

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Dr. Harvey Burnett opened the meeting at 6:02pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

ABSENT: K. Laesch

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Shelby Beasley

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee** the agenda for the board meeting of November 15, 2021 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

K. Smith, J. Stubblefield, S. Fain, J. Legault, D. Ryman, M. Macigewski, C. Phillips, M. Dunn

PRESENTATIONS

School Highlight – Mrs. Shelby Beasley, Buchanan Middle School Principal, presented to the board. Mrs. Beasley discussed restorative practices at Buchanan Middle School, an alternate way to communicating and discipline.

Executive Team Updates - Superintendent Robinson and the Executive Team provided their updates respectively.

**SUPERINTENDENT/
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Buck Staff Recognition November Winner: Kelly Smith, Ottawa Elementary School 1st Grade Teacher. Board Trustee Mrs. Berry recognized Mrs. Smith as this month's winner. A Buchanan Community Schools' parent nominated Mrs. Smith for the huge impact she has had on their first grader adding that her son loves coming to school and commented on Mrs. Smith's ability to build a strong community of little learners during the first few weeks of school.

Nominees included:

- Amanda Horton, BCS Food Service
- Anna Smith, BHS Administrative Assistant
- Cindy Bowerman, Moccasin 3rd Grade Teacher
- David Garland, BMS 5th Grade Teacher
- Jenette Wetzel, BCS Food Service
- Jennifer Lentz, BHS Science Teacher
- Jennifer Schmidkunz, BCS Bus Driver
- Josh Wegener, BHS Social Studies Teacher
- Kari Chase, GSRP Preschool Teacher
- Laura Henckel, Ottawa Guidance Counselor
- Lindsay Harroff, Moccasin 2nd Grade Teacher
- Maggie Patnoudes, Elementary Speech & Language Pathologist
- Margaret Cowles, BCS Food Service
- Mary Mitchell, BCS Food Service
- Melissa Sweeney, BCS Food Service

Updates for BHS, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics/BVA/CTE, Business Office, Operations, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent were provided respectively.

INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

Emergency/Security Committee Meeting – Mrs. Robinson shared with the board that they had worked on updating the BCS Emergency Plan.

BMS Student Advisory Committee – Mrs. Robinson updated the board of the recent student meeting.

BHS Student Advisory Committee – Mrs. Robinson updated the board of the recent student meeting.

Human Resources Committee – Mrs. Berry shared a few items covered during their meeting, including the calendar update and generating more applicants.

Open Meetings Act Thru Webinar – Mrs. Writer shared with the board that she was in attendance and updated the board with a few key topics that were covered.

**COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
CITIZENS CONCERNS**

John Stubblefield – spoke of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stephanie Fain – spoke about masks being harmful, parents rights.

Julie Legault – concerned about healthy students being quarantined that are unvaccinated.



Chris Phillips – concerns with COVID quarantining.

Carla Johnson – spoke about masks.

Don Ryman – spoke against masks.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of November 15th, 2021 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 10-18-2021 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 Treasury & Expenditure Reports – October 2021
3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
Ottawa Principal, Mrs. Stacey Denison
Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Nate Will
Director of Operations, Mr. Al Berget

Recommended Employee	Title
Jennifer Rozeveld	Health Care Paraprofessional
Meghan Hall	Early Childhood Special Education Health Care Paraprofessional
Jennifer Templeton	Administrative Assistant to Transportation, Operations & Food Service
David Griswold	Operations Utility Staff

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CERTIFIED STAFF
MATERNITY LEAVE**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education grants maternity leave to Megan Watkins, Buchanan High School Science Teacher, from approximately February 28, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. In accordance with Article VIII, Section A.1.b. using accumulated sick days. Barring any complications, she would return to her position as Buchanan High School Science Teacher at the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

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NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CROSSING GUARD SERVICE
AGREEMENT**

MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the proposed Crossing Guard Service Agreements as agreed between Buchanan Community Schools and the City of Buchanan effective for the 2021-22 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, C. Carlson, S. Carlin, and R. Writer

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: H. Burnett **MOTION ADOPTED**

**SCHOOLS OF CHOICE
RESOLUTION**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Community Schools' Board of Education, exercising the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aid Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1996, will accept applications of nonresident students who reside within Berrien RESA boundaries for the available grade level openings as listed below for enrollment into Buchanan Community Schools for the 2021-22 school year and will operate a Schools Of Choice Program in our District in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105. The window for applications for these openings will be November 17, 2021 to December 6, 2021. Available openings for each grade level:

OTTAWA ELEMENTARY	MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY	BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL	BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL
Kindergarten: 6	2 nd Grade: 5	5 th Grade: 4	8 th Grade: 7
1 st Grade: 6	3 rd Grade: 3	6 th Grade: 7	9 th Grade: 5
	4 th Grade: 3	7 th Grade: 2	10 th Grade: 11
			11 th Grade: 2
			12 th Grade: 0

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Buchanan Board of Education agrees to begin all board meetings stating the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

ATHLETIC BANNER PURCHASE

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Athletic Coordinator, Mark Frey’s, recommendation to purchase replacement banners for the competition gym.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

2021-22 EXTRACURRICULAR ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools extracurricular assignments for the 2021-22 school year.

ROLL CALL VOTE: C. Lee, K. Berry, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: C. Carlson **MOTION ADOPTED**

BOARD POLICIES – SECOND READING

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA revised policy:

POLICY	Description
6421	Purchases Budgeted

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPROVAL

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the addition of a Professional Development Advisory Committee.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

2021-22 SCHOOL CALENDAR AMENDMENT

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the amended 2021-22 school calendar amendment recommended by the Buchanan 5C Education Association and Superintendent.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Burnett mentioned the need for hiring paid crossing guards.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6pm
Workshop on Bond, November 29th at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

7:22 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 12/13/21 meeting)