

Blissfield Community Schools

2025-2026

Regular Meeting

September 15, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. Board President Brewer called the meeting to order. Members present: Andrew Borchardt, David Brewer, Craig Bettis, Vicki Lombard, Denise Mallory, Jen Stutzman and Terence Weigand. Others present: Superintendent Riley, District Executive Assistant Kayla Graf and members of the public.

It was moved by Lombard 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 August 18, 2025.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Austyn Myles will update the board on recent Blissfield High School activities. The Interact Club recently visited the senior citizen center and will be hosting a food drive at the local church. The E-Sports season begins next week. The Student Council successfully hosted the Homecoming dance and parade. The National Honor Society held a blood drive on September 25. Play scripts have been ordered for the upcoming production. The Robotics team has moved back into the school lab, they're exploring fundraising ideas, and will compete tomorrow, Tuesday, October 16.

Student Council Update

The Board of Education recognized the BCS Maintenance Team as the "District Employees of the Month" for their outstanding efforts and continual service to Blissfield Community Schools.

Education Highlights

Facilities Director, Scott Abbott provided an overview of the facilities department for the 2025-2026 school year.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,428,333.53. Brewer Abstained.

Payment of Invoices

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Mallory to approve the Thrun July 2025 board policy update along with Policy 5414.

Thrun Update

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Stutzman to approve BCS FFA members to travel to Indianapolis for the FFA National Convention.

FFA Trip

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Lombard and supported by Bettis to approve the hiring of Dan Nickels for the position of middle school art teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Personnel

Motion Carried.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee continues to meet regularly to discuss phase 2 projects. The Finance Committee will meet before the next board meeting to review the audit.

Committee Reports

Renee Palacios thanked the Board for approving Thrun policy 5414.

Comments for the Audience

Superintendent Riley shared that he will be establishing office hours and plans to spend more time in the classrooms.

Superintendent Report

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Stutzman to adjourn the meeting at 7:29pm.

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Secretary