

West Bend-Mallard Community School
Gilmore City-Bradgate Community School
Board of Directors Joint Meeting
Monday, January 19, 2026
West Bend-Mallard Administration Board Room

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:18 pm by President John Zaugg and President Devin Ellrich. The following members were present: Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer, Dawn Schmidt, Chris Montag and Lisa Traub for WBM and Angie Jergens, Logan Peters, April Smith, and Abbi Telford for GCB.

Visitors: Paul Peppmeier, Tyson Wirtz, Tiffany Morey, Maria Steier, Rachel Montag, Jessica Nickman, Rob Nickman.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted.

Approve Agenda: Chris Montag made a motion to amend the agenda between items 5 & 6 and Jillian Hansen seconded for WBM. Abbi Telford made a motion to approve amending of the agenda between items 5&6 and April Smith seconded for GCB. The motion was carried.

Educational News:

Tiffany Morey updated the board that GCB 5th graders came to WBM in December and all the kids had a great time. They played games, toured the school, and decorated sugar cookies. Hopefully they can schedule another 1-2 more visits this year. They would also like to schedule a day for the 4th graders to come over and get to know their classmates a little better.

Rachel Montag updated the board that Lori Beltran completed PD training in November and January. She was focusing on getting teachers exposed to writing standards. Preschool PD was working on handwriting and fine motor skills.

Whole Grade Sharing Agreement was discussed:

There are a few areas we could add individuals to the sharing agreement. The board will rediscuss new sharing opportunities at their next joint meeting later in this year.

Dawn Schmidt moved for a roll call vote citing Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needles and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session to enter at 6:37pm. Seconded by Dave Bruellman. Motion carried.

Chris Montag moved for a roll call vote citing Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needles and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session to exit at 8:26 pm. Seconded by Lisa Traub. Motion carried

The next meeting will be set at a later date.

At 8:33 pm it was moved by Dave Bruellman for WBM and April Smith for GCB to adjourn. Motion carried.

John Zaugg, WBM President

Maria Steier, Secretary

Devin Ellrich, GCB President

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