

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education – Organizational Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday February 24, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Draft Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order President Chaffee at 6:32 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Kathryn Reed, Student Rep. Jordyn Lira

Member's Absent: Ms. Nancy Hawkins (arrived at 6:40), Ms. Jennifer Smith

Record of Administrative 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/HR Director

III. ACTING SECRETARY

“Motion to approve Trustee Bachelor as acting secretary.”

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Bachelor. Vote 5-0. Motion Passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

“Motion to approve the agenda of the Regular Board of Education meeting being held on today's date, Monday, February 24, 2025

Moved by Reed, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 5-0. Motion Passed

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.

- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2025
- b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 6, 2025
- c. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 281,277.40
- d. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 365,318.82
- e. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 33,044.74
- f. Personnel
 - i. Retirements: Clinton Lawhorne, Bath High School Math Teacher – Effective end of 2024-2025 school year

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

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Reed. Vote 5-0, Motion Passed.

VI. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
 - i. Secretary Report

The board received no correspondence.
 - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee

The extra-curricular committee discussed policy around student groups. The committee has also decided to meet more regularly instead of on as needed basis.
 - iii. Finance Committee

The finance committee discussed the impact the increased minimum wage may have on the district, as well as elements of Governor Whitmer’s proposed budget.
 - iv. Personnel Committee

The personnel committee discussed the upcoming bargaining season with multiple contracts up for negotiation, ESTA, and the strategic plan.
 - v. Policy Committee

The policy committee discussed our relationship with NEOLA, conflicting policies in our manual about committee meetings, and the process of updating our memorial policy. Dr. Hodges and the committee hope to review language to bring to the board for proposed changes in March.

vi. Building and Grounds Committee

The buildings and grounds committee met twice. First, they met with Clark Construction and learned about what services they offer as part of the bond process. The committee also was updated about our rental house. The tenant should be moved out by the end of March. At the second meeting of the buildings and grounds committee, they discussed a proposal from the Lockout Company on enhancing the security measures in our school buildings.

b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hodges thanked Clinton County RESA for their partnership, responsiveness, and support.

c. Student Report

Ms. Lira shared that it is a big week for winter sports. The boys varsity basketball team had their first game of districts during the board meeting. Senior night for the girls varsity basketball team is this coming Thursday, and we have three Wrestlers that have qualified for states: Nolan Rowley, Jordan Ovalle, and Colin Riley. The senior trip was this past weekend, and Ms. Lira shared an update she was given by a member of the senior class.

d. Bath High School Report

Ms. Fredrickson shared details about today's OK2SAY assembly that all students in grades 9-12 attended. Ms. Fredrickson also shared that Bath High School is in the lead with the highest percentage of seniors with the FAFSA complete in Clinton County.

e. Bath Middle School Report

Ms. Jonas shared that the 2nd trimester ends this Friday. She praised the student body as a caring and collaborative group of students. She attributed this in part due to the efforts their PBIS team and Mr. Skinner.

f. Bath Elementary School Report

Ms. Brown shared the positive impact the elementary wrestling and elementary cheer clinics, and middle school reading buddies have had on the school. She also shared that Bath Elementary Teacher Parker Mannon was recently named the Channel 10 Teacher of the Week. Ms. Brown closed her comments by sharing an update about the Elementary School Fundraiser at the Abrams Planetarium at Michigan State University last week.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community

meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

VIII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. School Board Recognition – Representative Tsernoglou’s Office

Representative Tsernoglou introduced herself to the board, and informed the board about her willingness to present a teacher of the month award to our staff and read with students during March is Reading Month.

b. Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht, Clinton County Regional Educational Service Agency

Dr. Koenigsknecht updated the board on Clinton County RESA’s strategic plan. He shared details about their process, and the work they have done on the plan since its adoption.

c. Ms. Christy Conn, Michigan Association of School Boards Strategic Planning Process

Ms. Conn presented details of the process of gathering input and developing a mission, vision, beliefs, and goal statements for Bath Community Schools.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve Strategic Plan

Background: The strategic plan was covered in depth a few moments ago, and represents the culmination of hours of work and input from across the district: including board members, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and community members.

“Motion to accept the Bath Community Schools 2025-2030 Strategic Plan mission, vision, beliefs, and goals:

Our mission is to empower and support all individuals in achieving their unique path to success.

Our vision is Bees: Prepared for SUCCESS

We believe...

- *In staff, students, families and the community working together.*
- *In creating a safe environment.*
- *In providing an opportunity for all to belong.*
- *In continued growth.*
- *In our students and their future!*

Our goals are:

- Bath Community Schools will expand curricular and extra-curricular opportunities while strengthening and enriching existing educational programs.
- Bath Community Schools will provide training and professional learning for students, staff, and administration in the areas impacting the school environment.
- Bath Community Schools will recruit, develop, and retain highly qualified personnel while fostering a exceptional leadership that prioritizes professional growth and the well-being of all staff to support student success.
- Bath Community Schools will keep the school community informed and engaged by providing timely communication that is easily accessible to all.
- Bath Community Schools will enhance and maintain facilities that support and advance the educational needs of our students and staff.

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

- b. Approve virtual instruction on April 9, 2025 for Bath High School

Background: The state allows a school district to use up to 15 days of virtual instruction per school year under certain circumstances, including state testing. This will allow our high school staff to focus on proctoring the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and SAT while still providing our students with an educational opportunity on test day.

“Motion to approve virtual instruction on April 9, 2025 as allowed under 21f of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1621f) to provide optimal conditions during mandated state testing, as presented.

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

X. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jana Slisher shared that the Bath Township Public Library is hosting a coffee hour with State Senator Singh on March 10th at 7:00 pm.

Christine McCallister shared her appreciation for the Bath Elementary School Post Office.

Tim Voloshek thanked the board for their commitment to serving the school district. He also asked for improved details in board minutes, and an improved website. He asked when the current debt levy is scheduled to decrease. He also asked if there is a relationship between the township and school district.

XI. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Lira shared the she loved getting mail from the elementary school during their fundraiser.

Ms. Hawkins shared her appreciation for getting updates from the principals. She also acknowledged that improved communication is something we have identified in our strategic plan and thanked the board for indulging her questions as she gets up to speed.

Mr. Krapohl reminded the board about the county-wide dinner and meeting at Clinton County RESA on February 25th.

Ms. Reed appreciated the building updates.

Mr. Bachelor shared his excitement about the news about our FAFSA completion rate.

Mrs. Chaffee thanked Ms. Conn for her work and the work of MASB on our strategic plan. Ms. Chaffee thanked the principals for their reports.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn.”

Time: 8:04 P.M.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Bachelor, Acting Secretary

Dr. Chris Hodges, Recording Secretary