

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

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. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

ABSENT: K. Laesch and R. Writer

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Carrie Brunsting, Michelle Munyon, Phil Place, Jessica Maurer, Melissa Prestine, McKenna Carter, Michael Babcock, Shelby Beasley, Kristine Rettig, Mark Frey, Brian Pruett

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, **SECONDED** BY Member **J. Brackett**, the agenda for the board meeting of September 18, 2023 be adopted as written.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

N. Maurer

POINTS OF PRIDE

Shape MI – Elementary Physical Education Teacher of the Year 2023, Jessica Maurer

Buck Staff Recognition September Winner: McKenna Carter, BMS Special Education Teacher

Nominees included:

- Abby Cantu, BHS Administrative Assistant
- Anizbeth Contreras, Moccasin Speech & Language Pathologist
- April Lee, Moccasin Mental Health Liaison
- Cindy Hess, BHS Language Arts Teacher
- Eric Munyon, BHS Spanish Teacher
- Jenette Wetzel, BMS Food Service
- Judy Heckathorn, Moccasin Kitchen Manager
- Kathy Paturalski, Ottawa Interventionist Sub
- Laura Henckel, Ottawa Guidance Counselor
- Lisa Gregory, 2nd Grade Teacher
- Matt Schlutt, Elementary Art Teacher
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Michelle Munyon, Executive Administrative Assistant
- Paula Witherow, BHS Special Education Teacher
- Sandy Emerick, Ottawa Interventionist
- Tammy Holmer, BMS Administrative Assistant & District Registrar
- Tara Mabry, Kindergarten Teacher

Special thank you to Karen Quasny

**SUPERINTENDENT/
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Updates for BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, and Director of Operations & Instructional Systems Coordinator were provided respectively.

PRESENTATIONS

Summer School Report – Melissa Prestine

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &
NEW BUSINESS**

Facilities Planning Committee, August 29th Meeting

Human Resources Committee, September 6th Meeting





PUBLIC COMMENT

None


**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of September 18, 2023 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

-  8-21-2023 Regular Meeting
-  8-21-2023 Closed Session
-  9-5-2023 Special Meeting
-  9-5-2023 Closed Session

2. Warrants:

-  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – August 2023

3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Title
Iesha Davis	Paraprofessional, Ottawa

4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Christina Stackman	Interventionist (Ottawa)	August 21, 2023
Marie Smreczak	Operations Utility Staff	August 17, 2023
Sarah Blair	BMS Administrative Assistant	September 5, 2023
Sierra Ellis	Paraprofessional (Ottawa)	August 21, 2023



ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL
ACADEMY GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:


-  Erica Caddy
-  Sarai Garcia

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
UPDATE**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools updated student handbook for the 2023-2024 school year:

 Buchanan High School

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CROSSING GUARD SERVICE
AGREEMENT**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the proposed crossing guard service agreement as agreed between Buchanan Community Schools and the City of Buchanan effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, and S. Carlin

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: H. Burnett **MOTION ADOPTED**

**APPOINTMENT TO
BUCHANAN DISTRICT
LIBRARY BOARD**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints Grantland Waggoner to the Buchanan District Library Board of Trustees as the Student Representative.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CLOSED SESSION –
STUDENT DISCIPLINE
HEARINGS**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED by **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session per section 8(b) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct a student discipline hearing for student #9696599343. Time 6:32pm

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 6:59pm

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –
EXPULSION HEARING**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, 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 #5517.01 and #5610 on Wednesday, September 13, 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 expel Student #9696599343 from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools with the following conditions to be met for possible reinstatement to Buchanan Community Schools for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year:

1. Through the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year, we request that student #9696599343 successfully complete the current grade level while attending BVA, the Step Up Program, or another alternative setting.
2. The student must have six sessions of 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 #9696599343 will be made. Student may be readmitted if all Board policies have been met.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, S. Carlin, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS Board Members spoke.

NEXT BOARD MEETING Monday, October 16, 2023 at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT 7:02 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 10/16/2023 meeting)