

**BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education – Annual Business Meeting**

Virtual  
Bath High School

Monday, July 27, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President, Ann Chaffee at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members present: Mr. Sam Bachelor, Ms. Ann Chaffee, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Ms. Nancy Hawkins, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Blair Svendsen, Mr. Dean Sweet, Jr.  
Declare quorum.

Members absent: None

Student Representative: Mr. Josh Mendoza

Staff present: Mr. Paul Hartsig, Mr. Matt Dodson, Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Ms. Jeannine Brown, Mr. Doug Murphy, Mr. Jon Pechette, Ms. Caroline Cook and Ms. Shannon Proctor

Staff absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**“Motion to approve the agenda of the Annual Business Board of Education meeting being held on today’s date, Monday, July 27, 2020, as presented.”**

Moved by Krapohl, Seconded by Sweet. Vote: 7-0. Motion Passed.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

None.

V. SETTING OF DATES, TIMES, AND PLACES OF REGULAR MEETINGS

**Recommendation:** “Motion to set the fourth Monday of each month as the date for its Regular Board Meeting (*with the exception of August 10, 2020; December 14, 2020; January 4, 2021*) for the 2020/2021 fiscal year with the start time set at 7:00 p.m. and the location to be the Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall, Bath High School, which is located at 6175 E. Clark Road, Bath, Michigan.”

The board meeting schedule for the 2020/21 school year will be as follows:

<i>July 27, 2020 Annual Business Meeting</i>	<b><i>January 4, 2021 Annual Organizational Meeting</i></b>
August 10, 2020	<i>February 22, 2021</i>
<i>September 28, 2020</i>	<i>March 22, 2021</i>
<i>October 26, 2020</i>	<i>April 26, 2021</i>
<i>November 23 2020</i>	<i>May 24, 2021</i>
<b><i>December 14, 2020</i></b>	<i>June 28, 2021</i>

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

VI. DESIGNATING DEPOSITORIES

**“Motion to authorize the following agencies as depositories for the 2020/21 fiscal year or until such time that the Board of Education deems it appropriate to change depository agencies. The depository agencies are: Fifth Third Bank and Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF).”**

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

VII. INVESTMENT AUTHORIZATION

**“Motion to authorize the Superintendent or his designee to invest monies during the 2020/21 fiscal year on behalf of the school district with Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF).”**

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

VIII. DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES

**“Motion to authorize the Board Treasurer, Board President, and Superintendent to sign checks and withdrawal slips for the following funds: all General Operating, Food Service, Trust and Agency, Debt Retirement, and Building and Site Fund accounts, as recommended by the administration and the auditors.”**

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

IX. DESIGNATION OF PERSON FOR POSTING PUBLIC NOTICES OF MEETINGS

**“Motion to designate the Superintendent’s Executive Assistant or her designee for the posting of the public notices of meetings.”**

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

X. APPROVAL OF ANNUAL RETAINER CONTRACTS

**XI. “Motion that the Bath Community Schools Board of Education reaffirm and retain the services of the law firm, Thrun Law Firm P.C., for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for matters concerning bond issues, elections, and other specialized services where deemed appropriate and that the Superintendent or his designee be authorized to utilize legal counsel as deemed appropriate.”**

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

XII. REPORTS

a. Board of Education

- i. Secretary Report – Correspondence  
None

ii. Extra-Curricular Committee

Did not meet.

iii. Finance Committee

Mr. Sweet shared no changes with the budget.

iv. Personnel Committee

Did not meet

v. Policy Committee

Did not meet

vi. Building and Grounds Committee

Did not meet

b. Superintendent

Mr. Hartsig shared what things are looking like with the return to learn plan, he thanked the administrators and staff that have been working on a safe way to return to school. He explained they are looking at how to engage students if we will be going online or with a hybrid model and how we will provide food to our students. They are looking at what precautions will be necessary if we are face to face with students in the fall. Mr. Hartsig was also following up with our school attorneys to make sure he was looking at all aspects for his recommendation for return to learn plan. He finished by welcoming questions by email or contacting him at our central office.

c. Student

Mr. Mendoza shared that he is missing being in school and wants to go back to school, but honestly has concerns. He wants to go back to face to face when it can be safely done. He shared that talking with friends they have reservation about being back face to face.

