

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, December 16, 2024
6:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Jennifer Smith, Student Rep. Jordyn Lira

Members Absent: Mr. Dean Sweet Jr.

Staff Present:

Dr. Chris Hodges, Superintendent; Ms. Ann Fredrickson , High School Principal; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Mr. Jerod Koen, Assistant Elementary School Principal; Mr. Jon Pechette, Business/Facilities Director; Mr. David Wright, Transportation Director; Ms. Anna Mansfield, Business/HR Director.

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“Motion to approve the agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, December 16, 2024

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 6-0. 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 the Regular Meeting of November 25, 2024
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 188,283.89

- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 111,327.48
- d. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 9,449.00
- e. Personnel
 - i. New Hires:
 - i. Michael Holcomb, Bath Elementary School Custodian
 - ii. Macario (Max) Romero, substitute Custodian
 - iii. Paige Parks, Bath Elementary School paraprofessional
 - ii. Resignations:
 - i. Jennifer Smith, Bus Driver

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

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Kraphol. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

V. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
 - i. Secretary Report – Correspondence
 - An email was received from Beth Estrada
 - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee – Did not meet
 - iii. Finance Committee – Did not meet
 - iv. Personnel Committee
 - Discussed Central Office staffing and Superintendent evaluations.
 - v. Policy Committee – Did not meet
 - vi. Building and Grounds Committee – Did not meet
- b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hodges recognized Ms. Halfmann and Mr. Sweet. This is their last meeting as board members. There was a site walk through this week with the architect and construction management firm. He was impressed with the Week of Giving event and how the whole district was involved.

c. Student Report

Ms. Lira shared that over \$15,000 was raised for Bath families from the Week of Giving. High school exams are coming up. Quiz Bowl has finished their season. The winter band concert took place. Winter sports are starting up and the pep band will be attending basketball games starting in January.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

Madison Wagner shared that the Week of Giving was the second highest in donations received.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. Madison Wagner, Eagle Project Presentation

Madison Wagner shared her Eagle Project. Four marker posts were installed on the cross country trail.

b. Mrs. Tracy Grennell, Bath Elementary Schools BeeBotics

Mrs. Grennell shared about the first year of the First LEGO robotics Explorer and Challenger Teams and how they did at their first competition. 44 students participated between the two teams. She was joined by students and parent coaches.

c. Baseball Field Renaming Committee

Dr. Hodges shared the process for the committee. He shared the ideas the committee considered for a memorial in honor of Cooper Gardner as well as the final recommendation of a plaque.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

Background: The goal areas were identified by the personnel committee, but need board approval. The plan is to approve these goals tonight, and then the board will give feedback around these goals at the January meeting. Long term, the board is transitioning from a July-June evaluation cycle to a January-December evaluation cycle, which is covered in depth in last Friday's board update.

a. **“Motion to accept the goal areas for the superintendent’s mid-year progress report, as presented.”**

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

Background: The process outlined in your packet is consistent with recommendations from the Michigan Association of School Boards, as well as board policy.

- b. **“Motion to Approve the interview process for the Board of Education vacancy, as presented.”**

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

Background: This is the second reading of the policies first read at the November board meeting. After your approval, they will be submitted to NEOLA and published on our district policy page.

- c. **“Motion to approve the second reading of Second reading of Bath Community Schools Policy po1130, po3110, po3120.08, po4110, po5320.02, po5330.02, po5340, po5500, po6110, po6111, po6112, po 6114, po 6325, po6550, po6605, po7310, po 7450, po 7540.09, po 8321.”**

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Kraphol. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

- d. **“Motion to approve the contract between THA Architects and Engineers and Bath Community Schools for bond planning.”**

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

IX. BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

- a. Nancy Hawkins
- b. Ryan Holbrook – Was unable to attend due to an illness. He submitted his answers to the interview questions.
- c. Christine McCallister
- d. William Raphael

“Motion to appoint Nancy Hawkins to the vacant seat on the Bath Community Schools Board of Education, effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026.”

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Koen thanked Mrs. Grennell for starting the BeeBotics program at the elementary school.

Ms. Fredrickson congratulated Mrs. Grennell on the success of the BeeBotics program. She invited her and the students to come show the high school students what they are doing.

Christine McCallister thanked the board for listening to her suggestions about recognizing Cooper Gardner. She was not happy about the decision that was made by the committee. She asked that we look at more ways in the future for people to be memorialized.

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Mendoza was excited about the BeeBotics program and offered his assistance with the program in the future. He welcomed Ms. Hawkins back to the board.

Ms. Smith enjoyed the BeeBotics presentation and would like to see the program continue to the middle school and high school. She congratulated Ms. Hawkins. Thanked Cooper’s mom for being there. Thanked Ms. Halfmann and Mr. Sweet for their service.

Mr. Bachelor congratulated Madison Wagner on her Eagle Scout project and Mrs. Grennell on the BeeBotics program. He thanked Christine McCallister for her support on recognizing Cooper Gardner. He welcomed Ms. Hawkins to the board and thanked Ms. Halfmann and Mr. Sweet for their service.

Mr. Kraphol thanked Ms. Halfmann for her service.

Ms. Halfmann congratulated the BeeBotics program and Madison Wagner. She appreciated all the input for the Cooper Gardner memorial. She congratulated the district on the money that was raised during the Week of Giving to support families in our community. It has been an honor for her to serve on the board of education for 12 years. She has a greater appreciation for our staff.

Ms. Chaffee thanked Ms. Halfmann saying she learned a lot from her. She thanked Madison Wagner for the improvements to the crosscountry trail. The silent auction was a nice addition to the Week of Giving events. She thanked the interview candidates and welcomed Kathryn Reed and Nancy Hawkins.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn.”

Moved by Halfmann, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 6-0. Motion Passed.

Time: 8:13 P.M.