

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

JANUARY 10, 2022

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

OPENING OF MEETING BY: Superintendent Patricia Robinson, 6:03pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place

**ELECTION OF ACTING
CHAIRPERSON**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, that Superintendent Robinson serve as acting chairperson until the election of a President has been completed.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

PRESIDENT

I, **K. Laesch**, nominate **H. Burnett**, to serve as President of the Buchanan Board of Education until the Organizational Meeting in January of 2023.

VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: K. Berry **MOTION ADOPTED**

VICE PRESIDENT

I, **C. Carlson**, nominate **R. Writer**, to serve as Vice-President of the Buchanan Board of Education until the Organizational Meeting in January of 2023.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

SECRETARY

I, **R. Writer**, nominate **K. Laesch**, to serve as Secretary of the Buchanan Board of Education until the Organizational Meeting in January of 2023.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

TREASURER

I, **R. Writer**, nominate **C. Lee**, to serve as Treasurer of the Buchanan Board of Education until the Organizational Meeting in January of 2023.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee** the agenda for the organizational board meeting of January 10, 2022 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS Dr. Burnett welcomed all those in attendance.

COMMUNITY DIALOGUE Don Ryman – against masks.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

John Stubblefield – opposed to mandating masks.

Ryan Chandler – against masks.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints the following board members to the committees as specified below for the 2022 calendar year:

FINANCE	LEE	CARLSON	CARLIN
FACILITIES	CARLSON	LEE	WRITER
HUMAN RESOURCES	LAESCH	BERRY	WRITER
BOARD POLICY	BURNETT	WRITER	BERRY
PUBLIC RELATIONS	LAESCH	CARLIN	BERRY
EMERGENCY/SECURITY	BURNETT	LEE	CARLSON
CURRICULUM & PROGRAMMING	WRITER	CARLIN	
BERRIEN/CASS SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION	BURNETT	ALT. LEE	
BRESA VOTING REPRESENTATIVE	CARLIN	ALT. LAESCH	
MASB VOTING DELEGATE & LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVE	BURNETT	ALT. BERRY	
FARM ADVISORY	LAESCH		

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

BUILDING LIAISONS

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints the following board members to serve in the capacity of building liaisons as specified below for the 2022 calendar year:

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL	CARLIN	CARLSON
BUCHANAN MIDDLE SCHOOL	BERRY	LEE
MOCCASIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LAESCH	CARLSON
OTTAWA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	LAESCH	CARLIN
BUCHANAN VIRTUAL ACADEMY (BVA)	LEE	

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Writer serve as building liaisons to all schools. It was explained that should board

members have children attending BCS schools, they could choose the schools that they attended.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

LEGAL COUNSEL

MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints Thrun Law Firm of Lansing, Michigan as board legal counsel for the 2022 calendar year.

If needed, the board also approves the use of Clark Hill Law Firm specifically for legal counsel of personnel / human resource concerns.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

SCHOOL DEPOSITORIES

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the following institutions be retained as depositories for the appropriate school funds for the 2022 calendar year:

United Federal Credit Union

Honor Credit Union

Michigan CLASS Investment Pool

BMO Harris Bank

UMB Financial Corporation

US Bank

VOTE: C. Lee, C. Carlson, K. Laesch, S. Carlin, R. Writer, and H. Burnett

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: K. Berry **MOTION ADOPTED**

AUDITOR SERVICES

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **C. Lee**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation as submitted by Business Office Specialist, Carrie Brunsting, for utilization of audit services from either:

-Krugger Lawton & Company

-Stephenson & Company

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves cooperative agreements for the 2022 calendar year with the following entities:

-REMC Association of Michigan

-School Specialty

-HPS Group Purchasing

-MSBO Bus Purchasing

-Great Lakes Consortium

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

2022 BOARD CALENDAR

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the 2022 Board of Education meeting calendar is approved as written.



2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION CALENDAR

401 West Chicago Street, Buchanan, MI 49107 Phone: (269) 695-8401

Pursuant to Public Acts No. 451, Article I, Part 3, Section 115, Paragraph (1), the calendar for the Buchanan Board of Education is hereby published. Meetings will be called for 6:00 p.m., unless advertised differently.

**THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS OF THE
BUCHANAN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Monday, January 10, 2022	Organizational Meeting	High School
Monday, January 17, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Tuesday, February 22, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, March 14, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, April 18, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, May 16, 2022 This meeting is to begin at 7pm immediately following the "End of Year Reception"	Regular Meeting	High School
Tuesday, May 31, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, June 20, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, July 18, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, August 15, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, September 19, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, October 17, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, November 21, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School
Monday, December 19, 2022	Regular Meeting	High School

Upon request to the Superintendent & Board of Education's Executive Administrative Assistant, Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in this meeting.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Carlson congratulated The Herd on being one of the 9 finalists in the MHSAA Battle of the Fans competition.

Mrs. Laesch recommended having a work session on public comment.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 17, 2022 at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

6:39 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 2/22/22 meeting)