

# **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

## **Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall  
Bath High School

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

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Chaffee at 6:31 PM

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Nancy Hawkins, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Kathryn Reed, Ms. Jennifer Smith

Members Absent:  
Mr. Ken Krapohl

*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. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Moved by Bachelor, 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 February 24, 2025
- b. Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 6, 2025
- c. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 255,916.92

- d. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 247,202.95
- e. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 27,941.84
- f. Personnel
  - i. New Hires:
    - i. Jennifer Guasco – Part time ParaEducator for BMS.
    - ii. Braley Davis – Full-time Custodian
  - ii. Resignations:
    - i. Micheal Holbrook – Full time Custodian
  - iii. Leave of Absence (1 year)
    - i. Donielle Schaefer – BMS Special Education Teacher, effective 2024-2025 School Year

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

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

## V. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
  - i. Secretary Report

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

Did not meet.
  - iii. Finance Committee

The finance committee discussed the unknowns around the state budget process.
  - iv. Personnel Committee

The personnel committee discussed staffing changes and the proposed position at central office.
  - v. Policy Committee

Did not meet.
  - vi. Building and Grounds Committee

Buildings and Grounds met twice. On March 10<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the facilities assessment that showed need for 79 million dollars in improvements, and the list of projects we are moving forward with, focusing on infrastructure, for around 28 million dollars. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we met with Joe Humphries from the Lockout Company. Joe presented the safety upgrades we are including as part of the bond work.

b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hodges shared that the district was well represented at the annual county-wide School Safety meeting held at Clinton County RESA. Dr. Hodges also shared that parent teacher conferences are being held at all three buildings this week and acknowledged the start of spring break later this week.

c. Student Report

Ms. Lira was not able to attend, but submitted a report to Dr. Hodges, which he shared. Some of the highlights were a congratulations to the wrestling team on an outstanding season, congratulations to both girls and boys basketball on great seasons, and a thank you to the cheerleading team. Cheer was at almost every home game and even attended away games during districts.

Ms. Lira also shared that student council hosted the Cupid Shuffle earlier this month, and it was a big success.

Spring sports are off to a great start, and soccer already has two wins.

Seniors only have 30 days of school left until graduation, and everyone is excited for and looking forward to spring break.

d. Bath High School Report

Ms. Fredrickson congratulated the Robotics team on a great season, and thanked the Laingsburg and Leslie Robotics teams for their help and support in our first year. Ms. Fredrickson also updated the board about the March Madness attendance competition. All grades improved their attendance and the freshman won the overall competition. LINKS held their annual party at BHS today, 28 high school students with their elementary school and middle school buddies.

e. Bath Middle School Report

Ms. Jonas shared that the middle school had a high level of participation in a county art show. The band held their concert and attended festival this month and gave great performances. Spring Fling was last week. Track has started, with 60 athletes participating. State testing will be ramping up when we return from break, and the staff is working hard to prepare for that. Finally, the middle school raised \$1,600 for a student that is facing a medical challenge.

f. Bath Elementary School Report

Ms. Brown thanked the high school LINKS for the glow party, and the high school student council for hosting the cupid shuffle. Ms. Brown also thanked Mr. Vanderberg for organizing the dodgeball tournament last week. Ms. Brown also recognized Ms. Otlewski as WILX's teacher of the week.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

There was no public comment.

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. Bath High School Wrestling – Individual State Tournament Qualifiers

Coach Flewelling updated the board on the wrestling season. The program is growing fast, and finding success. Coach Flewelling congratulated Jordan Ovalle, Nolan Rowley, and Colin Riley for qualifying for the individual state tournament; stating that this is the first time since 1990 that Bath has had three wrestlers qualify for states, and the first time since 1990 that Bath has had two wrestlers place at the state tournament. Nolan Rowley is the first student in Bath history to place twice during his career, and the first in Bath history to get 150 wins.

b. Clinton County RESA Career and Technical Education Report, Ms. Jennifer Branch

Ms. Branch updated the board about county-wide CTE offerings, and also recognized Braden Prince and Austin Medeiros. Both students are in the Automotive Technology program and represented themselves and the program well while helping Ms. Fredrickson with a car issue.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approve the Bond Application

Background: This bond is a reflection of a facilities needs assessment that began in 2023. The district worked with Hendrick General Contractors to develop a list. That list was used to identify projects in cooperation with district leadership, THA Architects, and Clark Construction. The projected cost to address everything on this list was over 79 million dollars. The focus of this bond is safe, warm, and dry, with projects such as roofs, boilers, chillers, and other improvements to the physical environment. A complete list of projects and more public communications will be coming in the month of April.

**“Motion that this board approve the Application for Preliminary Qualification of Bonds as presented by the Administration for filing with the Michigan Department of Treasury and that the Secretary of this Board be authorized to sign the same.”**

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

- b. Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Business Support Specialist

Background: This has been a recurring point of discussion at personnel committee meetings throughout the school year. This position will support all aspects of central office, as well as reassign some duties from building-level administrative assistants to central office.

**“Motion to approve the creation of the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Business Support Specialist position, as presented.”**

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

- c. Amending the minutes of the February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting:

**“Motion to amend the minutes of the February 24, 2025 meeting to include the specific mission, vision, and goals from the strategic plan.”**

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

#### IX. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Christine McCallister voiced her concern that we should be asking for more from the bond, and doing a better job to communicate the need to the community.

#### X. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Ms. Smith congratulated the wrestling team, and thanked the coaching staff for their efforts to grow the program. Mr. Mendoza is happy to see robotics having success. Ms. Hawkins is appreciative of the reports from the building principals, and also appreciates the work Buildings and Grounds and Dr. Hodges have put in towards the bond. Ms. Chaffee shared her concern that if the bond is too big, it may fail.

#### XI. ADJOURNMENT

**“Motion to adjourn. (8:08 PM)”**

Moved by Hawkins, Seconded by Bachelor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Smith, Secretary

Dr. Chris Hodges, Recording Secretary