

Gilmore City-Bradgate Community School  
West Bend-Mallard Community School  
Board of Directors Joint Meeting  
Tuesday, October 8, 2024  
West Bend Administration Building

## Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President John Zaugg and President Devin Ellrich. The following members were present: Dave Bruellman, Jillian Hansen, Nicole Myer, Chris Montag, Dawn Schmidt, and Lisa Traub for WBM and Marsha Habben, Logan Peters, April Smith, and Abbi Telford for GCB. Absent – None

Visitors: Paul Peppmeier, Crystal Eggers, Tyson Wirtz, Tiffany Morey, Rachel Montag, Lavonne Hoover, Keri Benjamin, Hannah Vote, Tawny Hoover, Beau Jergens, Matt Veon, Wyatt Hanson, Eli Hanson, Leyton Veon, James Hansen, Eric Hanson, and Ryan Jergens

It was moved by Habben for GCB and Montag for WBM to approve the agenda. Seconded by Peters for GCB and Traub for WBM. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Peppmeier shared with the board the history of the sharing agreement. The sharing agreement began in 2011. It has been a very fluid and ever changing agreement for the best interests of our students. The districts have worked together very well over the entire sharing agreement and all want to do what is best for our students. It is agreed to have 2 joint board meetings a year to continue to discuss needs for our students.

Future sharing between the districts with suggestions of having students from both districts visit the other district a couple times a year. Work on trying to do field trips together to get students more time to get to know each other. Will work on getting the track meets at the end of the school year to be together as well.

Marsha Habben read aloud a letter from the Gilmore City Bradgate Community Members.

Discussion was held about adding MS Softball and MS Baseball to the Shared Athletic Program Agreement since West Bend Mallard will be taking it over from summer rec. Discussion was held on the HS Baseball program as well. Superintendent Peppmeier presented the boards with improvements that will be considered to be made at the Gilmore City baseball field where the current games are played. It would be a 2 year project and looking at replacing the fence in the outfield, removing the sidewalk, add padding to the building, replace the scoreboard, replace the dugouts, replace the back stop, replace the infield, and add bleachers. The estimated cost of these updates is approximately \$192,000. Peppmeier also updated the boards that for the field in West Bend to get updated to play high school baseball you are looking at approximately \$225,000 for irrigation and new infield and \$250,000 - \$310,000 for new lights and poles. Discussion continued back and forth between the boards about changing the number of years on the sharing agreement, looking at having any baseball games in West Bend, having softball games in Gilmore City.

Motion was made by Bruellman for WBM and Telford for GCB to add to the Shared Athletic Program Agreement that MS Softball and MS Baseball games will be played in West Bend, all scheduled home HS Baseball games will continue to be played in Gilmore City, baseball scrimmages may be played in West Bend, the Shared Athletic Program Agreement will continue on the 3 year term ending with the 2026-2027 school year with no automatic continuation for a year, and HS baseball will not be discussed again until 2027. Seconded by Hansen for WBM and Smith for GCB. Motion carried.

Both boards agree 2 meetings a year – one in the fall and one in the spring works well. Next meeting will be set later but will look at having it in the Spring.

At 9:06 pm it was moved by Habben for GCB and Bruellman for WBM to adjourn. All ayes, motion carried unanimously.

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Devin Ellrich, President

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Crystal Eggers, Secretary

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John Zaugg, President

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