

# Blissfield Community Schools

2024-2025

Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, February 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. Board Vice President Lombard called the meeting to order. Members present: Craig Bettis, David Brewer, Andrew Borchardt, Denise Mallory, Jennifer Stutzman and Terence Weigand. Absent Member: Dave Brewer. Others present: Superintendent Riley, District Executive Assistant Kayla Graf and members of the public.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Bettis to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 20, 2024.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Chloe King provided an update on recent and upcoming student council activities at BHS which included the following: actively working on Teacher Appreciation and senior events, ensuring a memorable experience for all. The Cupcakes & Dodgeball NHS event is scheduled for March 19, and the Blood Drive will take place on March 18, offering a great opportunity to give back. The Thespian Four Keys Fundraiser is set for February 23, and we appreciate everyone's support. Meanwhile, the Robotics Team is diligently preparing for their first competition on March 13. The Interact Club recently spent time playing bingo at the senior center, fostering meaningful connections with residents. Three students have qualified for FFA regionals. Lastly, Esports continues to thrive with two full teams competing.

Student Council Update

The Board recognized Monica Short & Virginia Landwehr as the "Co-District Employee of the Month" for their outstanding efforts and continual service to Blissfield Community Schools.

Educational Highlights

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Bettis to accept the resignation of Megan Bak from her position as 5th grade teacher.

Personnel

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Mallory to approve the following Spring season volunteer coaches: Scott Siefert, Kyle Cheny, Hank Martinez, Josh Crots and Reggie Robinson - Baseball. Al Navarro, Brian Weidmayer & Gabe Bechtol - Track. Sophia Weller & Abby Fisher - Softball. Kelly Charpie & Bailey Brandly - Girl Soccer.

Motion Carried.

Laura Denkins provided an overview of the middle school, highlighting key aspects such as small class sizes averaging 20 students and a strong academic focus with four hours dedicated to each core subject. Advanced math options are available, and some 8th graders have the opportunity to earn high school credit. The school offers a variety of elective courses and is currently revamping its offerings with input from staff and parents. Academic support includes academic lunch, homework help, five academic aides, a math interventionist, four 1:1 support aides, a floating aide, a counselor, and two mental health professionals. Additionally, new staff members include Kelly Truax in 6th-grade science, Rachael Farber in special education, and three new aides. The school continues to promote PBIS through its PRIDE initiative, provides parents with a homework tracker, and highlights Project Lead The Way (PLTW). The school culture is enriched through Project Healthy Schools and wellness programs, along with the introduction of a new science club and various field trips and events.

Middle School Overview

Holleigh Baker from County National Bank shared updates on the student loan funds.

Student Loan Funds

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,558,490.99.

Payment of Invoices

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Stutzman to adopt a resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of bonds and other matters relating thereto.

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

Motion Carried.

Sale of Bonds Resolution

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Stutzman to approve an overnight trip for the FFA State Convention from March 5-7 at Michigan State University.

Motion Carried.

FFA State Convention

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Bettis to approve an overnight trip for the HS band to travel to Mackinac Music Clinic at Mackinac Island on May 9-10.

Motion Carried.

HS Band Mackinac Music Clinic

Buildings and Grounds Committee - Meeting on Feb 18th at 2pm  
Policy Committee - Updates to be sent out

Committee Reports

None

Comments From The Audience

Superintendent Riley provided an update in regards to the Elementary water bill resolution.

Superintendent Report

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm.

Adjournment

Motion Carried

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Secretary