

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

SPECIAL MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:01pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

ABSENT: C. Carlson

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Michelle Munyon, Donna Southwell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the agenda for the special board meeting of February 6, 2023 be adopted as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

**2022-23 BUDGET
AMENDMENT**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education, in accordance with the General Appropriations Act, accepts the Buchanan Community Schools amended budget appropriations resolution for the fiscal year 2022-23 as presented. Said documents to be entered into the minutes of this meeting and to take immediate effect.

Revenues and Expenditures First Update 01/17/2023

	2022-2023 ORIGINAL 7/1/2022	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET UPDATE 01/17/2023	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)	BUDGET UPDATE 06/xx/2023
REVENUES:					
Local Sources	\$ 2,545,863	\$ 210,247	\$ 2,756,110	\$ -	\$ 2,756,110
State Sources	\$ 14,612,055	\$ 128,064	\$ 14,740,119	\$ -	\$ 14,740,119
Federal Sources	\$ 523,665	\$ 279,945	\$ 803,610	\$ -	\$ 803,610
Other Sources	\$ 133,347	\$ 173,672	\$ 307,019	\$ -	\$ 307,019
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,814,930	\$ 791,928	\$ 18,606,858	\$ -	\$ 18,606,858
EXPENDITURES:					
INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSE					
Basic Programs (11x)	\$ 8,988,134	\$ (348,482)	\$ 9,336,616	\$ -	\$ 9,336,616
Added Needs (12x)	\$ 1,783,500	\$ (218,997)	\$ 2,002,497	\$ -	\$ 2,002,497
Sub-Total:	\$ 10,771,634	\$ (567,479)	\$ 11,339,113	\$ -	\$ 11,339,113
SUPPORT SERVICES					
Pupil (21x)	\$ 918,784	\$ (138,961)	\$ 1,057,745	\$ -	\$ 1,057,745
Instructional Staff (22x)	\$ 802,312	\$ 33,300	\$ 769,012	\$ -	\$ 769,012
General Administration (23x)	\$ 481,787	\$ 40,863	\$ 440,924	\$ -	\$ 440,924
School Administration (24x)	\$ 1,058,223	\$ (1,140)	\$ 1,059,363	\$ -	\$ 1,059,363
Business (25x)	\$ 428,747	\$ (7,809)	\$ 436,556	\$ -	\$ 436,556
Operations and Maintenance (26x)	\$ 1,789,195	\$ (64,203)	\$ 1,853,398	\$ -	\$ 1,853,398
Transportation (27x)	\$ 879,857	\$ 1,149	\$ 878,708	\$ -	\$ 878,708
Other Central Support (28x)	\$ 408,252	\$ (69,449)	\$ 477,701	\$ -	\$ 477,701
Athletics (29x)	\$ 346,378	\$ -	\$ 346,378	\$ -	\$ 346,378
Community Services (3xx)	\$ 10,765	\$ (43,857)	\$ 54,622	\$ -	\$ 54,622
Non-Public Schools	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Financing Uses	\$ 6,877	\$ -	\$ 6,877	\$ -	\$ 6,877
Sub-Total:	\$ 7,131,177	\$ (250,107)	\$ 7,381,284	\$ -	\$ 7,381,284
Outgoing Transfers and Other	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 17,902,811	\$ (817,587)	\$ 18,720,398	\$ -	\$ 18,720,398
GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 17,814,930	\$ 791,928	\$ 18,606,858	\$ -	\$ 18,606,858
REVENUES/EXPENDITURES	\$ (87,880)	\$ (25,659)	\$ (113,540)	\$ -	\$ (113,540)
Favorable (unfavorable)					
Fund Balance 7/1/2022	\$ 4,314,966		\$ 4,314,966		\$ 4,314,966
Less Transfers from Fund Equity	\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Proj. Fund Balance 06/30/2023	\$ 4,227,086		\$ 4,201,426		\$ 4,201,426

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION TO CALL
 BOND ELECTION**

Buchanan Community Schools, Berrien County, Michigan (the "District")

A special meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the Auditorium of Buchanan High School, within the boundaries of the District, on the 6th day of February, 2023, at 6:01 o'clock in the p.m. (the "Meeting").

