

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

OCTOBER 20, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

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, J. Brown, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, H. Burnett, and K. Berry

ABSENT: none

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Michelle Munyon, Phillip Place, Tami Wreggelsworth, David Short, Becky Kaltenbach, Caitlin Wirtz, Stacey Denison

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Carlson**, the agenda for the regular board meeting of October 20, 2025 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. Berry & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

POINTS OF PRIDE

October Buck Staff Appreciation Winner – Caitlin Wirtz, Ottawa Behavior Support Specialist

Nominees included

Hillary Casey, Moccasin Media Assistant

Iesha Davis, BMS Paraprofessional & 8th Grade Volleyball Coach

Jeni Rahrig, Moccasin Paraprofessional

Jessica Walker, Moccasin Administrative Assistant

Kelly Smith, Elementary Instructional Coach

Kimberly Kepler, BHS Cook's Help

Lisa Gregory, 2nd Grade Teacher

Philip Huang, School Resource Officer

Sandra Miller, BHS Art Teacher

Shelley Lietz, Speech & Language Pathologist

Violet Greenfield, Custodial Coordinator

SUPERINTENDENT & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

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

PRESENTATIONS

Becky Kaltenbach – Food Service Supervisor

INFORMATION, REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Berrien-Cass School Board Association – September 16 Meeting

Human Resources Committee – October 2 Meeting

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations – October 8 Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular meeting of October 20, 2025 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 - 9-15-2025 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 - Treasury & Expenditure Reports - September 2025
3. 2025-26 Extracurricular Contracts

4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Position
April Weaver	Custodian Substitute

5. Resignations:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Patty Hosmer	Custodian Substitute	9/11/2025

ROLL CALL VOTE: J. Brackett, J. Brown, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, H. Burnett, and K. Berry

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: C. Carlson (family employment) **MOTION ADOPTED**

**PROPOSAL FOR 2026
BOND CAMPAIGN
SERVICES**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education has selected Miller Davis to provide bond campaign services for the district's 2026 bond program.

Upon approval, Buchanan Community Schools and Miller Davis will negotiate a mutually agreeable contract for construction management related to the approved bond language and projects.

Pre-bond services will include facility assessment, bond application assistance, community engagement support, and bond campaign services, all provided at no cost to the district.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT HANDBOOK
UPDATE**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools updated Handbooks for the 2025-26 school year for:

- Buchanan High School
- Ottawa Elementary
- Athletics

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

BOARD POLICY UPDATE

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education

approves the following policies:

- Thrun June 11, 2025 Update
- Thrun July 25, 2025 Update
- District Updates: 3104 School Cameras and Monitoring, 3115B Designation of Coordinators, 3308 Distribution of Printed Materials

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**POWERSCHOOL
LITIGATION RESOLUTION**

MOTION by **S. Carlin**, SECONDED **C. Carlson**,
Whereas:

1. Schools nationwide are joining a nationwide lawsuit against PowerSchool Holdings, Inc., Powerschool Group, LLC, and related defendants concerning the December 2024 PowerSchool data breach, specifically MDL No. 3149 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California ("Lawsuit").
2. Schools in the Lawsuit are being represented by Frantz Law Group, APLC, a California professional law corporation ("Frantz").
3. Thrun Law Firm, P.C. referred the school to Frantz for the lawsuit.
4. The Board believes it is in the School's best interests to join the Lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract.
5. The Board believes it is in the School's best interests to authorize and direct the Superintendent or designee to sign the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the School and to take such further action as necessary to obtain monetary damages for the School in the Lawsuit, subject to review by the School's legal counsel.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The Board decides to join the Lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract.
2. The Board authorizes and directs the Superintendent or designee to sign the attached Attorney-Client Fee Contract on behalf of the School and to take such other action as necessary to obtain monetary damages and injunctive relief for the School in the Lawsuit, subject to review by the School's legal counsel.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions that conflict with the provisions of this resolution are rescinded.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BEA LETTER OF
AGREEMENT – DAWN VAN
DYKE & ERIN KRATKY**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the attached letters of agreement with Buchanan Education Association for Dawn Van Dyke and Erin Kratky.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL
ACADEMY GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

- Jean Rogers
- Gerae Hart

Buchanan Step Up Student

- Blade Ricketts

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members spoke.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

November 17, 2025 at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

6:33pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 11/17/2025 meeting)