

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

**MAY 20, 2024**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PRESIDENT:** Dr. Burnett opened the meeting at 6:33pm

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Burnett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** R. Writer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Carrie Brunsting, Michelle Munyon, Brian Pruett, Mark Frey, Reid McBeth, Brian Brown, Kris Rettig, Jessica Elliott, Jake Brown

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** by **C. Carlson**, **SECONDED** BY Member **K. Laesch**, the agenda for the board meeting May 20, 2024 be adopted as written.

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

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

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Dr. Burnett & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

**POINTS OF PRIDE**

Buck Staff Recognition May Winner: Jessica Elliott, BHS English Teacher & Advisor  
Nominees included:

- Britney Thomas, BMS Paraprofessional
- Bryant House, BMS Custodian
- Julia LaMar, Ottawa Interventionist
- Kasey McBeth, Lead Instructional Coach
- Kristine Rettig, 2nd Grade Teacher
- Michelle Munyon, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent & BOE
- Mike Babcock, Moccasin Elementary Principal
- Shelby Beasley, BMS Principal

Athletics

- Softball Conference Champs
- Girls Soccer Conference Champs

BHS Academic Excellence Breakfast Celebration

CTE Awards Nights

**SUPERINTENDENT/  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

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

**PRESENTATIONS**

School Highlight – Mr. Brian Pruett, Buchanan High School Principal, and Mr. Reid McBeth, BCS Athletic & BVA Coordinator, presented to the board.

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &  
NEW BUSINESS**

Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting

Board Policy Committee, April 25<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 9<sup>th</sup> Meetings

Facilities Planning Committee, April 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Human Resources Committee, May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Farm Advisory Committee, May 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting

Emergency/Security Committee, May 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Parent Advisory Committee – May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Berry**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular board meeting of May 20, 2024 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:
  -  4-15-2024 Regular Meeting
2. Warrants:
  -  Treasury & Expenditure Reports – April 2024
3. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Title
Madisyn Boone	Ottawa Elementary Behavioral Specialist
Tre' Myers	Substitute Bus Driver

4. Employment Departures:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Marc Hartman	Band Director	June 6, 2024
Kali Morris	GSRP Teacher Assistant Paraprofessional	June 6, 2024
Rebekah Marschke	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	June 6, 2024

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL 2024 GRADUATION CERTIFICATION**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **K. Berry**, 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 2024 Commencement Ceremony.

Last Name	First Name	Diploma Names	
ANDERSEN	DREW	Drew Craig Andersen	
AUSTIN	LA'BRIA	La'Bria Janelle Ivy Austin	
BAKER	ALYVIA	Alyvia Belle Baker	
BAKER	WYATT	Wyatt David Baker	
BARRIER	BRYCE	Bryce Matthew Barrier	
BARTLEY	FAITH	Faith Bartley	
BASSANI	GUIDO	Foreign Exchange Student	
BLAKE	MADYSON	Madyson Blake	walked last year gets diploma this year
BLUMKA	LOGAN	Logan Michael Blumka	
BROWN	JAMARI	Jamari Te'Rez Brown	

BUCHANAN	HENRY	Henry O'Rion Buchanan	
CAMILLE-MCLEOD	AJ	Alban Camille-Mcleod Jr	
CAPRON	RILEY	Riley Nicole Capron	
CASTO	EMMA	Emma Casto	
CLARK	BRETT	Brett Lee Clark	
COCHRAN	CHELSEA	Chelsea Anne Cochran	
CORNELIUS	MADISON	Madison Lynette Cornelius	
CRAIG	MALAYNA	Malayna Ray Craig	
DARNELL	EMMA	Emma Darnell	
DICKSON	BRAELYN	Braelyn Taylor Dickson	
DONNELLY	SAMUEL	Samuel Paul Donnelly	
DOYLE	ALISON	Alison Jane Doyle	
FINN	NICHOLAS	Nicholas Finn	
FURST	DANIEL	Daniel Furst	5th Year Student
GREAVES	SYDNEY	Sydney Erica Greaves	
GRIFFIS	MASON	Mason Griffis	
HARDIN	ROWAN	Rowan Hardin	5th year student
HASKINS	NOVALEE	Novalee Sue Haskins	
HAYES	MAISHAUN	Maishaun Jamari Hayes	
HERBST	ASHLYN	Ashlyn Ann Herbst	
HERMAN	HANNAH	Hannah Grace Herman	
HOGUE	KORTNYE	Kortnye Louise Hogue	
HOLLINGSWORTH	NATHAN	Nathan Thomas Hollingsworth	
HURST	ROBERT	Robert Quinn Hurst	
JOHNSON	ELLIOT	Elliot R. Johnson	
KARA	HAILEE	Hailee Ann Kara	
KEHOE	ALAINA	Alaina Rose Kehoe	
KELLY	COLIN	Colin Kelly	
KOULCHAR	KENNETH	Kenneth William Koulchar	
KUNTZ	HUNTER	Hunter James Kuntz	
KUTEMEIER	NORAH	Norah Kutemeier	
LAGALO	EMMA	Emma E Lagalo	
LASHUA	ALYSSA	Alyssa Annette Lashua	
LEGAULT	CADEN	Caden James Legault	
LEWIS-SCHADLER	KYLE	Kyle Lewis-Schadler	
LOONSFOOT	ZOE	Zoe Lyn Loonsfoot	
LOZMACK	CAMILLE	Camille J Lozmack	
MALSTROM	JOSHUA	Joshua Arthur Malstrom	
MAY	KEEGAN	Keegan Malloy Michele May	
MCDANNELL	OLIVIA	Olivia McDannell	
MILLER	TYLER	Tyler Allen Miller	
MORRIS	CAITLYN	Caitlyn May Morris	
MORRIS	KALI	Kali Morris	walked last year gets diploma this year
MULLEN	MADISON	Madison Lynn Mullen	
NELSON	LILLIAN	Lillian Ruth Nelson	
NI	JEAN	Jean Ni	
PASTRYK	ANDREW	Andrew Douglas Pastryk	
PATTON	CHRIS	Chris Edward Patton II	
PHILIP	BRITAIN	Britain Russell Philip	
ROBERTS	DEAN	Dean George Roberts	
ROBERTS	MADDIX	Maddix Jolynn Roberts	
SCHUELKE	CLAIRE	Claire Emily Schuelke	
SEBASTY	BRAYDEN	Brayden Tyler Sebasty	
SHELDON	HAYLEI	Haylei Sue Sheldon	
SKORUPA	NICKOLAS	Nickolas Skorupa	
SLEEPER	ZOE	Zoe Sleeper	
SNOWDON	KAHLIE	Kahlie Anne Louise Snowdon	
STODDARD	SIARA	Siara Jasmine Stoddard	
TABOR	GENEVA	Geneva Grace Viktoria Tabor	5th Year Student
TAYLOR	CIERRA	Cierra Taylor	5th Year Student

