

Blissfield Community Schools

2023-2024

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, March 18, 2024 in the High School Media Center. Board Vice President Lombard called the meeting to order. Members present: Craig Bettis, Andrew Borchardt, David Brewer, Vicki Lombard, Denise Mallory, Jennifer Stutzman and Tyler Wyse. Members Absent: None Others present: Superintendent Riley.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Borchardt to approve the Regular Meeting Amended Agenda. Added BFEE Derby Information. Motion Carried.

Approval of Amended Agenda

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Mallory to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2024. Motion Carried.

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes

The Board recognized Kelly Seidl as the “District Employee of the Month”.

Educational Highlights

The Board recognized Gage Rothman, BHS wrestler for placing at state level.

High School Principal, Mike Bader, gave an overview of high school events for the 2023-2024 school year.

It was moved by Wyse and supported by Mallory to approve the general fund bills in the amount of \$1,173,143.80 and the bond bills in the amount of \$14,837.55 for a total of \$1,187,981.35. Motion Carried.

Items of Business

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Bettis to approve the overnight trip for 8th grade camp May 22-24th at Pioneer Scout Reservation in Pioneer, Ohio. Motion Carried.

8th Grade Trip

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Mallory to approve the Spanish 2 and Agriscience students trip to Costa Rica for eight days in June 2025. Motion Carried.

Costa Rica Trip Spanish 2 and Agriscience Students

It was moved by Wyse and supported by Borchardt to approve the purchase of corporate sponsorship for Blissfield Rotary Club raffle in the amount of \$500. Motion Carried.

Rotary Club Raffle

It was moved by Wyse and supported by Lombard to approve the track and field request presented minus the athletic booster donation of \$9500. The total remaining to be paid out of the track set aside an amount of \$8758. Motion Carried.

Track and Field Equipment

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Wyse to approve the resolution where the Board does hereby create and establish a Capital Improvement Fund (the "Fund") as a special depository account to be kept in Blissfield State Bank, Blissfield, Michigan, or such other depository as from time to time may be subsequently approved by the Board. The Fund shall be used for the purpose of appropriating, providing for, setting aside, and accumulating Millage Revenue and accrued interest thereon to be used for the Project, including fully or partially funding contracts involving construction mechanics, and otherwise acquiring, constructing, extending, altering, repairing, equipping, or furnishing public school improvements, buildings, sites, facilities or other facilities which the District is authorized to acquire, construct, extend, alter, enlarge, equip, or repair by statute.

Millage Exception to
Prevailing Wage Resolution
Reports

Ayes: Stutzman, Mallory, Borchardt, Wyse, Bettis, Lombard, Brewer
Nays: None
Motion Carried.

It was moved by Mallory and supported by Wyse to approve the middle school roof replacement through Damschroder Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$376,048.76 (to be paid out of the sinking fund). Motion Carried.

Middle School Roof
Replacement

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the purchase of corporate sponsorship of \$600 for the BFEE Derby. Motion Carried.

BFEE Derby

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Wyse to approve the hiring of Brian Sills for the position of varsity girls track coach for the 2023-2024 season. Motion Carried.

Personnel

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Mallory to approve spring volunteer coaches for track, Al Navarro and Gabe Bechtol. Motion Carried.

No Committee Reports at this time.

Committee Reports

Elementary teacher Kristina Wilhem spoke to the Board regarding her concerns of teacher pay.

Comments from Audience

Superintendent Riley gave an update on the bond, forgiveness days and the early release day for the eclipse.

Superintendent's Report

It was moved by Lombard and Bettis to enter closed session at 7:55pm per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act allows a school board to meet in Closed Session for the consideration of a periodic personnel evaluation of a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

Enter into Closed Session

Ayes: Lombard, Bettis, Wyse, Borchardt, Mallory Stutzman

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Wyse and Stutzman to reconvene into open session at 9:40pm. Motion Carried.

Re-enter Open Session

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Bettis to adjourn the meeting at 9:41pm. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Secretary