

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, March 21, 2022
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Ann Chaffee at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Mr. Ken Krapohl (6:36 P.M.), Ms. Jennifer Smith and Mr. Dean Sweet, Jr.

Declare quorum

Members absent: Ms. Nancy Hawkins

Staff present: Mr. Paul Hartsig, Superintendent; Mr. Matt Dodson, High School Principal; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Ms. Jeannine Brown Elementary Principal; Mr. Jerod Koen, Assistant Elementary Principal; Mr. Steve Spinner, Special Education Director; Ms. Caroline Cook, Business Manager; Mr. Jon 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, March 21, 2022, as presented.”

Moved by Bachelor, seconded by Sweet, Vote 5-0. 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 February 22, 2022
- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 85,252.70

- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 129,980.23
- d. Building & Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 18,597.59

“Motion to adopt the consent agenda presented.”

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

V. REPORTS

a. Board of Education

i. Board Correspondence

None

ii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Did not meet

iii. Finance Committee

Ms. Cook shared with the Finance Committee the grants the district will be applying for.

iv. Personnel Committee

Ms. Chaffee shared that they discussed 2022-2023 staff and discussed some ongoing issues in the school.

v. Policy Committee

Did not meet.

vi. Building and Grounds Committee

Mr. Bachelor shared that they discussed the football concession stand bid updates, the HVAC in the auditorium, diamond dust for the ball fields and the parking lots.

b. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Hartsig reported that our COVID numbers are consistently below the county average, he is continuing to work on plans for the 2022-2023 school year and explained why Friday was switched to a half day to accommodate for the instruction staffs P.D. that was cancelled due to a snow day.

VI. Public Comment

None

VII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Business

i. NEOLA BOARD POLICIES

“Motion to approve policy (PO 0167.3, PO3120, PO6114, PO 6152, PO7450, PO 8310, PO 8320, PO8330), as presented”

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

ii. Bath Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal

Background: This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy. Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 19.5069 mills (\$19.5069 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Bath Community Schools, Clinton and Shiawassee Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2023 is approximately \$1,400,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy).

“Motion to approve Bath Community Schools Operating Millage Renewal Proposal, as presented”

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

iii. Replace Memorial Auditorium Air Cooled Split Condenser and Remote DX

“Motion that The Bath Community Schools’ Board of Education moves to approve, labor and material to replace Memorial Auditorium Air Cooled Split Condenser and Remote DX for Eighty- Five Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$85,960.00), as presented.”

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

VIII. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Anibal thanked the Bath School Board for having the employees backs during COVID and following informed guidance on how to proceed during the past two years. He expressed that he appreciated the faith and value the staff received from the School Board.

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Halfmann thanked Mr. Anibal and shared the Board has faith in their administrators and teachers. Ms. Smith, Mr. Sweet and Ms. Chaffee all wished the varsity basketball team good luck tomorrow.

X. CLOSED SESSION

The purpose of the closed session is to discuss student discipline as allowed under section 8 (b) of the Open Meetings Act.

Background: the specifics of this matter will be shared with the Board when we go into closed session. Superintendent Hartsig will present the discipline case to the Board. After the hearing, the Board will return to open session and should, at that time, pass a motion with regard to this matter.

“Motion to move into closed session for the purpose of dealing with a student discipline issue pursuant to section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:01 p.m.”

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

XI. OPEN SESSION

“Motion to return to open session at 7:25 p.m.”

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

**Bath Community Schools
WHEREAS:**

1. The administration has recommended that, pursuant to Section 1311a(2) of the Revised School Code, a student whose identity is known to the Board (Student B -2021) be suspended for persistent disobedience.

2. School administrators notified the Student’s parents of the specific charge underlying the disciplinary recommendation, as well as the date, time, and place of the disciplinary hearing.

3. Pursuant to the request of the Student's parents, and as authorized by Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(b), the disciplinary hearing was conducted in a closed session meeting of the Board.

4. The hearing afforded the Student and the Student's representatives an opportunity to respond to the charge and to present pertinent evidence for the Board's consideration.

5. The Board has carefully considered all of the evidence produced in this student discipline hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. A preponderance of the evidence establishes that on April 3, 2022, the student displayed persistent disobedience a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

2. Based on careful consideration of all of the following factors, the Board determines that expulsion is warranted:

- The student's age;
- The student's disciplinary history;
- Whether the student has a disability;
- The seriousness of the behavior;
- Whether the behavior posed a safety risk;
- Whether restorative practices are a better option; and
- Whether lesser interventions would address the behavior.

The Student shall be suspended for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year and may apply to return to school on August 1, 2022.

During the time of the expulsion, the Student may not be on school grounds or attend any functions at the District without prior written approval from an appropriate administrator.

Consistent with MCL 380.1313(4) of the Revised School Code, the Board finds that the interests of the District are served by this resolution.

Ayes:, Krapohl, Smith, Bachelor, Sweet, Halfmann, Chaffee

Nays: None

Absent: Hawkins

Motion Passed: 6-0

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Board Secretary, certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board at a special meeting held on September 18, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).

ADJOURNMENT

"Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m."

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

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary