

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

**JUNE 10, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Mrs. Berry opened the meeting at 6:01pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** S. Carlin and H. Burnett

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Carrie Brunsting, Brian Brown, Michelle Munyon

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the agenda for the board meeting of June 10, 2024 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Mrs. Berry & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

2024 Spring Athletics – Softball Regional Champs

**PRESENTATIONS**

Tiago Baltazar – Berrien RESA Instructional Service Consultant – PBIS Implementation at Tier 1 at Ottawa

**PUBLIC COMMENT**


None


**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL  
ACADEMY GRADUATION  
CERTIFICATION**


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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

 Nicole Bentley


 Jessica Gipson

 Amy Hudson

 Dallas Morley

 Carly Pisker

Buchanan Step Up Student:

 Dylan Merwin

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**L-4029 RESOLUTION TO  
LEVY TAXES**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the attached tax rates as authorized for levy on the 2024 tax roll per the 2024 Tax Rate Request Form L-4029.

**2024 Tax Rate Request** (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2024)

MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes <b>Berrien</b>	2024 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 04/01/2024 <b>509,149,259</b>
Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy <b>Buchanan Schools</b>	For LOCAL School Districts, 2024 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties. <b>162,269,550</b>

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2024 tax roll.

(1) Source	(2) Purpose of Millage	(3) Date of Election	(4) Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc.	(5) ** 2023 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d 'Headlee'	(6) 2024 Current Year 'Headlee' Millage Reduction Fraction	(7) 2024 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d 'Headlee'	(8) Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction	(9) Maximum Allowable Millage Levy *	(10) Millage Requested to be Levied July 1	(11) Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1	(12) Expiration Date of Millage Authorized
Voted	Operating	Aug-16	18.0000	17.9028	1.0000	17.9028	1.0000	17.9028	17.9028 *	17.9028 **	Dec-24
Voted	Operating	Aug-16	0.5000	0.4973	1.0000	0.4973	1.0000	0.4973	0.0972 *	0.0972 **	Dec-24
Voted	Sinking Fund	May-14	0.8000	0.7919	0.9956	0.7884	1.0000	0.7884	0.7884 *	0.7884 **	Dec-24
Voted	Debt	May-13	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.1000 *	2.1000 **	Dec-32
* - City of Buchanan and Buchanan Township											
** - Niles, Bertrand, Orohoko, Galien, Weesaw											

Prepared by <b>Brian Brown</b>	Telephone Number <b>(269) 695-8400</b>	Title of Preparer <b>Business Manager</b>	Date <b>06/10/2024</b>
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**CERTIFICATION:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Secretary		<b>Kelly Laesch</b>	<b>06/10/24</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Clerk	Signature	Print Name	Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> President		<b>Dr. Harvey Burnett</b>	<b>06/10/24</b>

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24d, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

\*\* IMPORTANT: See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

<b>Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See 2024 STC Bulletin for instructions on completing this section.</b>	
Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)	Rate
For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag, Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal	0.0000
For Commercial Personal	6.0000
For all Other	18.0000

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**REPEAL AND REPLACE DISTRICT POLICIES**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Board identified a need to review its current Board policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's administration ("Administration") has reviewed the Thrun Law Firm Policy Manual ("Policy Manual") and recommends the Policy Manual for consideration, in the form presented for Board review and approval, to replace the Board's existing policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration has reviewed any and all legal settlements and resolution agreements between the District and any state or federal agency, as applicable, that address the modification or agency review of existing Board policy and the Board has considered the impact of those settlements or agreements when recommending adoption of the Policy Manual; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration recommends that the Board repeal its existing policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines, with the exception of existing Board policy 5517.01 concerning student bullying, and adopt the Policy Manual, with the exception of Policy 5207 (Anti-Bullying), concerning student bullying, which requires a public hearing before Board adoption pursuant to Revised School Code Section 1310b, MCL 380.1310b; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has carefully reviewed, considered, and evaluated the Policy Manual collectively and as individual Board members and the Administration's recommendation.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board accepts the Administration’s recommendation to adopt the Policy Manual.
2. All existing Board policies, bylaws, and administrative guidelines are hereby repealed (including all policies and bylaws that by their terms require a reading(s) or hearing(s) before repeal, modification, or adoption), with the exception of existing Board policy 5517.01 concerning student bullying, which requires a public hearing before being repealed and replaced.
3. The Board hereby adopts the Policy Manual, except Policy 5207 (Anti-Bullying), in the form presented and recommended by the Administration as the Board’s new policies and bylaws, including those forms and administrative guidelines in the Policy Manual, for the purpose of governing the District.
4. The Administration shall promptly review District publications and forms that may reference the now-repealed Board policies and revise those publications and forms as necessary to align them with the newly adopted Policy Manual within 90 calendar days after this resolution.
5. The Board’s adoption of the Policy Manual, except Policy 5207 (Anti-Bullying), shall take immediate effect July 1, 2024.
6. At a Board meeting scheduled for June 17, 2024, the Board will hold a public hearing concerning proposed Policy 5207 (Anti-Bullying) in the Policy Manual.
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

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

**NEXT BOARD MEETING** Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT** 6:23 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 7/15/2024 meeting)*