

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOVEMBER 18, 2024

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER	PRESIDENT: Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:04pm
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, Carrie Brunsting, Phil Place, Michelle Munyon, Rebecca Kaltenbach, Kris Rettig, Jake Brown
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	MOTION by C. Carlson , SECONDED BY Member R. Writer , the agenda for the board meeting November 18, 2024 be adopted as written. 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	Varsity Volleyball Conference Champs! Buck Staff Appreciation November Winner: Phillip Place, Director of Information Technology Nominees included: Abby Cantu, Administrative Assistant to BHS Principal Andrea Wilgus, Moccasin Behavioral Specialist Anna Smith, Administrative Assistant to Assistant Principal & Athletics and Pupil Accounting Dale Groves, 5th Grade Teacher Elizabeth Johnson, Ottawa Administrative Assistant Hailey Kline, Moccasin Media Assistant Jacqueline Tidey, BHS Special Education Teacher Jared Huttenstine, Outdoor Education Coordinator Katie Persak, BMS & BHS Choir Director Kristine Rettig, 2nd Grade Teacher Melissa Calvillo, Kindergarten Teacher Miranda Capron, BHS Interventionist Monica Luke, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher Nicole Teshka, 3rd Grade Teacher Trinity Young, BMS Media Assistant
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. 2024-2025 Student Enrollment Highlights
PRESENTATIONS	Rebecca Kaltenbach – BCS Food Service Supervisor

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &
NEW BUSINESS**

Human Resources Committee – November 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 November 18, 2024 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 - 10-21-2024 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports –October 2024
 - Dashboard – October 2024
3. Updated Extracurricular Contract:
 - Jennifer Fiero
4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Title
Alice Kring	Advisor - BHS Leo's Club
Brandy Wesner	SPED Paraprofessional, Ottawa

5. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Dan Libertowski	Varsity Women's Basketball Coach	October 20, 2024
Ian Bossert	Varsity Men's Golf Coach	-
Brian Fisher	Advisor - BHS Leo's Club	-

6. Coaching Recommendation for 2024-25 submitted for:

Coach	Position	Class/Level	Step
Alexander Austin	Varsity Women's Basketball Coach	1	1
Nicole Teshka	Varsity Women's Basketball Assistant Coach	6	1

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

- Richard Calderon
- Kadence Dorton
- Elawna Bolden

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
UPDATES**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools updated student handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year:

- Buchanan High School Handbook

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**2025 SUMMER TAX
RESOLUTION**

MOTION by **S. Carlin**, SECONDED **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the Revised School Code), invokes for **2025** its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.
2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for **2025** in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before **January 1, 2025**.
3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCL 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.
4. 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, S. Carlin, K. Berry, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

TRANSFER OF FUNDS

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the transfer of \$350,000 from the general fund into the Capital Projects Fund.

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, December 16, 2024 at 6:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

6:34 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 12/16/2024 meeting)