

BATH COMMUNITY SCHOOLS Board of Education – Regular Meeting

Dr. Therese M. Peterson Lecture Hall
Bath High School

Monday, September 23, 2024
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

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, Ms. Stephanie Halfmann, Mr. Ken Krapohl, Mr. Josh Mendoza, Ms. Jennifer Smith.

Members Absent: Mr. Dean Sweet Jr. and Student Rep. Jordyn Lira

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; Mr. David Wright, Transportation 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, September 23, 2024

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 Regular Meeting of August 26, 2024

- b. General Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 372,702.11
- c. General Fund EFT transfers in the amount of \$ 523,756.43
- d. Building and Site Fund bills payable in the amount of \$ 109,692.45
- e. Personnel
 - i. Resignations:
 - i. BHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Michelle Clark
 - ii. BES Counselor Annie Reik
 - ii. New Hires:
 - i. BHS Varsity Cheerleading Coach, Theresa Bismack
 - ii. BES Food Server, Melissa Monroe
 - iii. BCS Food Server, Nicki Wilow
 - iii. Recall:
 - i. Para-educator Amanda Dase
 - iv. Transfers
 - i. Dan Vlasic, BHS Media Center Paraprofessional

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

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

II. REPORTS

- a. Board of Education
 - i. Secretary Report – Correspondence
 - a. Thank you note from Dr. Dave Chapin to the BCS Board of Education
 - ii. Extra-Curricular Committee – did not meet
 - iii. Finance Committee
 - a. Went through the audit, everything was good.
 - iv. Personnel Committee

- a. Discussed changes for paras, need to adopt Anna's contract, legislation for ORS pension requirements for Administrative staff.
- v. Policy Committee
 - a. Discussed the crowdfunding and memorials policies.
- vi. Building and Grounds Committee
 - a. Discussed replacement of the transportation garage roof, relocation of the salt bin in the maintenance shed to a new slab behind the bus garage, need for air conditioning in the gyms as a part of future bond, relocation of the maintenance garage, approval of the James Couzens Memorial Park for the new museum construction.
- b. Superintendent Report
 - i. Dr Hodges said several staff members attended the safety academy held by the Michigan State Police. Safety consultants will be onsite September 24 to provide a consultation and visit our facilities. He thanked the high school staff for their response to an incident at the high school on September 23, board members and parents were sent an email regarding the incident. He discussed the Cooper Gardner memorial. Strategic planning sessions with staff, students and the community are taking place on September 23 and 24. He said interviews for the elementary school counselor position will be taking place soon.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items only

Beth Estrada asked a question about the strategic planning meetings taking place.

Miranda Kibby to know the process for the Cooper Gardner Memorial. There is a committee formed to specifically to look at a memorial for Cooper Gardner as well as review of the district policy for future memorials.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

- a. Safe Routes to School: Elise Erickson & Chris Hagerman

Summer solstice was canceled due to weather. The back to school kickoff was a big success. Crossing guard training event had a small turn out. The story walk will be changing every other month. October 8 is national walk to school day. A high school program will be taking place October 25 to highlight safe driving and walking to school. The safe routes program received a \$460,000 grant that paid for sidewalks in our community.

- b. Maner Costerisan – Sherrie Blankenship

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 Audit Report

V. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Crowdfunding Policy Change to allow crowdfunding

“Motion to amend NEOLA policy 6605, as presented”

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

- b. Manager of Business and Human Resources Contract

“Motion to approve the contract for Anna Mansfield, Director of Business and Human Resources, as presented.”

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

VI. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jana Slisher from the Bath Township Library shared that 20-40 middle school students come to the library after school. She expressed her frustration regarding issues they are having with student behavior.

Beth Estrada thanked Dr. Hodges for posting the meeting agenda on the website.

Crystal deLeon asked for temporary handicap parking signage for our athletic events.

Kate Hagerman shared that the 3rd episode of the bath school disaster film will be presented at the middle school auditorium Friday, September 27th at 7pm. It will be followed by a presentation from the filmmaker.

Christine McAllister shared that only two people attended the strategic planning community session tonight and hopes parents are filling out the survey online.

VII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Bachelor saw the new sidewalk installed on Main Street and thanked the Safe Routes to School committee for getting that done.

Ms. Chaffee shared that the library board was interested in attending the strategic planning session.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

“Motion to adjourn.”

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

Time: 7:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Smith, Acting Secretary

Robin Cook, Recording Secretary