

Blissfield Community Schools

2024-2025

Regular Meeting

March 17, 2025

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

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Mallory to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 17, 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: BHS is in the process of preparing for Teacher Appreciation Week, with involvement from all staff. Senior events are also underway. Tomorrow will be a major day, featuring the NHS Blood Drive, along with cupcake wars and a dodgeball tournament. The Spring Musical was a major success. In addition, the Robotics team competed this past weekend and came out in 5th place out of 50 teams, while the Interact Club continues to collaborate with Habitat for Humanity on various initiatives. Esports now has two full teams actively participating.

Student Council Update

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

Educational Highlights

The BHS wrestling team state placeholders were recognized, along with Coach Andy Ford. Gage Rothman earned 3rd place at the state level, while Remy Yanakeff and Jude Rosas secured 4th place.

BHS Wrestling

The BHS bowling team was recognized for their outstanding achievements this season, having secured both a regional and LCAA title. They also competed in the state finals. Coach John Harden was honored with the Coach of the Year award. Senior Blake Terrill earned the Bowler of the Year award, while first-team honors were awarded to Blake Terrill, Matthew Anderson, and Jon Cheney. Second-team honors went to Ethan Vergote and Alex Kudlac, with Blake Iffland receiving Honorable Mention. Additional contributors to the team's success included Joey Diem, Collin Retter, Cash Moore, and Cameron Spas. Matthew Anderson also achieved a remarkable feat, bowling a perfect 300 this season.

BHS Bowling

It was moved by Weigand and supported by Mallory to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,090,530.93.

Payments of Invoices

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Borchardt to purchase a corporate sponsorship for the Blissfield Rotary Club Raffle.

Blissfield Rotary Club Raffle Sponsor

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Mallory to approve the Thrun January 2025 and the March 2025 board policy updates.

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Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Mallory the purchase of a table sponsorship for the BFEE Derby.

BFEE Derby Sponsor

Motion Carried.

Mr. Bader and Mr. Riley attended the FFA state convention in Lansing, which was a valuable experience for them and the students. The event featured proud moments, including a behind-the-scenes MSU stadium tour and students receiving state degrees. Mackenzie Wolfe also shared highlights and information about upcoming FFA events. The newest club at BHS, the ENCORE Club, encourages students to create, inspire, and explore, fostering growth and connection while working to impact the community. The club meets twice a month, and the Blissfield Rotary supported its startup costs. Writers Workshop was highlighted, with several students receiving awards for their work. Maressa Mickel shared highlights and information in regards to Writers Workshop. The Interact Club continues to make a difference through activities like volunteering at the Blissfield Senior Center (bingo), preparing food bags, building

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ramps with Habitat for Humanity, and assisting at St. Paul's Food Bank once a month. HOSA, Lily Smith qualified for state for the second consecutive year. Mr. Slater's choir earned the second-highest rating at the choral festival. Additionally, Pi Day was celebrated with fun activities. This is just a small sample of the exciting events and initiatives happening at the high school.

The Buildings and Grounds committee is meeting bi-weekly, with the next meeting being tomorrow, March 18th. The Finance committee will meet once all budget meetings are completed.

Committee Reports

Melissa Burnor shared that spring athletic photos were taken today.

Comments for the Audience

Superintendent Riley shared that the upcoming LISD 25/26 budget review meeting was approaching and the legislative breakfast is scheduled for May 9th. Due to high school construction, June, July, and August board meetings will be held at the middle school. He praised the spring musical as a fantastic show and congratulated the Robotics team for placing 5th out of 50 teams, acknowledging the hard work of the students, parents, and Mrs. Cox.

Superintendent Report

It was moved by Lombard and support by Stutzman to enter closed session at 7:45pm 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.

Entered into Closed Session

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to reconvene into open session at 8:58pm.

Re-enter Open Session

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Stutzman to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm.

Adjournment

Motion Carried.

Secretary