The Meeting was called to order by H., Burnett, President.

Present: Members K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, H. Burnett

Absent: Members C. Carlson

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member R. Writer and supported by Member K. Berry:

WHEREAS:

1. In the opinion of this Board it is necessary and expedient to ask voters whether to approve a bond project consisting of erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping a storage facility; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields, playgrounds, and sites.

2. This Board estimates the necessary cost of the project to be Thirty-Five Million Seven Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen Dollars (\$35,738,216).

3. It will be necessary for the District to borrow the sum of Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$34,970,000) and issue the bonds of the District therefor, the remaining funds to be derived from the investment of the bond proceeds.

4. This Board intends to submit a proposition at a special election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

5. On or before 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the Board shall certify any ballot proposition to be submitted to the voters at such election to the election coordinator or coordinators designated to conduct elections within the District (the "Election Coordinator").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A special election of the school electors of the District be called and held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023.

2. The proposition to be voted on at the special election shall be stated on the ballots in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit A.

3. The Election Coordinator is requested to:

a. Utilize Niles Daily Star (Leader Publications), a newspaper published or of general circulation within the District, for publication of notices in accordance with the election law requirements.

b. Utilize ballot proposition summary information, as prepared by legal counsel, in the forms of the notices of last day of registration and election in substantially the form as set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto.

c. Provide a proof copy of the ballot to the District and its legal counsel in sufficient time to allow the ballot to be proofread prior to printing.

4. This Board estimates the period of usefulness of the improvements for which bonds of the District in the amount of Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$34,970,000) are to be issued to be not less than twenty-four (24) years.

5. The Secretary of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to file a copy of this resolution with the Election Coordinator and with any Election Clerk or clerks designated to conduct elections within the District by 4:00 p.m., on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, H. Burnett

Nays: Members

Resolution declared adopted.

EXHIBIT A

**BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall Buchanan Community Schools, Berrien County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Four Million Nine Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$34,970,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings; remodeling, furnishing and refurbishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings; acquiring and installing instructional technology and instructional technology equipment for school buildings; erecting, furnishing, and equipping a storage facility; and preparing, developing, improving, and equipping athletic fields, playgrounds, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2023, under current law, is 3.20 mills (\$3.20 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation). The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-four (24) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 3.75 mills (\$3.75 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$10,560,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

EXHIBIT B

**SUMMARY OF BALLOT PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE
NOTICES OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTION:**

**BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BOND PROPOSAL
FOR BUILDING AND SITE PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF
NOT TO EXCEED \$34,970,000**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the administrative offices of Buchanan Community Schools, 401 West Chicago Street, Buchanan, Michigan 49107, telephone: (269) 695-8400.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE BONDS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORS AT THIS ELECTION, WILL BE GENERAL OBLIGATION UNLIMITED TAX BONDS PAYABLE FROM GENERAL AD VALOREM TAXES.

MOTION ADOPTED

**CLOSED SESSION –
STUDENT DISCIPLINE
HEARING**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline: Student #3887954343. Time 6:14pm

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 7:07pm

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

STUDENT DISCIPLINE – SUSPENSION HEARING MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, 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 determined to be in violation of Buchanan School Board Policy #5772 on Thursday, January 26th, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the administration has notified the student and parents involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of the long-term suspension, and their rights to a hearing on this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Buchanan Board of Education chooses to suspend student #3887954343 from in person attendance in Buchanan Community Schools and may return to in person classes on March 6th, 2023. Student #3887954343 must successfully complete class work in ELab courses.

ROLL CALL VOTE: K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS Mrs. Berry updated the board of weekly meetings being held for the planning of the bond.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT 7:10 pm