

# **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

## **Board of Education – Organizational Meeting**

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall  
Bath High School

Monday, January 22, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Paul Hartsig at 6:30 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza and Ms. Jennifer Smith.

Members absent: Mr. Dean Sweet

Declare quorum

Staff present: Mr. Paul Hartsig, Superintendent; Ms. Ann Fredrickson, High School Principal; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Ms. Jeannine Brown, Elementary Principal; Mr. Jerod Koen, Assistant Elementary Principal; Ms. Caroline Cook, Business Manager; Ms. Robin Cook, Technology Director; Mr. Jon Pechette, Facilities Director; and Ms. Shannon Proctor, Executive Assistant

#### **III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**“Motion to approve agenda of the Organizational Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, January 22, 2024, as presented.”**

Moved by Chaffee, Seconded by Bachelor. Motion Passed.

#### **IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

a. Nominate officers

**“Motion that a slate of officers for the 2024 Bath Community Schools Board of Education include:**

**Ann Chaffee be nominated for the office of Board President,**

**Ken Krapohl be nominated for the office of Board Vice President,  
Jennifer Smith be nominated for the office of Board Secretary, and  
Dean Sweet be nominated for the office of Board Treasurer,  
And that the nominations be closed.”**

Moved by Chaffee, Seconded by Mendoza. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Krapohl, Mendoza, Smith,  
Chaffee ABSENT: Sweet. NAY: None. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

**Therefore:**

**Ann Chaffee is elected as Board President,  
Ken Krapohl is elected as Board Vice President,  
Jennifer Smith is elected as Board Secretary,  
Dean Sweet is elected as Board Treasurer, for 2024.**

V. SETTING OF BOARD MEMBER SALARIES

**“Motion to set the Bath Community Schools Board of Education member salaries at \$575.00  
annually for each member for 2024”**

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Mendoza. AYE: Halfmann, Krapohl, Mendoza, Smith,  
Bachelor, Chaffee ABSENT: Sweet. NAY: None. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Board Committee Assignments & Meeting Dates

**Finance Committee [Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 6:00 p.m.]**

**Dean Sweet Jr, Chair**  
Stephanie Halfmann  
Jennifer Smith

**Personnel Committee [Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 6:30 p.m.]**

**Ken Krapohl, Chair**  
Stephanie Halfmann  
Jennifer Smith

**Policy Committee [Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday at 7:30 p.m.]**

**Josh Mendoza, Chair**  
Sam Bachelor  
Ann Chaffee

**Building & Grounds Committee [Meeting 2nd Monday at 5:30 p.m.]**

**Sam Bachelor, Chair**

Ann Chaffee

Ken Krapohl

**Extra-Curricular [Meeting as needed, at time TBD]**

**Ann Chaffee, Chair**

Josh Mendoza

Dean Sweet

**VII. REPORTS**

**a. Superintendent**

Mr. Hartsig Thanked the Board and said that Bath Community Schools was a great place to wrap up his career.

**b. Student**

Ms. Lira thanked Mr. Hartsig for the snow days. She also shared that Mr. Schrauben and his sports official class was being featured on the news tonight. Students are requesting a buzzer at the backdoor for students returning from CCRESA during the school day. She continued her report with the senior class trip was currently going on, Winter Homecoming game is a girls' basketball game and they are undefeated. She was also excited to share that Aubrie Schaibly was voted player of the week on channel 6 news.

**VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. First reading Bath Community Schools Policy po0122, po1420, po3130, po3120, po3131, po3132, po3139, po3140, po3142 and po3220, as presented.

**IX. SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**a. School Board Recognition**

Superintendent Hartsig shared that the month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition Month. He stated that this is a time to show our appreciation and begin to better understand how local trustees work together to prepare today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. Mr. Hartsig expressed his appreciation to work for such a great group of people who care about our schools and community.

*Thank you, Sam Bachelor, Ann Chaffee, Stephanie Halfmann, Ken Krapohl, Josh Mendoza Jennifer Smith, and Dean Sweet for your service to Bath Community Schools!*

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Individuals are permitted to make statements to the Board during this section of the agenda. Board Policy #1370 includes guidelines adopted by the Board for this purpose.*

None

XI. 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 Regular Meeting of December 11, 2023
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$295,760.54
- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$524,788.66
- d. Building & Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$26,175.00

Moved by Krapohl Seconded by Bachelor AYE: Krapohl, Mendoza, Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Chaffee ABSENT: Sweet. NAY: None. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

XII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Business

- i. **“Motion to approve policy po 0122, po1420, po 3130, po 3120, po 3131, po 3132, po 3139, po 3140, po 3142 and po 3220, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor Seconded by Krapohl. AYE: Mendoza, Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Krapohl, Chaffee ABSENT: Sweet. NAY: None. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Lorenda Jonas thanked Mr. Hartsig for always putting the students and staff first in all of his decisions. Ms. Caroline Cook appreciated how Mr. Hartsig always encouraged his employees to grow and that he has been a pillar of the community. Mr. Steve Spinner thanked Mr. Hartsig for being a boss that understands family/work balance. Ms. Jeannine Brown appreciates the direction Mr. Hartsig was taking the district in and how much he cared about the students, staff and parents. Ms. Christine McCallister shared that there was a questionable sign at a sporting event and that Mr. Harrelson was quick to address the sign before it became an issue. She also shared how much it meant to her child when Mr. Hartsig responded with a hand-written note to each student in her daughter’s class after receiving multiple encouraging letters requesting a snow day, his gestures

will be missed. Mr. Jon Pechette said it was an honor and privilege to work with him. Ms. Fredrickson shared that she was hired the same year that Mr. Hartsig came in. She was thankful for the decisions he made during Covid, knowing he didn't make the decisions lightly and tried to see all sides. She is very grateful for his guidance as a new principal. Ms. Jordyn Lira talked about remembering seeing him when she was a middle school student and appreciated that he made sure her student report and his superintendent report did not overlap.

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Chaffee appreciated Mr. Hartsig's guidance and opinion as a new board president. Mr. Mendoza shared that when he was student representative, Mr. Hartsig inspired him to run for the school board of education. Mr. Bachelor said he couldn't think of a better person to have led the district through Covid. Mr. Krapohl shared he liked hearing how supported the staff felt by Mr. Hartsig. Ms. Halfmann thanked Mr. Hartsig for the person he is. Ms. Smith appreciated Mr. Hartsig as new board member and how he listened to her concerns and wants what is best for the district.

XV. "Motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m."

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Halfmann. AYE: Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Krapohl, Mendoza, Chaffee ABSENT: Sweet. NAY: None. Vote **6-0**. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Smith, Secretary

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Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary