

# **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall  
Bath High School

Monday, October 28, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

## **AGENDA**

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

The meeting was called to order by President Chaffee at 6:30pm.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Ms. Jennifer Smith and Student Rep. Jordyn Lira.

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Mr. Dean Sweet.

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; Ms. Anna Mansfield, Business/Human Resources

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

**“Motion to approve the agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, October 28, 2024**

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Smith, Chaffee.  
NAY: None. Vote 4-0 Motion passed.

### **IV. 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 September 23, 2024
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 262,444.85

- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 336,062.27
- d. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 69,506.43
- e. Personnel
  - i. Resignations:  
Lynn Vietzke, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
  - i. New Hires:  
Logan Southworth, Custodian

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

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Smith, Chaffee.  
NAY: None. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

## II. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
  - i. Secretary Report Correspondence: none
  - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee: discussed the renewal of the contract with U of M Health Sparrow for the Athletic Trainer.
  - iii. Finance Committee: Did not meet.
  - iv. Personnel Committee: Discussed Paraprofessional positions
  - v. Policy Committee: Did not meet
  - vi. Building and Grounds Committee
- b. Superintendent Report: Dr. Hodges updated the board about the strategic planning process, the November 1<sup>st</sup> PD focused on assessments and standards, and thanked Clinton County RESA for hosting a threat assessment training. In addition, Dr. Hodges recognized Ms. Fredrickson, Ms. Jonas, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Koen for all the work they do for the district in honor of principal appreciation month.
- c. Student Report: Ms. Lira updated the board on the accomplishments of the fall athletic teams.

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

Ms. Christine McCallister shared the highlights of the boys’ soccer season.

## IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Bath Middle School Washington D.C. Trip Report. Students that traveled to Washington D.C. gave a presentation to the board about their trip.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Absence Policies, Course Lists, Electronic Attendance Procedures/Policies and Graduation requirements.

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). There have been no changes since the board approved these policies at the October 23, 2023 board meeting.

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

Moved by Bachelor, seconded by Halfmann. AYE: Halfmann, Smith, Bachelor, Chaffee. NAY: None. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed.

- b. BEA Letter of Agreement – Insurance

Background: When we negotiated the contract with the BEA, we did not yet have the insurance coverage information, and we agreed to sign a letter of agreement. The district already pays the Hard Cap of PA 152, so this does not have a financial impact on the district.

- “Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Bath Community Schools and the Bath Education Association regarding insurance coverage, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor, seconded by Halfmann. AYE: Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Chaffee. NAY: None. Vote: 4-0 Motion Passed

- c. BEA Letter of Agreement – Reimbursement

Background: When processing requests for teacher tuition reimbursement, we found that the contract only allowed for teacher tuition to be reimbursed for expenses incurred between September 1, 2021-August 31, 2022. This letter of agreement removes the restriction. Tuition reimbursements for teachers were granted in the 22-23 school year.

**“Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Bath Community Schools and the Bath Education Association regarding tuition reimbursement, as presented.”**

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Chaffee. Vote: 4-0. Motion passed.

d. BEA Letter of Agreement – Dues Collection

Background: During the contract negotiations this past cycle, the district agreed to collect dues on behalf of the MEA. Locally, we agreed on a deduction schedule that is different from the MEA’s preference, and would have created more work for the business office. Initially we agreed to collect dues from 1 pay per month, for ten pays. This letter of agreement allows us to collect dues from each pay check for the year, making payroll simpler to run for those employees.

**“Motion to approve the Letter of Agreement between Bath Community Schools and the Bath Education Association regarding dues collection, as presented.”**

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Smith, Bachelor, Halfmann, Chaffee. NAY: None. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed.

e. Bath School Museum Letter of Support

Background: The Bath School Museum Committee is seeking a letter of support from the district for their building project on the site of the original Bath School in James Couzens Memorial Park.

**“Motion to approve the letter of support for the Bath School Museum Committee’s construction of a new museum, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor, seconded by Halfmann. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Smith, Chaffee. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed.

f. Athletic Trainer Contract

Background: The district has a long-standing partnership with University of Michigan Health Sparrow to provide Athletic Training services to the district. The contract renewal for the 24-25 school year should be approved by the board. This is an increase from previous years, but the services provided are invaluable.

**“Motion to approve the Athletic Training Services contract between Bath Community Schools and University of Michigan Health Sparrow, as presented.”**

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Smith, Chaffee. NAY: None. Vote: 4-0 Motion passed

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Amanda Anderson shared her concern about the lack of parent volunteers and the need for additional supervision at BES during recess.

Ms. Amy Duflo thanked Ms. Tullar for putting the Washington D.C. trip together.

Ms. Chris McCallister shared the importance of parent volunteers in school.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Halfmann wished the principals a happy appreciation month and asked about the status of the district's AED's.

Ms. Lira shared that the athletic trainer did an AED lessons with fall athletic teams.

Mr. Bachelor reminded the district to check on Epi pen expiration dates and thanked the D.C. students for their presentation.

Ms. Smith echoed the other board members, and thanked the principals. She also shared how valuable the athletic trainer position is. Ms. Smith also thanked the D.C. students and Ms. Tullar.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**“Motion to adjourn at 7:12 P.M.”**

Moved by Halfmann, seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Smith, Chaffee. NAY: None. Vote 4-0, Motion passed.