

Blissfield Community Schools

2024-2025

Regular Meeting

December 16, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, December 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. Board President, Brewer called the meeting to order. Members present: Craig Bettis, David Brewer, Andrew Borchardt, Vicki Lombard, Denise Mallory and Terence Weigand. Absent Member: Jennifer Stutzman. Others present: Superintendent Riley, District Executive Assistant Kayla Graf and members of the public.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 18, 2024, the Special Board Meeting held on December 2, 2024 and the Board Workshop held on December 12, 2024.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Chloe King provided an update on recent and upcoming student council activities at BHS. The senior class is organizing an upcoming fundraiser. Despite a delay in the Red Cross's arrival, the recent blood drive was successful, with a full donation made. High school students continue to participate in the Big Buddies program. The Thespian Society is holding auditions for the upcoming spring musical. Additionally, HOSA recently hosted a paint night event, and the Robotics team successfully organized a fundraiser at the local bowling alley.

Student Council Update

The Board recognized Marcia Hojnacki as the “District Employee of the Month” for her outstanding efforts and continual service to Blissfield Community Schools.

Educational Highlights

ASCD Board Member Jenny Heath recently honored Linda Mueller and Blissfield Elementary School with the 2024 Whole Child Bronze Award. The Michigan Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) recognizes schools that have cultivated a school culture that embodies the ten components of the Whole

ASCD Whole Child Award

School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) model. Heath acknowledged BES's commitment to the WSCC model, highlighting initiatives such as Monday Matters, Family Reading Night, and Walk & Roll to School. She emphasized BES's dedication to fostering a safe, healthy, and engaging learning environment that promotes a growth mindset.

Athletic Director, Eric Schmidt provided an update on the athletic department. Schmidt voiced that athletics has seen strong participation, with a total of 121 high school and 108 middle schools student-athletes. Schmidt reviewed all fall sports teams and commended them on outstanding seasons. A notable achievement was the successful return of the fall sports award night. Schmidt noted that currently 27 of the 33 head coaching positions are filled by in-house staff, highlighting the district's commitments to fostering a strong coaching presence within the school community. The athletic department is actively exploring partnership with Athletico to enhance athletic training support. Efforts continue to be underway to streamline administrative processes by digitizing physical forms and communication with FinalForms. Schmidt expressed gratitude to the grounds crew for their invaluable contributions to maintaining the athletic facilities.

Athletic Department Update

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Lombard to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,383,877.95.

Items of Business

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Weigand to support the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment as presented by Greg Mallar, CFO.

Roll Call

Ayes: Brewer, Lombard, Borchartt, Bettis, Mallory, Weigand

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

The Finance Committee met on December 12, 2024 to discuss the budget amendment, Superintendent contract amendment to be in legal compliance and exploring partnership with Athletico.

Committee Reports

None

Comments from Audience

Superintendent Riley provided an update on upcoming events and ongoing initiatives. The administrative team and kitchen staff are organizing an upcoming staff breakfast on December 19th. Additionally, the district is closely monitoring legislative developments in Lansing during the final week of the Lame-Duck session.

Superintendent's Report

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Secretary