

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, October 23, 2023
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Chaffee 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Mr. Ken Krapohl and Ms. Jennifer Smith, Dean Sweet Jr.

Members absent: Mr. Josh Mendoza

Declare quorum

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

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“Motion to approve agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, October 23, 2023 as presented.”

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Sweet. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Maner Costerisan - Sherrie Blankenship

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 Audit Report

- b. Safe Routes to School Coordinator – Elise Erickson

V. 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.

- c. Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 25, 2023
- d. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$188,183.42
- e. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$149,237.10
- f. Building & Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$23,508.30

“Motion to adopt the consent agenda presented.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Sweet Vote: 6-0. Motion Passed.

VI. REPORTS

a. Board of Education

i. Board Correspondence

Letter to President Chaffee from Mr. Bruce Kefgen wanting to help with the Superintendent search.

ii. Building and Grounds Committee

Did not meet

iii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Did not meet

iv. Finance Committee

Ms. Sherrie Blankenship from Maner Costerisan gave the results of the annual audit.

v. Personnel Committee

Ms. Chaffee shared they discussed staffing updates and the Superintendent search.

vi. Policy Committee

Did not meet

b. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Hartsig shared that November 1st PD will focus on curriculum updates. He also thanked Ms. Erickson and Mr. Hagerman for sharing updates on the safe routes to school grant and all of the work they have put into the program. Mr. Hartsig thanked his administrators for the long hours they work and the energy they give to the district. He also shared the football

team would be playing at Laingsburg October 27th in the playoffs, and Ms. Anna Schaibly was going to states for golf.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Business

Background: Beginning with our Fall Count 2018, we are required to have Board approval for the following: Absence Policies (in district handbooks), Course Lists (ES is incorporated in handbook, pg.6), Electronic Attendance procedure/policies, Graduation requirements (in HS Handbook). The only changes from when approved on 10/24/2022 were the courses approved at the 7/24/2023 board meeting.

i. **“Motion to approve the Absence Policies, Course Lists, Electronic Attendance procedure/policies and Graduation requirements, as presented.”**

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

d. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ms. Stacy Wallace expressed that she felt tryouts should be made for sports in the middle school. Ms. Emery Wallace expressed her frustration of feeling held back when there are so many teammates and coaches needing to work with teammates with less experience. Ms. Marie Wasson said she also supported tryouts and that her own child has been cut at the high school, she believes this makes kid's try harder. Mr. Larry Yardley also expressed he had no issues with tryouts for middle school sports and that this encourages kids to practice year round. Mr. Chris Hagerman announced the Christmas celebration would be held December 5th at the park. He also share the museum committee was working on becoming a 501c3 and they hope to have the new museum completed prior to the 100 year anniversary of the school disaster. Ms. Sara Stacy shared it was Bus safety week and her frustrations as a bus driver and driving violations she witnesses frequently. Ms. Jana Slisher shared many students are utilizing the Bath Township Library and they would love to have snacks donated and be able to provide for the kids after school. She also shared the library would be holding a carnival during Trunk or Treat with special guests from WKAR.

e. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bachelor thanked the parents for sharing their concerns about middle school sports and how many students are allowed to participate. He also appreciated Ms. Stacey sharing her concerns

with safety. Ms. Halfmann agreed with Mr. Bachelor. Ms. Smith was happy with the audit report. She also addressed the parents concern about large teams, she shared that she is proud of our districts large teams. Ms. Smith explained that large teams teach our kids to work together and learn to help each other grow. She talked about how proud she is to see kids who are not as athletically inclined make a great play and how they get the biggest cheers. Mr. Krapohl thanked Ms. Wallace for clarifying what she wanted. He shared the next couple of weeks would be busy with interviews for our next superintendent but to trust the process.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn at 6:54p.m.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary