

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MARCH 14, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Al Berget, Carrie Brunsting, Shelby Beasley, Stacey Denison, Amber Breden

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, **SECONDED** BY Member **K. Berry** the agenda for the board meeting of March 14, 2022 be adopted as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Burnett and Mrs. Robinson welcomed all guests and Ms. Breden.

J. Brackett, T. Frantz, K. Falkenstein, K. Sadler, T. Bates, S. Bates

**SUPERINTENDENT/
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Buck Staff Recognition March Winner: Amber Breden, Moccasin Media Assistant. Mrs. Laesch recognized Ms. Breden as this month's winner.

Nominees included:

- Anizbeth Contreras, Moccasin Speech & Language Pathologist
- Bobby Cauffman, BCS Operations Utility Staff
- Erica Amiel, Moccasin 4th Grade Teacher
- Jane Mitchell, BCS Outdoor Education Coordinator
- Jennifer Lentz, BHS Science Teacher
- Jessica Monsma, Ottawa GSRP Teacher
- Lisa Trager, Ottawa 1st Grade Teacher
- Missy Lyon, BMS Special Education Teacher
- Sarah Castelluccio, BMS Art Teacher

Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Business Office, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Assistant Superintendent were provided respectively.

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –
EXPULSION HEARING**

MOTION by H. Burnett, **SECONDED** BY Member K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the administration has presented to the Board of Education, a recommendation concerning the expulsion of a student who was in violation of Buchanan School Board Policy #5517.01 on Friday, March 4th, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the administration has notified the student and parents

involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of expulsion, and their rights to a hearing on this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Buchanan Board of Education chooses to expel Student #4302706469 from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year with the following conditions to be met for possible reinstatement to Buchanan Middle School for first semester of the 2022-23 school year:

1. Through the remainder of the second semester of the 2021-22 school year, we request that student #4302706469 successfully complete the current school year while attending BVA, the Step Up Program, or another alternative setting.
2. The student must have counseling completed with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian) prior to re-admittance meeting with the Superintendent of the Buchanan Community Schools.
3. Upon the completion of the first two steps the student and parents/guardians must contact the Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools to schedule a re-admittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
4. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the Buchanan School Board before a decision to reinstate student #4302706469 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

PRESENTATIONS

School Highlight – Mrs. Stacey Denison, Ottawa Elementary Principal, presented to the board. Mrs. Denison share with the board how Ottawa is celebrating March is reading month and how students PK-1st grade learn to read.

Executive Team Updates - Superintendent Robinson and Mark Kurland provided their updates respectively.

INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Parent Advisory Committee, BHS Academic Programming March 1st Meeting – Mrs. Robinson informed this group spoke on high school class scheduling.

Human Resources Committee March 2nd Meeting – Mrs. Writer updated the board regarding cross training staff, plan if unable to replace staff, small class sizes at the high school.

Parent Advisory Committee, Calendar March 2nd Meeting – Mrs. Robinson stated this group helped take a look at the final 2022-23 school calendar.

Parent Advisory Committee, Spanish Academic Programming March 3rd Meeting – Mrs. Robinson spoke of their most recent meeting, talks about Spanish being

offered as an afterschool activity at the elementary levels and they are exploring options.



Parent Advisory Committee March 10th Meeting – Mrs. Robinson reported back to the main group what the subcommittees had been discussing.

**COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
CITIZENS CONCERNS**

None.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of March 14th, 2022 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 2-22-2022 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 Treasury & Expenditure Reports – February 2022
3. Coaching Recommendation for Spring 2021-22 submitted by Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Mark Frey:

Coach	Position	Class/Level	Step
Jim DeVlaminck	Varsity Assistant Track Coach	5	1


ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**


**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL
ACADEMY GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Carlson**, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves:

Buchanan Virtual Academy Student:

 Shane Grimmig

Buchanan Step Up Student:

 Amanda Holt

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**ADDITIONAL 2021-22
EXTRACURRICULAR
ASSIGNMENTS**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the additional Buchanan Community Schools extracurricular assignments for the remainder of the 2021-22 school year:

Ryan Frontczak – Main Advisor – PBIS Pride Committee \$365.82 (prorated)
Carissa Todd – Mentor of Paula Tucek (1st yr.) \$289.44 (prorated)
Stacey Lee – Mentor of Julie Raducha (2nd yr.) \$289.44 (prorated)

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BEA 2022-23 SCHOOL
CALENDAR AMENDMENT**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the amended 2022-23 school calendar recommended by Buchanan Education Association President, Wendy Murphy and Superintendent Robinson.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**2022 STATE ROBOTICS
COMPETITION –
OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP**

MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the robotics team trip to Saginaw, MI for the purposes of the 2022 State Robotics Competition.

This trip is dependent on qualifying for the tournament, raising the needed funds & student availability.

The robotics team is expected to tentatively depart April 13th, 2022 and return April 16th, 2022 in accordance with board policy #2340. This robotics team trip will be under the supervision of Mr. Phillip Place.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RFP – BUCHANAN HIGH
SCHOOL MARQUEE SIGN**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Superintendent Robinson's recommendation to accept the bid from North American Signs, Inc. for a new marquee sign for Buchanan High School.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, and R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Writer noted the 2 year anniversary from March 13, 2020 and applauds all staff for working through this most difficult time. She also mentioned the 40th anniversary of the Close Up trip.

Mr. Carlson congratulated several students on their most recent accomplishments; Lilly Hardin has the second best Microsoft Office Specialist score on the certification exam in the state, Kaitlynne Walter finished 4th place in the women's wrestling state meet, and Faith Bartley took 1st place in her weight class at the state powerlifting meet.

Mr. Lee congratulated several student groups including the middle school and high school band festivals, Science Olympiad team finished 3rd in the county and robotics made it to the finals of the St. Joseph event.

Mrs. Laesch spoke of the high school play “Cancelled” that was performed recently.

Mrs. Berry was appreciative for seeing so many wonderful things happening in Buchanan Community Schools on social media.

Dr. Burnett advised the middle school had completed the D.A.R.E. program.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 18th at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

6:59 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 4/18/22 meeting)