

Gilmore City-Bradgate Community School
West Bend-Mallard Community School
Board of Directors Joint Meeting
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Gilmore City Gymnasium

Minutes

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

Visitors: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier and Maria Steier.

All motions are unanimously approved unless noted.

Approve Agenda: April Smith made a motion to approve the agenda and Abbi Telford seconded for GCB. Jillian Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda and Chris Montag seconded for WBM. The motion was carried.

Enrollment Trends: Superintendent Paul Peppmeier showed the board the Iowa Department of Education's predicted enrollment trends for the next 5 years. The trend shows a slight decrease in GCB enrollment and a slight increase in WBM enrollment. This isn't concerning as it is just a prediction and the predicted decrease is very slim. We continue to look for ways to make the transition to WBM as smooth as possible for our students. The earlier we can get everyone familiar with each other, the smoother the transition. We are always open to ideas regarding activities to get the students together. GCB Principal Rachel Montag and WBM Elementary Principal Tiffany Morey have done a great job of getting the staff together on professional development days to keep everyone on the same page regarding curriculum.

Sharing Agreement: Currently GCB and WBM share: Superintendent, School Business Official, Curriculum Director, and Transportation Director. There are additional sharing opportunities with a shared Special Education Director and Maintenance Director for FY26-27.

WBM would like to thank GCB for the improvements to the baseball field. It looks great, and many compliments were received.

At 6:32 pm it was moved by April Smith for GCB and Dave Bruellman for WBM to adjourn. Motion carried.

Devin Ellrich, GCB President

Maria Steier, Secretary

John Zaugg, WBM President

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