

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 17, 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, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- ABSENT:** None
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Mark Kurland, Craig Kizer, Kelsey Hall, Stacey Denison, Michelle Munyon
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer** the agenda for the board meeting of October 17, 2022 be adopted as written.
- ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett
- NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**
- RECOGNITION OF VISITORS** Dr. Burnett welcomed all.
- J. Flenar, D. Ryman, M. Macigerski, T. Macigerski
- POINTS OF PRIDE** Buck Staff Recognition October Winner: Kelsey Hall, Ottawa Paraprofessional. Mrs. Laesch recognized Mrs. Hall as this month’s winner.
- Nominees included:
- Anna Smith, BHS Administrative Assistant
 - Brandon Flowers, BHS Guidance Counselor
 - Britney Thomas, BMS Paraprofessional
 - Carrie Brunsting, BCS Business Office Specialist
 - Christine Ewell, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
 - Cindy Hess, BHS Language Arts Teacher
 - Gene Warner, BHS Substitute Teacher
 - Jennifer Shumaker, BHS Paraprofessional
 - Jessica Leenhouts, BCS Elementary Physical Education Teacher & KidKare Director
 - Jessica Monsma, GSRP Teacher
 - Jody Tittle, BMS Interventionist
 - Katy Kaltenbach, Ottawa Paraprofessional
 - Melissa Seddon, Kindergarten Teacher
 - Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
 - Stacey Lee, BMS Special Education Teacher
- SUPERINTENDENT/
DEPARTMENT REPORTS** Updates for BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, Assistant Superintendent, and Outdoor Education were provided respectively.
- PRESENTATIONS** Learning Loss Plan – Superintendent Robinson presented to the board.

INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Human Resources Committee, October 5th Meeting – Mrs. Berry updated the board of their meeting topics including 9 hires, 2 resignations, open positions, discipline issues, count day and a letter of agreement regarding schedule C.

Board Policy Committee, October 5th Meeting – Mrs. Writer informed the board their recent meeting was around the standard policy update provided by NEOLA.




PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Ryman

Jerry Flenar

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of October 17th, 2022 be adopted as written:

- 1. Minutes:
 -  9-19-2022 Regular Meeting
 -  10-3-2022 Special Meeting
- 2. Warrants:
 -  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – September 2022
- 3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
 - Ottawa Elementary Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison
 - Moccasin Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Babcock
 - Buchanan Middle School Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley

Recommended Employee	Title
Randy Brooks	BMS Interventionist (contract attached)
Amy Cowart	Ottawa Paraprofessional
Kay Tularak	Moccasin Special Education Teacher

- 4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Megan Clark	Ottawa Paraprofessional	October 7, 2022
Reginald Curtis	CTE Instructor – CISCO	October 5, 2022
Heather Wilson	Bus Driver	September 28, 2022
Robert Kleca	Operations Utility Staff	October 11, 2022

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Community Schools’ Board of Education, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications of nonresident students who reside within Berrien RESA boundaries for the available grade level openings as listed below for enrollment into Buchanan Community Schools for the 2022-23 school year and will operate a Schools of Choice program in our district in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105. The window for applications for these openings will be November 7, 2022 to November 25, 2022. Available openings for each grade level:

OTTAWA ELEMENTARY	MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY	BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL	BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL
Kindergarten: 0	2 nd Grade: 2	5 th Grade: 2	8 th Grade: 2
1 st Grade: 3	3 rd Grade: 2	6 th Grade: 1	9 th Grade: 1
	4 th Grade: 1	7 th Grade: 1	10 th Grade: 4
			11 th Grade: 2
			12 th Grade: 0

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**NEOLA BOARD POLICIES –
FIRST READING**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the first reading of the following NEOLA new and revised policies:

POLICY	Description
0144.1	Compensation
6108	Authorization to Use Electronic Fund Transfers and Automated Clearing House Arrangements (new)
6460	Vendor Relations
6700	Fair Labor Standards Act
7440.03	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
9150	School Visitors

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NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

LEARNING LOSS PLAN

MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools Learning Loss Plan and its use of 98C funds to address student needs.



Learning Loss Plan
October 2022

1. **Identified Learning Loss / Loss of Instructional Time:** When COVID-19 first became a concern in March of 2020, the long term effects were not yet realized and still are not fully understood. However, as society is getting further out of the pandemic shutdown, there is evidence of effects which are now an opportunity to address.

Academic Needs - as evidenced by 2021 and 2022 fall interim assessment, students continue to have various academic needs in all content areas, especially math and reading. Data revealed a need to focus on essential skills such as math computation, reading fluency, comprehension and grammar.

Behavioral Needs - in addition to the student academic needs, discipline concerns and referrals have increased. While these incidents occur in multiple locations (school bus, extra curricular activities, classroom, lunchroom, hallway) data suggests that an essential focus for Buchanan Community Schools (BCS) is to provide students with basic social skills and strategies to act in accordance with expected student behaviors.

2. **Solutions Implemented:** BCS continues to provide multiple solutions for the identified needs. Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) are implemented to address the needs of students both academically and behaviorally, whether minor concerns or significant ones. Interventions, summer learning, credit recovery, and mental health initiatives have proven to improve areas of concern.
3. **Additional Support:** One of the greatest concerns identified is with the youngest students who are transitioning into an academically structured environment for the first time. These underserved Kindergarten students are struggling with implementing school expectations and navigating social interactions. In order to continue to meet the learning loss needs of students, BCS will add paraprofessionals to provide targeted assistance and accelerated learning to Kindergarten students for both academic (essential skills) and social-emotional needs. If funds allow, interventionists will be funded to support needs at other schools within the District.
4. **Metrics:** BCS will utilize the interim assessment results and discipline referral data to measure the effectiveness of the program implementation.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Writer appreciates the department updates and reports.

Mrs. Laesch thanked the Buchanan Scarecrow Charities for their generous donations.

Mrs. Berry thanked all the teachers involved in the traveling pep rally.

Dr. Burnett thanked Jerry Flenar for all his hard work and reminded everyone to vote.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, November 21st at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

6:24 pm