

BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APRIL 21, 2025

REGULAR MEETING

BUCHANAN HIGH SCHOOL

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT: Mrs. Berry opened the meeting at 6:03pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Berry led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C. Carlson, J. Brackett, J. Brown, K. Laesch, S. Carlin (left at 6:42pm),
H. Burnett, and K. Berry

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Robinson, Mark Kurland, Phil Place, Michelle Munyon, Stacey Denison

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED BY Member **H. Burnett**, the agenda for the regular board meeting of April 21, 2025 be adopted as written.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mrs. Berry & Mrs. Robinson welcomed all.

POINTS OF PRIDE

Buck Staff Appreciation April Winner – Hayley Sater, 3rd Grade Teacher
Nominees included

Laura Henckel, Ottawa Guidance Counselor

Michelle Horvath, 3rd Grade Teacher

Shelby Beasley, Buchanan Middle School Principal

**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

Stacey Denison – Ottawa Elementary School Principal

**INFORMATION/REPORTS &
NEW BUSINESS**

Human Resources Committee – March 26th Meeting

Public Relations Committee – April 8th Meeting

Human Resources Committee – April 9th Meeting

Emergency/Security Committee – April 21st Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT
AGENDA**

MOTION by **J. Brackett**, SECONDED BY Member **K. Laesch**, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda for the regular meeting of April 21, 2025 be adopted as written:

1. Minutes:

- 3-17-2025 Regular Meeting
- 3-17-2025 Work Session

2. Warrants:
- Treasury, Expenditure Reports & Dashboard – March 2025

4. Recommendations to Hire as submitted for:

Recommended Employee	Position
Symanthe Phillips	Food Service Substitute
Meagan Bybee	Paraprofessional - GSRP Assistant Teacher
Patricia Hosmer	Custodian Substitute

5. Resignations:

Name	Position	Date upon which wages will terminate
Symanthe Phillips	Paraprofessional - ECSE	-
Meghan Hall	Paraprofessional - ECSE	March 27, 2025
Renee Apolin	ECSE Teacher	August 22, 2025
Mark Frey	BHS Assistant Principal & CTE Director	June 27, 2025
Gina Pellouchoud	3rd Grade Teacher	August 22, 2025

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**BUCHANAN VIRTUAL
ACADEMY GRADUATION
CERTIFICATION**

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

Buchanan Virtual Academy Students:

- Anasia Gaines
- Yance Albright
- Zachary Krzeminski
- Hailey Robbins
- Lloyd White
- Hailey Larsh
- Alli Stark

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**SCHOOL FARM ADVISORY
BOARD – MEMBER
APPOINTMENT APPROVAL**

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the recommendation as submitted by our Outdoor Education Advisor, Melissa Frost, to appoint Melanie Byrdak as a member of the School Farm Advisory Committee.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**THRUN BOARD POLICY
UPDATE**

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED **J. Brackett**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the following policies:

- January 2025 Update
- January 29, 2025 Update
- March 3, 2025 Update
- Policy 3121 – Hall of Fame
- Policy 5304 – Nonpublic School Students Part-Time Attendance

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

SOCCER OVERNIGHT TRIP

MOTION by **C. Carlson**, SECONDED **J. Brown**, the Buchanan Board of Education approves the BHS soccer team bonding experience for the night of May 2, 2025 at Buchanan Middle School. This overnight will be chaperoned by coach Russ Philip.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

2025 SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR AMENDMENT

MOTION by **K. Laesch**, SECONDED **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves to amend the following board meeting time:
The regular board meeting scheduled for May 19, 2025 is to be rescheduled to begin at 6:00pm.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE

MOTION by **H. Burnett**, SECONDED **C. Carlson**, the Buchanan Board of Education moves into closed session per section 8(B) of the Open Meetings Act to consider a student reinstatement, Student #6209296237. Time: 6:42pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education resolves to return to open session Time: 7:14pm

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

STUDENT REINSTATEMENT #6209296237

MOTION by **K. Berry**, SECONDED **H. Burnett**, the Buchanan Board of Education upholds the recommendation of the Student Reinstatement Committee for student #6209296237 and denies reinstatement for the student at this time and may not participate in the high school graduation ceremony on May 22.

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

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

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

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

WHEREAS:

This Board received the Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget following the Berrien RESA Board meeting of April 14, 2025; 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, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Berrien RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 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, J. Brown, K. Laesch, H. Burnett, and K. Berry

NAYS: None **MOTION ADOPTED**

**QUESTIONS & COMMENTS
FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members spoke.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

May 19, 2025 at 6pm

ADJOURNMENT

7:20 pm

Mrs. Kelly Laesch, Secretary, Board of Education
(Minutes adopted at the 5/19/2025 meeting)