

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

**FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**TREASURER:** Mr. Carlson opened the meeting at 6:02pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Carlson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** C. Carlson, J. Brackett, R. Writer, and K. Laesch

**ABSENT:** S. Carlin, K. Berry, and H. Burnett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Michelle Munyon, Nate Will, Monica Luke, Melissa Frost, Tori Thomas

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **J. Brackett**, the agenda for the board meeting of February 20, 2024 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**




**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mr. Carlson & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

G. Bartley, P. Bartley

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of February 20, 2024 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:  
 1-16-2024 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:  
 Treasury & Expenditure Reports – January 2024
3. Extracurricular Assignment 2023-24:  
 Phil Place
4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

<b>Recommended Employee</b>	<b>Title</b>
LV Tignor	Substitute Custodian

5. Employment Departures:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Date upon which wages will terminate</b>
Marcus Williams	Custodian (floating)	1/26/2024



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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY GRADUATION CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Felicity Bernier
-  Jonathan Gonzalez

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**SCHOOL FARM ADVISORY  
BOARD – MEMBER  
APPOINTMENT APPROVAL**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation as submitted by our Outdoor Education Advisor, Melissa Frost, to appoint Monica Luke as member to the School Farm Advisory Board.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**NEOLA BOARD POLICIES –  
SECOND READING**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA new and revised policies:

<b>POLICY</b>	<b>Description</b>
0122	Board Powers
0131.1	Bylaws and Policies
1420	School Administrator Evaluation
3131	Staff Reduction/Recalls
3142	Probationary Teachers
3220	Professional Staff Evaluation

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**MASB BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS VOTE**

I, **R. Writer**, nominate Pamela Dickinson SECONDED **K. Laesch**, to serve as a representative for MASB Region 6 Board of Directors.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

Buck Staff Recognition February Winner: Tori Thomas, Literacy Coach

Nominees included:

- Brandon Flowers, BHS Guidance Counselor
- Brian Pruett, BHS Principal
- Bryant House - BMS Custodian
- Carrie Thompson, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- David Sokolowski, Moccasin Building Substitute
- Eric Munyon, BHS Spanish Teacher
- Erin Kratky, BMS Technology Teacher
- Holly Martin, BHS Special Education Teacher
- Jennifer Templeton, BCS Transportation Administrative Assistant

- Julia LaMar, Ottawa Interventionist
- Kara Barrett, Moccasin Special Education Teacher
- Melissa Sweeney, BHS Food Service
- Michelle Canfield, Ottawa Food Service
- Percy Tobar, BCS Bus Driver
- Rose Riggins, BCS Bus Driver
- Samantha Bentley, Moccasin Food Service
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal
- Trinity Young, BMS Media Specialist

**SUPERINTENDENT/  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

School Highlight – Mr. Nate Will, BCS Transportation Supervisor, presented to the board.

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &  
NEW BUSINESS**

Parent Advisory Committee, January 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Curriculum & Programming Committee, February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations, February 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Finance Committee, February 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS  
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members spoke.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 6pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

6:39 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 3/18/2024 meeting)*