XIII. 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 Public Hearing of June 22, 2020

- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$201,602.99
- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$316,261.45

**“Motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented.”**

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

*ACTION ITEMS*

a. Business

- i. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Repayment to the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund

**“That the Bath Community Schools Board of Education adopt the certified resolution authorizing repayment to the Michigan School Bond Loan fund to meet principal and interest requirements on its debt obligations for the 2020/20 fiscal year, as presented.”**

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

- ii. Approve 2020/21 Facility Use Fee Schedule

**“Motion to approve the facility use fee schedule for 2020/21, as presented.”**

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

XIV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Ms. Tonya Sullivan shared her experience as a daycare facility owner and how this was affecting families in the spring. She was willing to be in a brainstorming group and help in any way she may. Mr. Matt Parry expressed his football players want to get back to school and are following precautions at practice. Ms. Kristi Parry shared that kids need to be back at school, that parents

need a safe place for their children. She also shared that this is a safe place for some of our vulnerable students and that there are safety precautions that may be put in place to return safely in her opinion. Ms. Becky Jensen inquired if there would be a third party used if we went online for the start of the school year. Ms. Nicole Szymczak inquired if there would be staged classes based on grades. Ms. Kimberly Goodwin asked how to help her traumatized grandchildren to wear the masks. Ms. Shannon Vlasic shared concerns of returning with a child that has asthma and shared stories from her husband about kids on the playground and not believing it will be easy to keep the kids to adhere to social distancing. Ms. Rachel Desantis talked about internet at her home is not reliable and how will this work with online learning. She also inquired about getting multiple devices for each of her students. Ms. Paula Stott asked why we were concerned with athletics and not our children's education. She reminded other parents that it is not the districts responsibility to be daycare so they may work. She felt safety should be the deciding factor on how we return to school in the fall. She also inquired if the district was looking at options for ventilation in the schools. Mr. Adam Koenigsknecht expressed that he knows the Board and Mr. Hartsig have a tough decision to make but feels there are safe ways to return to school and shared he has children in another district that are returning face to face. Ms. Amy Dufalo thanked the administration and Board for making safety the top priority in the children returning to school decision. She shared that her children will not be returning face to face in the fall. Ms. Megan Laskos shared that she has a kindergartner that they are not planning to send back for face to face due to a sibling having a compromised immune system. She is worried because her young daughter is a hugger and that at her age it is hard to understand the social distancing importance. She also recognizes that there is not one fit for all families. Mr. Mike Chamberlain understands that not all families will be comfortable going back face to face, but wonders if the district can co-operate with other districts to make it possible going back face to face using teachers from other districts choosing not to be in person. Ms. Patricia Beardsley shared that her kids want to be back in school. She was also interested in using a hybrid model. Ms. Jamie Lawson said that her opinion as a nurse and mom is that it would be negligent to bring students back into the school right now. Ms. Heather Hadley Campbell said she wants a normal school year for her daughter that is a senior, but will not have her 2 younger children attending.

#### XV. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Sweet appreciated all of the families taking time to attend tonight's meeting and sharing their thoughts. Ms. Hawkins thanked the audience for their comments and thanked the school staff that have been working on the return to learn plan and that we need to be patient and realize that this is all fluid. Mr. Blair Svendsen shared he had been doing research as well on how schools should be returning back in fall and that this is a really tough decision. Ms. Stephanie Halfmann thanked everyone who attended tonight. Mr. Sam Bachelor was appreciative of the community sharing their opinions tonight, but again reminded everyone that this plan is fluid and what looks like it may be the right decision today could change by tomorrow. Mr. Ken Krapohl shared that he wants to do what is safe for staff, students and the community .He felt this was a productive meeting giving the community the opportunity to express their feelings.

XVI. *ADJOURNMENT*

**“Motion to adjourn 8:21 p.m.”**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephanie Halfmann, Secretary

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Shannon Proctor, Recording Secretary