

**BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**JANUARY 17, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:00pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** C. Carlson, K. Berry, J. Brackett, K. Laesch, C. Carlin, and H. Burnett

**ABSENT:** R. Writer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Brian Brown, Michelle Munyon, Wendy Murphy, Stacey Denison, Brian Pruett, Mark Frey, Kari Chase, Clarissa Lolmaugh, Melissa Calvillo, Lisa Sears, Kristin Baker, Lucie Behrle, Tara Fox, Jessica Monsma, Shelley Lietz, Melissa Seddon, Bethany Billington, Sandra Emerick, Kathy Paturalski, Lisa Traeger, Kelly Smith, Dawn VanDyke, Rachael Kutemeier, Kasey McBeth, Tara Mabry

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by **C. Carlson**, **SECONDED** BY Member **K. Berry**, the agenda for the board meeting of January 17, 2023 be adopted as written.

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

**NAYS:** None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

A. Melson

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

Retirement – Wendy Murphy, Ottawa Literacy Coach, 32 years of service.

School Resource Officer Grant Approval

School Board Recognition Month – Mrs. Robinson thanked the school board for their dedication and hard work.

**SUPERINTENDENT/  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

School Highlight – Mrs. Stacey Denison, Ottawa Elementary Principal presented to the board. She thanked and spoke words of gratitude for newly retired Wendy Murphy. Mrs. Denison highlighted the Ottawa building, students and staff. She touched on the Hill Project, student social/emotional needs, PBIS, Little Buck of the Week, restorative practices, and community circles among others. She also thanked the board for their commitment to Buchanan Community Schools.

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &  
NEW BUSINESS**





None

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT  
AGENDA**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
  -  12-19-2022 Regular Meeting
  -  1-9-2023 Organizational Meeting
2. Warrants:
  -  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – December 2022
3. Extracurricular Contract:
  -  Missy Lyon
4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Amber Breden	Moccasin Media Assistant	December 20, 2022
Jacqueline Coffel	Noon Supervisor/KidKare Aide	December 23, 2022
Nicole Hughes	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	January 21, 2023



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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL  
ACADEMY GRADUATION  
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Fatima Jamal
-  Aiden Sonnenberg

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**PARAPROFESSIONALS  
LETTER OF AGREEMENT –  
SALARY SCHEDULE**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education approves the attached letter of agreement with the Buchanan Association of Classroom Paraprofessionals, Health Care Paraprofessionals, and Band Paraprofessionals for the new salary schedule.



Letter of Agreement Between the Buchanan Association of Classroom Paraprofessionals, Health Care Paraprofessionals and Band Paraprofessionals and the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education

In consideration of their mutual covenants reflected in this Agreement, the Buchanan Association of Classroom Paraprofessionals, Health Care Paraprofessionals and Band Paraprofessionals (the Association) and the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education (the Board), agree as follows:

1. Due to the difficulties in filling positions and global fiscal issues a new salary schedule will be in effect beginning January 1, 2023.

2. The new schedule is as follows:

Article 12: Wages and Benefits

E. Wage Schedule

2. Pay Schedule for Duration of this contract ending June 30, 2024

Start	\$14.00
Level 1	\$14.25
Level 2	\$14.50
Level 3	\$14.75
Level 4	\$15.00
Level 5	\$15.25
Level 6	\$15.50
Level 7	\$15.75
Level 8	\$16.00
Level 9	\$16.25
Level 10	\$16.50

3. This Agreement is not intended to set a precedent and in no way modifies any other provision of the parties' collective bargaining agreement.

4. This Agreement expires on June 30, 2024.

For the Board of Education

Patricia Robinson, Superintendent

January 11, 2023

For the Association

Tammie Herrman, President

January 11, 2023

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

NAYS: None MOTION ADOPTED

CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARINGS

MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED by K. Laesch, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session for hearings on student discipline: Student #4897524985 and Student #6209296237. Time 6:40pm

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

NAYS: None MOTION ADOPTED

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by C. Carlson, SECONDED by J. Brackett, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 7:44pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –  
EXPULSION HEARING**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the administration has presented to the Board of Education, a recommendation concerning the expulsion of a student who was determined to be in violation of Buchanan School Board Policies #2266 and #3362 on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the administration has notified the student and parents involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of expulsion, and their rights to a hearing on this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Buchanan Board of Education chooses not to expel Student #4897524985 from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools. The student must complete educational courses assigned by the High School Counselors.

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

NAYS: None ABSTAINED: J. Brackett **MOTION ADOPTED**

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE –  
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MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the administration has presented to the Board of Education, a recommendation concerning the expulsion of a student who was determined to be in violation of Buchanan School Board Policies #3362.01 and #5610 on Thursday, January 12, 2023 and

WHEREAS, the administration has notified the student and parents involved of the accusations against the student, the recommendation of expulsion, and their rights to a hearing on this date;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Buchanan Board of Education chooses to expel Student #6209296237 permanently from attendance in Buchanan Community Schools.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**EDUSTAFF EMPLOYMENT  
APPROVAL**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the employment of employee 115957.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS  
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mrs. Laesch thanked the district for their school board recognition.

Dr. Burnett thanked the staff that got the grant approved and thanked the board for their service.

Mrs. Berry appreciated the recognition for Wendy Murphy.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:49 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 2/21/23 meeting)*