

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education – Organizational Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, January 13, 2025
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. Chris Hodges at 6:30pm

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Nancy Hawkins, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Kathryn Reed, Ms. Jennifer Smith, Student Rep. Jordyn Lira

Staff Present:

Dr. Chris Hodges, Superintendent; Ms. Ann Fredrickson, High School Principal; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Ms. Jeannine Brown, Elementary Principal; Mr. Jon Pechette, Business/Facilities Director.

III. OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Ken Krapohl, Ms. Nancy Hawkins and Ms. Kathryn Reed took their Oath of Office.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“Motion to approve the agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, January 13, 2025.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Chaffee. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

V. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

“Motion that a slate of officers for the 2025 Bath Community Schools Board of Education include:

Ms. Ann Chaffee be nominated for the office of Board President

Mr. Ken Krapohl to be nominated for the office of Board Vice President

Ms. Jennifer Smith to be nominated for the office of Board Secretary, and

Mr. Josh Mendoza to be nominated for the office of Board Treasurer.”

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Bachelor. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

VI. SETTING OF BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

“Motion to set the Bath Community Schools Board of Education member salaries at \$575 annually for each member for 2025.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Krapohl. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Board Committee Assignments & Meeting Dates

Finance Committee - 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 pm

Mr. Josh Mendoza (Chair), Ms. Jennifer Smith, Ms. Ann Chaffee

Personnel Committee - 2nd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm

Mr. Ken Krapohl (Chair), Ms. Jennifer Smith, Ms. Nancy Hawkins

Policy Committee - 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm

Mr. Josh Mendoza (Chair), Ms. Kathryn Reed, Mr. Sam Bachelor

Building & Grounds Committee - 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm

Mr. Sam Bachelor (Chair), Mr. Ken Krapohl, Ms. Ann Chaffee

Extra-Curricular Committee - First meeting February 3, 2025

Ms. Nancy Hawkins (Chair), Ms. Kathryn Reed, Ms. Ann Chaffee

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

The following items may be approved with one motion unless a Board member requests that an item or items be removed for separate action.

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 16, 2024
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 260,714.50
- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 377,786.55
- d. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 62,985.40
- e. Personnel
 - i. New Hires: Ann Koch, Bath Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - ii. Transfers: Crystal De Leon, from Bath Middle School to Bath High School

“Motion to approve the consent agenda, as presented.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

IX. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
 - i. Secretary Report – Correspondence: None
 - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee: Did not meet
 - iii. Finance Committee: Did not meet
 - iv. Personnel Committee: Did not meet
 - v. Policy Committee: Did not meet
 - vi. Building and Grounds Committee: Did not meet

b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hodges shared that the staff professional development day on January 6 covered safety training and curriculum. A group from the district would be traveling to Muskegon on January 15 to visit smart learning labs. The newly revised Title IX regulations were struck down. The district will continue operating under the 2020 rules.

c. Student Report

Ms. Lira shared that the high school students really like having final exams before the winter break. February 8 will be winter homecoming. The senior night recognition for wrestling was rescheduled to Monday, January 20th.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

Dean Sweet welcomed Ms. Hawkins back to the board.

XI. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. School Board Recognition

Dr. Hodges stated that January is Board of Appreciation month. He thanked the board members for their service. Dean Sweet was recognized for his 30+ years of service and presented with a certificate of appreciation.

b. Bath High School Student Council and National Honor Society: Week of Giving, Mr. Craig Poppema and Ms. Amanda Mote.

All 3 buildings participated in the fundraising. \$16,750 was raised and given to 52 families. The week of giving event has raised at least \$10,000/year in the last 15 years. Students shared a thought about the week.

c. Senior Class Trip Proposal: Ms. Alisha Clavelli

The trip is planned for February 22-24 to the Bavarian Lodge in Frankenmuth.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

Background: The renaming policy requires a naming committee to present in December and then the board to vote upon their recommendation in January. In December, the committee

recommended purchasing a plaque in the shape of a home plate to be permanently installed at the baseball field.

- a) **“Motion to accept the recommendation of the Baseball Field Renaming Committee and place a plaque in honor of Cooper Gardner at the Bath High School Baseball Field.”**

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

- b) **“Motion to approve the Class of 2025 senior trip to the Bavarian Inn Lodge in Frankenmuth, as presented.”**

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Reed. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

None

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Hawkins thanked the other members for her appointment to the board.

Mr. Krapohl sees the leadership skills of the students who organized the Week of Giving and how they model that to the other students.

Ms. Reed told the students they have learned real world job skills by organizing the Week of Giving.

Mr. Bachelor welcomed Ms. Reed and Ms. Hawkins. He thanked everyone for the nice work on the Week of Giving.

Ms. Chaffee congratulated the students and staff on the successful Week of Giving event.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of the closed session is to discuss Superintendent Evaluation as allowed under Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act.

“Motion to move into closed session for the purpose of discussing the superintendent’s evaluation as allowed under section 8(a) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:26 P.M.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Krapohl. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

XVI. OPEN SESSION

“Motion to return to open session at 8:48 P.M.”

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Smith. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn.”

Moved by Mendoza, Seconded by Bachelor. Vote 7-0. Motion Passed.

Time: 8:49 P.M.