

# Blissfield Community Schools

2024-2025

Regular Meeting

October 21, 2024

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:00pm in the High School Media Center. Board President, Brewer called the meeting to order. Members present: Craig Bettis, David Brewer, Andrew Borchardt, Denise Mallory, Jennifer Stutzman and Terence Weigand. Absent members: Vicki Lombard. Others present: Superintendent Riley, Executive Assistant Kayla Graf.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Mallory 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 September 16, 2024.

Approval Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Chloe King provided an update on BHS activities, highlighting the smooth execution of their largest event, Homecoming, supported by community chaperones. NHS is preparing for a blood drive in December and is hoping to secure more blood donations as their numbers were down during their past blood drive. The Thespian club has completed casting for their upcoming production, while HOSA, with six members, is designing shirts for a fundraiser and gearing up for a January competition. Interact is engaged in service projects, including visits to the senior center and handicap ramp construction. FFA will send eight members to the national convention in Indianapolis.

Student Council Update

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

Educational Highlights

Mrs. Loretta Cox, along with Robotics team members Nathan Cole, Sean Samuels, and Tyler Beaudoin, presented their newly programmed swerve drive to the Board. They provided a comprehensive explanation of the robot's components, demonstrated the functionality of the new drive system, and shared extensive

information about the program, upcoming competitions, and future plans.

Transportation Director Scott Abbott provided an update on the transportation department, highlighting the purchase of both a new bus and a pre-owned bus in July 2024. He reported that district-wide dismissals are running smoothly and noted that the implementation of the new bus loop has significantly improved the efficiency of transportation operations. Additionally, he shared that the department is continually seeking to hire more bus drivers to meet ongoing needs.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,382,011.23, Bond Expenses of \$118,05235 and Sinking Fund Expenses of \$680.70 for a total of \$1,500,744.38.

Payments of Invoices

Motion Carried.

Board Member Bettis stepped out of the meeting at 7:48pm.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Stutzman for Blissfield Community Schools to join a lawsuit on the terms specified in the attached Attorney-Client Contact.

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Resolution

Roll Call

Ayes: Brewer, Borchardt, Mallory, Stutzman, Weigand

Nays: None

Absent: Lombard, Bettis

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to approve the BCS CFO administrative employment agreement with Greg Mallar effective November 18, 2024.

CFO Administrative  
Employment Agreement

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Weigand to approve the Cooperative Business Services Agreement with Morenci Schools effective November 18, 2024.

Cooperative Business  
Services Agreement

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Stutzman to approve the following individuals to work as volunteer assistant coaches during the 24-25 winter athletic season. Personnel

Tim Wisnewski	HS Bowling
Eric Anderson	HS Bowling
Tony Kudlac	HS Bowling
Ron Schmidt	HS Girls Basketball
Shane Bousman	HS Boys Basketball
Garry Benko	HS Boys Basketball
Gabe Bechtol	HS/MS Wrestling
Reggie Robinson	HS/MS Wrestling
Chene Tripp	HS/MS Wrestling
Maddie Brown	MS Comp Cheer

Motion Carried.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** A Request for Proposals for the upcoming bond projects were issued on October 21, 2024. Committee Reports

**Lenawee County School Board Association:** The annual dinner has been discontinued.

**BFEE:** The soap sale fundraiser was a major success, raising over \$7,000.

None

Comments from Audience

Superintendent Riley expressed his appreciation to Steve Babbitt for organizing another successful Hall of Fame event, marking the 20th annual Hall of Fame dinner. He also noted that the dates for upcoming Destination District meetings will be provided to the Board in the near future.

Superintendent’s Report

Board member Bettis returned to the meeting at 7:59pm.

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Bettis to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm. Adjournment

Motion Carried.

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Secretary