

Blissfield Community Schools

2023-2024

Regular Meeting

October 16, 2023

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, October 16, 2023 in the High School Media Center. Board President, Brewer 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, Executive Assistant, Susan Gniewkowski and members of the public.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Bettis to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Lombard to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2023. Motion Carried.

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes

Student Council President, Peyton Dew updated the Board on all the recent student council activities and club information.

Student Council

The Board recognized Rebecca Ricker as the “District Employee of the Month”.

Educational Highlights

Technology Director, Sheri Peterson, updated the Board on the 5-year plan she has put together for the Technology Department.

It was moved by Wyse and supported by Bettis to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,600,318.50 and \$450 for Bond Expenses and the Capital Project bills in the amount of \$12,956 for a total of \$1,613,724.50. Motion Carried.

Payments of Invoices

It was moved by Wyse and supported by Bettis to approve 2022-2023 audited Financial Statements as presented by Bill Tucker of Maner Costerisan. Motion Carried.

2022-2023 Financial Audit

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Stutzman to approve the BCS FFA members to travel to Indianapolis Oct 31-Nov 3, 2023 for the FFA National Convention. Motion Carried.

FFA National Convention

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the volunteer assistant coaches for the 2023-2024 winter season.

Personnel

Tim Wisnewski	HS Bowling
Ron Schmidt	HS Girls Basketball
Kelsey Wyman Papenhagen	HS Girls Basketball
Shane Bousman	HS Boys Basketball
Garry Benko	HS Boys Basketball
Kyle Cheney	HS Boys Basketball
Gabe Bechtol	HS/MS Wrestling
Lucas Martinez	HS/MS Wrestling
Eric Ford	HS/MS Wrestling
Evan Moore	HS/MS Wrestling
Arielle Osstifin	Comp. Cheer
Jacey Terrill	Comp. Cheer
Clara Bumpus	Comp. Cheer

Motion Carried.

Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2022-2023 financial statements. Discussion took place regarding the upcoming ballot for the renewal of the operating millage and whether to keep as renewal or ask for an increase. It was decided to leave as just the renewal. Preliminary discussion was had regarding the Administrators salaries and Superintendent Riley will gather information to see if BCS is current with other Administrators salary in the county.

Committee Reports

Greg Brown, resident and member of the Schultz Memorial Library Board approach the board to ask for consideration of a resolution to become a "District Library".

Comments from Audience

Superintendent Riley stated the seal coating around the bus garage will be finished in spring of 2024. He thanked BCS staff and community for their generous support during this difficult time with the passing of elementary teacher, Darlene Mueller. Further details will be coming on a memorial bench for her.

Superintendent's Report

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Stutzman to adjourn the meeting at 8:01pm. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Secretary