

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Virtual
Bath High School

Monday, December 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor (by phone, Bath Twp.) Ms. Ann Chaffee (by Computer, Bath Twp.), Ms. Stephanie Halfmann (by computer, Bath Twp.), Ms. Nancy Hawkins (by computer, DeWitt Twp.), Mr. Ken Krapohl (by computer, Bath Twp.) Mr. Blair Svendsen (by computer, Bath Twp.) and Dean Sweet, Jr. (by phone, Bath Twp.)

Declare quorum

Members absent: None.

Student Rep: Mr. Josh Mendoza

Staff present: Mr. Paul Hartsig, Superintendent; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Ms. Jeannine Brown, Interim Elementary Principal; Ms. Caroline Cook, Business Services; Mr. Doug Murphy, Technology Director; Ms. Shannon Proctor, Executive Assistant, Mr. John Pechette, Facilities Director

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“Motion to approve agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, December 14, 2020, as presented.”

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Svendsen. Vote: 7-0. 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.

- i. Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 23 2020
- ii. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$34,662.42
- iii. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$342,719.50

Moved by Sweet Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Bachelor, Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Svendsen, Sweet, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote7-0. Motion passed.

V. REPORT Sweet S Bachelor

a. Board of Education

i. President's Report

There was some discussion about President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary position to stay as is and who should be on which committee.

ii. Board Correspondence

Ms. Chaffee read Ms. Brown's email regarding her thankfulness to the students and staff that made Week of Giving a success.

iii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Did not meet.

iv. Finance Committee

Mr. Sweet shared that they discussed the Food Service Contract and that there would be an update in April regarding finance revisions.

v. Personnel Committee

Ms. Chaffee shared they discussed Food Service Contract

Policy Committee

Did not meet.

vi. Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bachelor reported that they did not meet but received updates from Mr. Hartsig on the Toolcat, the updated lease for the rental property and that the punch list had been completed from the Bond.

vii. Fall Athletic/COVID Update

Mr. Harrelson shared information that he had received from MHSAA.

b. Superintendent

Mr. Hartsig explained Google had a worldwide issue which caused a two-hour delay today. He also reviewed the COVID response plan and that the goal is to offer face to face learning again starting on January 19th. He discussed working with Mr. Svendsen on the school board and that he will be missed as well as Ms. Dori Smith who is retiring from the high school.

c. Student Report

Mr. Mendoza shared that the Week of Giving surpassed their goal and how much he appreciated WILX & WLNS coverage helping make this important activity a success to help families in the Bath Community School district.

VI. 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. Jennifer Smith shared she is excited to start her time on the Bath Community Schools Board of Education. She also shared that her family had enjoyed watching the challenges last week, that helped raise money for the Week of Giving. She expressed her hope for the coaches to be reaching out to our athletes while on a COVID hiatus.

VII. Action Items

a. Business

- i. **“Motion that the Bath Community School Board of Education reconfirm the Bath Community Schools COVID Response Extended Learning Plan as required by the State of Michigan, as presented.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Svendsen, Sweet, Bachelor, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote 7-0. Motion passed.

- ii. **“Motion that the Bath Community School Board of Education approve the proposed changes for graduation requirements, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor Seconded by Krapohl. AYE: Hawkins, Krapohl, Svendsen, Sweet, Bachelor, Halfmann, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote 7-0. Motion passed.

- iii. **“Motion to ratify the 2020 Contract between the Bath Board of Education and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 (Cafeteria), as presented.”**

Moved by Sweet Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Krapohl, Svendsen, Sweet, Bachelor, Halfmann, Hawkins, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote 7-0. Motion passed.

b. Personnel

- iv. **“Motion to approve the hiring of Mr. Steve Spinner as a Bath Community school’s part-time director of special education for the remaining 2020-21 school year, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor Seconded by Krapohl. AYE: Svendsen, Sweet, Bachelor, Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote 7-0. Motion passed.

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Spinner thanked the Bath Community School Board and Mr. Hartsig for the chance to be the Part-time Special Education Director for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. He also expressed admiration for the students for pulling off a successful Week of Giving while everything had to be done virtual, he gave kudos to the community as well for stepping up to the challenge.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Krapohl shared that it has been a pleasure and honor to work with Mr. Svendsen on the Bath Community School Board of Education. He thanked Mr. Svendsen for chairing the Policy committee and all he does for this community. Ms. Hawkins thanked Mr. Svendsen for being an anchor in this community and she shared the same admiration as Mr. Krapohl expressed. Ms. Halfmann dittoed what had been said about Mr. Svendsen and Thanked Mr. Mendoza for his work on Week of Giving. Mr. Bachelor welcomed Mr. Spinner into his additional position in the district and that he was happy to see the Food Service Contract approved. He went on to say that it had been a pleasure serving on the Board with Mr. Svendsen and that Ms. Smith would be missed in the high school. Mr. Sweet thanked Mr. Svendsen as well for his years of service to the School Board. Ms. Chaffee shared that she will miss serving with Mr. Svendsen on the Board and that she was floored by the outpouring support of the community to make the Week of Giving so successful. Mr. Svendsen shared the first board meeting he ever attended was because he was frustrated as a parent in the district, but that after serving on the Bath Community Schools Board of Education he knows that a lot more goes in to decisions made for the district and that it has been an honor to have been on the Board for 10 years.

X. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn at 7:24 p.m.”

Moved by Svendsen, Seconded by Bachelor. AYE: Sweet, Bachelor, Halfmann, Hawkins, Krapohl, Svendsen, Chaffee. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Vote 7-0. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary