

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

JUNE 5, 2023

REGULAR 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: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

ABSENT: S. Carlin

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Michelle Munyon, Jennifer Lentz, Brian Brown

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the agenda for the board meeting of June 5, 2023 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

V. Gamble, S. Gamble, L. Weinberg, C. Weinberg

SEX EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Kurland presented to the board during the Sex Education Public Hearing.


PUBLIC COMMENT ON SEX EDUCATION PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Student:

 Kayla Lockamy

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RFP – BCS BAND UNIFORMS

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves BCS Band Director, Deanna Russell and BCS Band Assistant, Jordyn Lynch's, recommendation to accept the bid from Stanbury for new band uniforms for the Buchanan Community School District.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CELL PHONE
REIMBURSEMENT**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves administrators who are required to have a personal device as a condition of their employment shall receive an annual stipend equivalent to \$35 per month (for each month employed) to reimburse them for the costs associated with maintaining and using personal wireless communication device for business purposes.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CLOSED SESSION –
STUDENT DISCIPLINE
HEARING**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for a hearing on student discipline: Student #5133582386, Student #7485106615, Student #0240342633, and Student #3603441666. Time 6:22pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 9:03pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPERTY TAXES**

Mr. Brown presented to the board during the hearing on Property Taxes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON
HEARING FOR PROPERTY
TAXES**

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**L-4029 RESOLUTION TO
LEVY TAXES**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the attached tax rates as authorized for levy on the 2023 tax roll per the 2023 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, 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 #5517.01 on Thursday, May 25, 2023 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 suspend Student #5133582386 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met:

1. The student must have six sessions of counseling completed with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian), including a mental health assessment and obtain a release to report back to school from the counselor prior to their readmittance meeting with the principal of Buchanan High School.
2. Upon the completion of the first step the student and parents/guardians must contact the principal of Buchanan High School to schedule a readmittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
3. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the high school principal before a decision to reinstate student #5133582386 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –
SUSPENSION HEARING**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **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 determined to be in violation of Buchanan School Board Policy #5517.01 on Thursday, May 25, 2023 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 suspend Student #7485106615 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met:

1. The student must have six sessions of counseling completed with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian), including a mental health assessment and obtain a release to report back to school from the counselor prior to their readmittance meeting with the principal of Buchanan High School.

2. Upon the completion of the first step the student and parents/guardians must contact the principal of Buchanan High School to schedule a readmittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
3. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the high school principal before a decision to reinstate student #7485106615 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –
SUSPENSION HEARING**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **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 determined to be in violation of Buchanan School Board Policy #5517.01 on Thursday, May 25, 2023 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 suspend Student #3603441666 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met:

1. The student must have six sessions of counseling completed with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian), including a mental health assessment and obtain a release to report back to school from the counselor prior to their readmittance meeting with the principal of Buchanan High School.
2. Upon the completion of the first step the student and parents/guardians must contact the principal of Buchanan High School to schedule a readmittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
3. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the high school principal before a decision to reinstate student #3603441666 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, 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 Policies #5610 and #5517.01 on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 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 suspend Student #0240342633 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met:

1. The student must enroll in counseling sessions with an outside the school district professional (responsibility of parent/guardian) and obtain a release to report back to school from the counselor prior to their readmittance meeting with the principal of Buchanan High School.
2. Upon the completion of the first step the student and parents/guardians must contact the principal of Buchanan High School to schedule a readmittance hearing back into Buchanan Community Schools.
3. Any recommendation will be reviewed by the high school principal before a decision to reinstate student #0240342633 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Berry updated from the facilities committee meeting, we will be adding a discussion item to the next board meeting regarding adding a bond to the election in November 2023.

Mrs. Brackett thanked all staff and faculty for a great 2022-23 academic year.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 19, 2023 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

9:22 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 6/19/2023 meeting)