

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

JULY 18, 2022

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:01pm

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, Phil Place, Brian Brown, Carrie Brunsting, Dale & Melanie Groves, Brooke Essig

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **C. Lee** the agenda for the board meeting of July 18, 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

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed the Varsity Baseball team, Melanie Groves and Brooke Essig.

B. Essig, M. Groves, D. Groves, S. Bailey, J. Flenar, J. Brackett, K. Retty, T. Myers, J. Legault

POINTS OF PRIDE

2022 MHSAA Division 3 State Baseball Champions – Coach Brawley along with the Varsity Baseball team were congratulated on their win and took a group photo with the Board.

Math & Science Center – Mr. Carlson updated the board that five Buchanan students were recently accepted into the program through a competitive application process.

PRESENTATIONS

Flag Presentation by Buckteens – Jerry Flenar and Sarah Dougherty presented Superintendent Robinson and the School Board a new Michigan flag to fly on the high school flag pole.

INFORMATION/REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS



Human Resources Committee, July 6th Meeting – Mrs. Berry shared they spoke about open positions, retention of staff and progress towards filling positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.


ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of July 18th, 2022 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
 6-20-2022 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
 Treasury & Expenditure Reports – June 2022

3. Amended Employment Contracts for Dave Griswold & Justin Ropp
4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted by:
Buchanan Middle School Principal, Mrs. Shelby Beasley

Recommended Employee	Title
Melanie Groves	7 th Grade Math Teacher
Sarah Blair	Administrative Assistant to the Middle School Principal
Bethany Billington	1 st Grade Teacher


6. Resignations:
 -  Jim Brawley, Varsity Baseball Coach
 - Stacey DeMaio, BHS Assistant Principal

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Student:
 Seth Stogsdill

Buchanan Step Up Student:
 Blake Mealer

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

2022-2023 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTRACTS AMENDMENT

MOTION by **R. Writer**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the amended annual district Administrative Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

BEA LETTER OF AGREEMENT – JESSICA LEENHOUTS

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **R. Writer**, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Education Association for Jessica Leenhouts.



**Letter of Agreement Between the
Buchanan -5C Education Association, MEA/NEA, and the
Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education**

Stipend for Additional Hours – PE Teacher Jessica Leenhouts

In consideration of their mutual covenants reflected in this Agreement, the Buchanan-5C Education Association, MEA/NEA (the Association) and the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education (the Board), agree as follows:

1. Due to the challenges in filling positions, Buchanan PE Teacher, Jessica Leenhouts has accumulated additional work hours outside of the regular school day during the 2022-2023 school year.
2. While the parties acknowledge that all professional staff have work responsibilities that may extend beyond the regular school work day, the additional hours worked by Ms. Leenhouts are significant.
3. Effective August 29, 2022, the District will pay Ms. Leenhouts an additional stipend of \$17,550 for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. This stipend payment is made through payroll on a bi-weekly basis, less applicable withholdings.
5. The need for additional hours is temporary and will end, whichever is first, after the official start date of the new KidKare Director or when additional time is no longer warranted as mutually agreed by Ms. Leenhouts and the Superintendent. The stipend for that year will then be pro-rated as needed based on the number of days worked.
6. This Agreement is not intended to set a precedent and in no way modifies any other provision of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.
7. This Agreement expires on June 30, 2023.

For the Board of Education

For the Buchanan Education Association

Patricia Robinson,
Superintendent

Wendy Murphy,
President

June 3, 2022

June 3, 2022

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**

Dr. Burnett invited the community to National Night Out Against Crime at McCoy Creek Park on August 2nd from 6-9pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 15th at 6pm.

ADJOURNMENT

6:26 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 8/15/22 meeting)