Long Term Substitute – Homestead Hills Elementary to Long Term Substitute – Secondary PE – Middle School
 - E. Leave of Absence
 1. Jalen Williams – Paternity Leave – Beginning 10/14/2025 through 12/20/2025
 - 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. Melinda Coger – Non-Union Contract
- V. District Impact Team Update – Board of Education Trustee, Matt Smith -
- VI. Student Council Report – Student Council Board of Education Representative, Piper Barnard –
- VII. Administration Report
 - A. NMSLA – Superintendent Erfourth
 - B. Strategic Plan Update
 - C. Homestead Hills Elementary Update – Principal, Steve Graetz
 - D. Resignations
 1. Elizabeth Rucki – 6.5 Paraprofessional – Lake Ann Elementary
 - E. Retirements
 1. NONE
- VIII. Board of Education/Committee Reports

- A. Building and Grounds Committee
 - 1. Sinking Project Updates – NONE
 - 2. Building and Grounds Modifications
 - 1. NONE
- B. Policy Committee
 - 1. Policy Updates - NONE
- C. Finance Committee – Smith
- D. Parent Advisory Council - Campana
- E. Liaison – Kempton
- F. 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, Catina Crossman – Fall 2025 Pupil Count
- 2. Website Platform Update – Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Catina Crossman

XI. Action Topics

- A. Administrative Appointments
 - 1. NONE

XII. Audience Participation (Open Topics)

XIII. Board Communication

XIV. Announcement

- 1. September 19 – Early Release
- 2. October 8 & 9 – Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3. October 10 – NO SCHOOL

*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.