

# **BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education – Regular Meeting**

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall  
Bath High School

Monday, August 26, 2024  
6:30 p.m.

## **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, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Jennifer Smith and Mr. Dean Sweet Jr.

Declare quorum.

Student Rep: Jordyn Lira

Members Absent: Ms. Stephanie Halfmann

Staff Present:

Dr. Chris Hodges, Superintendent; Ms. Ann Fredrickson, High School Principal; Ms. Lorenda Jonas, Middle School Principal; Ms. Jeannine Brown, Elementary Principal; Mr. Jerod Koen, Assistant Elementary Principal; Mr. Jon Pechette, Business/Facilities 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, August 26, 2024”**

Moved by Krapohl, 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 Regular Meeting of July 22, 2024

- b. Minutes of Special Meeting of August 6, 2024
- c. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 217,351.52
- d. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 395,710.46
- e. Resignations:
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher Janelle Kessler-Finn (effective immediately)
  - ii. BHS Head Cook Taina Payne (effective immediately)
- f. New Hires:
  - i. Manager of Business and Human Resources: Anna Mansfield
  - ii. Class of 2028 co-advisors: Jordan Parks and Jeff Shaffer
  - iii. BHS Admin Assistant: Annette Flegel
  - iv. 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher: Amanda Smith
- g. Recall:
  - i. Para-educator Crystal de Leon

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

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor, Vote 6-0

## V. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
  - i. Secretary Report – Correspondence  
Thank you from BHS to Sadie Bass for her donation of \$4,000 to the Outdoor Adventure class
  - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee  
None.
  - iii. Finance Committee  
Mr. Pechette discussed the audit, passing of the state budget sinking fund, facility needs and bond language to be presented to the State of Michigan in December.
  - iv. Personnel Committee

Discussed the hiring process, formation of a committee to evaluate renaming of the baseball field and hiring of a HR/business manager, first grade teacher and para.

v. Policy Committee

Reviewed memorial policies of other school districts.

vi. Building and Grounds Committee

Discussed electrical maintenance, auxiliary gym floor, soccer score board, items for a new bond proposal, moving the maintenance garage and gas tanks in anticipation of the new museum building.

b. Superintendent Report

Dr. Hodges thanked Mr. Pechette for his additional help at the business office. He thanked the community for their support of the sinking fund mileage. He encouraged the public to contact him at regarding any questions or concerns regarding the district. He highlighted the verbal de-escalation training (CPI) that was a part of this year's professional development for staff.

c. Student Report

Ms. Lira shared that the freshman swarm and senior sunrise were a big success. They are looking at ways to use the money donated by Sadie Bass. She also discussed upcoming football games and homecoming events.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

None

VII. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

a. Michigan Association of School Boards Strategic Planning: Debbie Stair and Christy Conn

Bath Community Schools contracted with MASB to develop a strategic plan for the district. The strategic plan will help the district to narrow its focus and move forward to meet our goals. There will be community, staff, student and board input sessions.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a. Baseball Field Renaming Committee

**“Motion to create a committee to evaluate the request to change the name of the Bath High School Baseball field to honor Cooper Gardner, as presented.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Bachelor. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

b. Bath Education Support Personnel Association Agreement

**“Motion to approve the Bath Educational Support Personnel Association Contract, as presented.”**

Moved by Bachelor, Seconded by Mendoza. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

c. Student Handbook Approval

**“Motion to approve the Bath Student Handbook, as presented.”**

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

IX. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Beth Estrada asked if the Board Agenda could be published prior to meetings and had questions regarding the committee that will look at renaming the baseball field.

Christine McAllister shared about families living in Bath while their students attend other schools.

Jana Slisher at the Bath Library discussed the lack of housing available for families wanting to live in Bath. The successful back to school event for parents and turnout of middle school students after school is dismissed. The library welcomes donations of food to provided snacks to the students.

X. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**“Motion to adjourn.”**

Moved by Sweet, Seconded by Mondoza. Vote 6-0. Motion passed.

**Time: 8:18 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Smith, Acting Secretary

Robin Cook, Recording Secretary