

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

MAY 16, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 7:02pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Dr. Burnett 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 Patricia Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Melissa Frost, Melissa Prestine, Stacey DeMaio, Donna Southwell

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, **SECONDED** BY Member **R. Writer** the agenda for the board meeting of May 16, 2022 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. Robinson welcomed all guests.

T. Hoyt, R. Hoyt, J. Hoyt, G. Brinkley, C. Warner, M. Warner, J. Brackett, J. Singleton, K. Singleton, K. Singleton, S. Leidy, A. Patnoudes, D. Patnoudes, M. Klingerman, C. McKean, M. Nixon, M. Dunn, C. Lolmaugh, K. Lolmaugh, J. Mitchell

POINTS OF PRIDE

BMS Student Advisory Committee – Khloe Singleton read her writing on her opinion of the district survey regarding Moccasin Elementary.

Buck Staff Recognition May Winner: Melissa Prestine, Ottawa and Moccasin Elementary Music Teacher. Mrs. Laesch recognized Ms. Prestine as this month's winner.

Nominees included:

- Amanda Horton, BHS Food Service
- BJ Scott, Ottawa Food Service & Transportation Assistant
- Kari Chase, Great Start Readiness Program Teacher
- Kathryn Lolmaugh, Moccasin Administrative Assistant
- Margaret Cowles, BHS Food Service
- Melissa Frost, BHS Science Teacher
- Melissa Sweeney, BHS Food Service
- Missy Lyons, BMS Special Education Teacher
- Rebekah Marschke, Moccasin 4th Grade Teacher
- Ryan Frontczak, BMS Dean of Students
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal

2022 Hall of Fame Winners

- Performance in School-Related Activities, Mr. David D. Shoemake
- Contributions to Society, Mr. Eddie L. Miller
- Contributions to Buchanan Community Schools, Mrs. Sharon Gregorski

Superintendent Shadow – Mrs. Robinson shared how a 5th grade student spent the day with her to write an essay for class.

**SUPERINTENDENT/
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

Mrs. Robinson apologized for the survey not reaching all of our district tax payers.

PRESENTATIONS

School Highlight – Mrs. Stacey DeMaio, Buchanan High School Principal and Mrs. Donna Southwell, BHS Interventionist, presented to the board. Mrs. DeMaio spoke on BHS student points of pride, staff points of pride, upcoming events, goals, initiatives, standards based learning, and grading. Mrs. Southwell spoke of interventions and enrichment opportunities.

Plow Day Presentation – Mrs. Melissa Frost along with five BHS students presented to the board reviewing Plow Day on April 23rd. A total of 19 students volunteered at Plow Day.

BMS/BHS Music Department Presentation – Mrs. Jennie Bracket shared about the Collage concert.

School Perceptions Survey Results – Mr. Rob DeMeuse from School Perceptions reviewed our recent district project survey results.

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &
NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations, May 2nd Meeting – Mrs. Robinson spoke about the district project survey.

BHS Student Advisory, May 10th Meeting – Mrs. Robinson reviewed with the students the district project survey.




PUBLIC COMMENT

Gail Brinkley

Carol McKean


**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of May 16th, 2022 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 4-18-2022 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 Treasury & Expenditure Reports – April 2022
3. Retirement:
 Kathryn Lolmaugh – Moccasin Administrative Assistant to the Principal, 29 years of service
4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
BCS Director of Operations, Mr. Al Berget
BCS Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Nate Will

Recommended Employee	Title
Robert Kleca	Operations Utility Staff (contract attached)
Lacey Chase	Bus Driver

5. Resignations:

 Brittney Gmeiner, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL
2022 GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, upon satisfactory completion of district requirements for high school graduation, the Board of Education hereby approves the graduates as listed on the attached roster to be certified for graduation; and further authorizes the administration to prepare diplomas to be presented at the 2022 Commencement Ceremony.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**


**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL
ACADEMY GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Katelynn Larsh
-  Hannah Blumka
-  Jesus Gutierrez
-  Luzmaria Lira
-  Aaron Walters
-  Bryce Placher

Buchanan Step Up Students:

-  Justin Glinka
-  Lizette Wiesinger

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

NEOLA – SECOND READING

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the second reading of the following NEOLA revised policies:

POLICY	Description
0167.3	Public Comment at Board Meetings
2410	Prohibition of Referral or Assistance
2414	Reproductive Health and Family Planning
2418	Sex Education
5511	Dress and Grooming
6110	Grant Funds
6114	Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds

6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
7440	Facility Security
8600	Transportation
9190	Shop Project Charge

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BERRIEN REGIONAL
EDUCATION SERVICE
AGENCY GENERAL FUND
OPERATING BUDGET
RESOLUTION**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget following the RESA Board meeting of April 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS:

In accordance with Section 380.624 of the Revised School Code, this Board must now adopt a resolution expressing its support or disapproval of the proposed Berrien RESA budget, and must submit to the Berrien RESA Board any specific objections and/proposed changes the Board may have to the budget prior to June 1, 2022.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2022-23 school year be supported, and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Berrien RESA Board of Education, along with any specific objections or proposed changes on the budget.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**AUDITOR SERVICES
RECOMMENDATION**

MOTION by **C. Lee**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves a change in auditing companies to Kruggel Lawton & Company to conduct Buchanan Community Schools audits as recommended by the Finance Committee.




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


NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**DONATION APPROVALS
OVER \$1,000**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following donations:

For the softball trust and agency batting cages:

-  Keiwit Power, \$6,000 (in kind as well as monetary)
-  Indeck Energy, \$6,000 (in kind as well as monetary)
-  Honor Credit Union, \$3,000

For the High School Centennial Celebration & Marquee Sign:
 Michigan Gateway Community Foundation, \$14,000

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

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

**BATTING CAGE
CONSTRUCTION**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the construction of the new batting cages for Buchanan Community Schools. This project has been funded by donations received to the softball program.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**LAKELAND CONFERENCE
HANDBOOK**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Lakeland Conference Handbook and Bylaws for the Buchanan Community Schools Athletics Department.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**PROPOSED TREE
PLANTINGS AT BUCHANAN
HIGH SCHOOL**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves three white pine trees donated by the Dougherty family to be planted by Elm Valley Evergreens at Buchanan High School.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RFP – BUCHANAN HIGH
SCHOOL WATER SOFTENER**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves Director of Operations, Alan Berget, recommendation to accept the bid from Andy J. Egan Co., Inc. for the Buchanan High School water softener replacement project.

ROLL CALL 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 Coach Marazita, former Buchanan graduate, on his 300th victory with Brandywine Girls Tennis.

Dr. Carlin thanked the district administrators for being prompt and providing accurate information in responses when there are questions from the community.

Mrs. Writer invited all to Buchanan High Schools 100th Anniversary Celebration happening on June 11th.

Dr. Burnett noted the BMS D.A.R.E. graduation will be May 19th at 6pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 31st at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

9:25 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 5/31/22 meeting)