TAYLOR	NEESON	Neeson Blake Taylor
THOMAS	DESTINY	Destiny L Thomas
THOMAS	LUCY	Lucy Jane Thomas
THOMPSON	MARIAH	Mariah Haley Thompson
THOMPSON	SYLVIA	Sylvia Kay Thompson
TRAIL	BAILEY	Bailey Kathlene Trail
TRIGG	MATTHEW	Matthew Kent Trigg II
TRIGG	MYKAYLA	MyKayla Noel Trigg
TWUM	ASIA	Asia MaameYaa Twum
VANKIRK	CAMDEN	Camden Michael Vankirk
VANKIRK	DESIREE	Desiree Vankirk
WALLER	AARON	Aaron Michael Waller
WARD	MCCALLIE	McCallie Ann Ward
WATERLOO	ALAINA	Alaina Grace Waterloo
WEAVER	CALEB	Caleb Elijah Weaver
WEBB	BRIANNE	Brianne Marie Webb
WEBSTER	ALEX	Haylee Webster
WEGENER	JACOB	Jacob A. Wegener
WHITE	CONRAD	Rebecca White
WILLIAMS	CARTER	Carter Dale Williams
WINSLETT	JORDAN	Jordan Elise Winslett
YODER	AVERY	Avery Jane Yoder
YOUNG	ABIGAEL	Abigael Faith Young
YOUNG	ELEANOR	Eleanor Jane Young
ZEBELL	KATIE	Katie Lynn Zebell

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL  
ACADEMY GRADUATION  
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

-  Annabelle Colglazier
-  Ivy Holloway
-  Taylor Jackson
-  Patiences Moore
-  Skyler Perry
-  Brooke Sheldon
-  Braxton Wakes
-  Jo’Kobe Washington
-  Jaiden Williams

Buchanan Step Up Students:

-  Hannah Williams
-  Santonio Williams

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**ADMINISTRATOR CELL  
PHONE REIMBURSEMENT**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves district leaders who are required to have a personal wireless communication device as a condition of their employment shall receive an annual

stipend to reimburse them for the costs associated with maintaining and using the device for business purposes equivalent to:

-  Leadership - \$35 per month (for each month employed)
-  Superintendent - \$50 per month (for each month employed)

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**DONATION OF BCS  
ARTIFACTS TO BUCHANAN  
LIBRARY**

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED by **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the Buchanan Community Schools District request to grant access and ownership to the Buchanan District Library of the following items:

-  3 original 5"x7" glass plate negatives; one of the north facade of Buchanan Union School (old high school), one of the south facade of Buchanan Union School, and one that shows the west facade of the Dewey School after being remodeled. All probably around 1907.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

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

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following resolution:

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget following the Berrien RESA Board meeting of April 8, 2024; 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 General Fund Operating 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, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2024-2025 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 to the budget.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**APPOINTMENT TO  
BUCHANAN DISTRICT  
LIBRARY BOARD**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education appoints Janet Kuhn and Trinity Young as Buchanan Library Board Representatives for the Buchanan District Library Board of Trustees.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**SET 2024-2025 BUDGET  
PUBLIC HEARING DATE**

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

WHEREAS:

The Uniform Budget Act requires the 2024-2025 Budget be adopted prior to July 1, 2024.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The public hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget will be held during the regular board meeting on June 17, 2024 at 6pm at the Buchanan High School Auditorium.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUSINESS MANAGER  
CONTRACT WITH BRESA**

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED by **K. Laesch**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the contract for Business Manager services with Berrien RESA for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**CLOSED SESSION –  
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING  
STRATEGY**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **K. Berry**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session per section 8(C) of the Open Meetings Act for negotiations related to the collective bargaining process. Time 7:26pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED by **S. Carlin**, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session. Time 9:31pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS  
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members spoke.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

9:33 pm

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Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education  
*(Minutes adopted at the 6/17/2024 meeting)*