

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, December 11, 2023
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

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

Declare quorum

Members absent: Mr. Josh Mendoza

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 Services; Mr. John Pechette, Facilities Director; 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, December 11, 2023, as presented.”

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

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Costa Rica Trip Proposal – Ms. Ann Giese
- b. Senior Trip Proposal- Ms. Miranda Kibby
- c. Eagle Scout Project Approval Request – Ms. Madison Wagner

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.

- i. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023
- ii. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$169,587.10
- iii. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$351,692.77
- iv. Building & Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$4,475.00

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Krapohl, Smith, Sweet, Chaffee. ABSENT: Mendoza. NAY: None. Vote6-0. Motion passed.

VI. REPORT

a. Board of Education

i. President's Report

Ms. Chaffee introduced Mr. Chris Hodges whom will be the new Bath Community Schools Superintendent starting May 1,2024 and Mr. David Chapin whom will be the Interim Superintendent. It was decided to nominate officers and choose committees at the January Board meeting.

ii. Board Correspondence

Email from Ms. Valerie Hall

iii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Did not meet.

iv. Finance Committee

Did not meet.

v. Personnel Committee

Did not meet.

vi. Policy Committee

Did not meet.

vii. Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bachelor shared they discussed P.A. Systems.

b. Superintendent

Mr. Hartsig welcomed Mr. Hodges and Mr. Chapin. He also shared week of giving news, information regarding Winter Athletics, Quiz Bowl and the date for the upcoming CCRESA Board dinner.

VII. 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.

Ms. Christine McCallister wanted to know what grades were eligible for the Costa Rica trip.

VIII. Action Items

a. Business

i. **“Motion to approve Mutual Release of Claims and Liability Agreement, as presented.”**

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

ii. **“Motion to approve policy po1540, po2370.01, po7540.03, po8305 and po8531, as presented.”**

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

iii. **“Motion that the Bath Community Schools Board of Education hire Mr. Chris Hodges as Superintendent of Schools effective May 1, 2024, as presented.”**

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

iv. **“Motion to approve the Bath High School Senior Trip to Boyne Mountain Resort, as presented.”**

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

v. **“Motion to approve the 2025 Costa Rica trip as presented.”**

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

vi. **“Motion to approve the request of Ms. Madison Wagner’s Eagle Scout Project with Athletic Director having final approval, as presented.”**

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Jana Slisher from the Bath Township Library shared they have Covid tests and locking medical bags donated from the health department. Ms. Christine McCallister said it was great to see all the families come out to support the first Winter Sports Madness. She also enjoyed watching the kids helping each other at Stop-and-Shop, which was put on by the P.T.A.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bachelor requested an extra-curricular meeting to discuss Ms. Halls letter. Mr. Krapohl reiterated the date for the CCRESA dinner. Ms. Halfmann welcomed Mr. Hodges and Mr. Chapin. Ms. Smith welcomed Mr. Hodges and is excited to see what he will do in our district, she also reiterated that she believed the letter needed to be addressed. Ms. Chaffee shared that it was approved for Norm Fasteners to build in Bath township and is looking forward to seeing the different opportunities this will bring to our district.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.”

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary