

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

**APRIL 15, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:03pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Michelle Munyon, Shelley Lietz, Josh Wegener, Melissa Frost, Monica Luke, Stacey Denison, Brian Pruet

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by **R. Writer**, **SECONDED** BY Member **K. Berry**, the agenda for the board meeting April 15, 2024 be adopted as written with the addition of Superintendent Robinson under the Points of Pride.

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

**NAYS:** None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

Melissa Frost, Michigan Department of Education 2024-25 Regional Teacher of the Year

Buck Staff Recognition April Winner: Monica Luke, BMS Science Teacher

Nominees included:

- Hayley Sater, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- Lauren Hendrick, ECSE Teacher
- Robin Staup, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
- Percy Tobar, Bus Driver

BHS Esports Team, Spring 2024 Esports Valorant Champs

MegaHurtz Robotics Team 5056 finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the St. Joe competition and 3<sup>rd</sup> place at the East Kentwood competition, qualifying them for the State Championship

Music Department

- BCS has earned the Best Communities for Music Education title from the NAMM Foundation for our unwavering commitment to music education
- BHS Band earned overall rating of 1 at March Festival
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band earned an overall rating of 2 at March Festival
- Band, upcoming State Solo Festival, Zoe Sleeper and Brooke Strefling
- Choir, upcoming State Solo Festival, Audrey Lietz will be attending after receiving a perfect score at District Solo and Ensemble a few months ago
- 11 students went to Middle School Honor Band for our district: Megain Gair, Emma Davidson, Carley Forler, Harmony Mott, Echo Mott, Tyler Gregory, Brynn Mabry, Maya Benjamin, Lilamai Vavra, Payson Regan, Clark Courtland

-Student Zoe Sleeper was accepted into the WMU Spring Conference Honor Band

**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**

Close Up Trip

School Highlight – Mrs. Stacey Denison, Ottawa Elementary Principal, presented to the board

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &  
NEW BUSINESS**

Facilities Planning Committee, March 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting




**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None


**ADOPTION OF CONSENT  
AGENDA**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of April 15, 2024 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

-  3-18-2024 Regular Meeting
-  4-8-2024 Special Meeting
-  4-8-2024 Closed Session

2. Warrants:

-  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – March 2024

3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Title
Kristen Wahlstrom	Bus Driver

4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Gabe Miller	Varsity Girls Basketball Coach	-




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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL  
ACADEMY GRADUATION  
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Katarah Deeds
-  Dominick Gardner
-  Makayla Moore

Buchanan Step Up Student:




-  Austin Murphy

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BHS COURSE ADDITIONS**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following course to be added to the course guide for Buchanan High School:

-  Computer Science
-  Advanced Chemistry
-  AP Government in Politics

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education will operate a Schools of Choice Program which will accept applications of nonresident students for the available grade level openings as listed below for enrollment into the Buchanan Community School District for the 2024-2025 school year in compliance with the statutory requirements of section 105 and section 105c. The window for applications for these openings will be April 19, 2024 through May 17, 2024. Available openings for each grade level:

<b>OTTAWA ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY</b>	<b>BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL</b>
Kindergarten: 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade: 6	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 3	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 6
1 <sup>st</sup> Grade: 5	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade: 7	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 4	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 8
	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 5	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 3	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 8
			11 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 8
			12 <sup>th</sup> Grade: 2


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NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**


**DONATION APPROVALS  
OVER \$1,000**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donations:

**1. TO ASSIST BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM PURCHASE A PITCHING MACHINE**

 Indeck Energy Services, \$2,495

**2. ONE JUGS PITCHING MACHINE FOR THE SOFTBALL PROGRAM**

 Anonymous donation

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NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**PROPOSED TREE  
PLANTINGS AT BHS**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the proposed tree planting of 8 additional trees by the Buchanan Tree Friends on the south side of Buchanan High School.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**MEMORANDUM OF  
UNDERSTANDING – BOYS  
& GIRLS CLUB**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Southwest Michigan and Buchanan Community Schools.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS  
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members spoke.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Monday, May 20, 2024 at 6:30pm . The End of Year Celebration will begin at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:31 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 5/20/2024 meeting)*