

**BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Carrie Brunsting, Michelle Munyon, Phil Place, Christin Taylor, Brian Pruett, Mark Frey, Rebecca Kaltenbach, Jared Huttenstine

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **J. Brackett**, the agenda for the board meeting of October 16, 2023 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

J. Merrill, H. Foster, C. Langaga, A. Martin, T. Frantz, K. Treely

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

Buck Staff Recognition October Winner: Christin Taylor, BMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher

Nominees included:

- Abby Cantu, BHS Administrative Assistant
- Abigail Yohe, 3rd Grade Teacher
- Amy Cowart, 1st Grade Teacher
- Carrie Thompson, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- David Sokolowski, Moccasin Building Substitute
- Kasey McBeth, BCS Lead Instructional Coach
- Kathy Paturalski, Ottawa Interventionist
- Kelly Smith, Elementary Instructional Coach
- Maggie Patnoudes, Ottawa Speech & Language Pathologist
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Michelle Trail, Custodian
- Monica Luke, BMS Social Studies Teacher
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
- Vicki Toms, Moccasin Paraprofessional

Homecoming Week, October 9-13

**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.

Superintendent's Update – Including My Kids Back on Track

**PRESENTATIONS**

School Highlight – Rebecca Kaltenbach, Food Service Supervisor

Upcoming Millage - Michael D. Gresens, Attorney, Thrun Law Firm

**INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS**

Finance Committee, October 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Human Resources Committee, October 11<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**



Heather Foster

Jessica Merrill


**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of October 16, 2023 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

-  9-18-2023 Regular Meeting
-  9-18-2023 Closed Session

2. Warrants:

-  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – September 2023

3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Title
Robert Skinner	Custodian
Jarred Huttenstine	Outdoor Education Coordinator
Tina Nelson	Bus Driver

4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Lacey Chase	Bus Driver	September 21, 2023



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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Jordan Hubbard
-  Annieleshie McCullough

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**MY KIDS BACK ON TRACK** MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools My Kids Back on Track Grant and its use of funds to address student needs.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS** Board Members spoke.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00pm

**ADJOURNMENT** 7:21 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 11/20/2023 meeting)*