

Blissfield Community Schools

2024-2025

Regular Meeting

May 19, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, May 19, 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, Denise Mallory and Terence Weigand. Absent Member: Craig Bettis, Vicki Lombard and Jen Stutzman. Others present: Superintendent Riley, District Executive Assistant Kayla Graf and members of the public.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Weigand 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 April 21, 2025.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Chloe King provided an update on recent and upcoming student council activities at BHS. Chloe shared they are already planning homecoming for the next year with the theme being decades. NHS had a successful color run. Robotics and FFA students recently participated in Ag Day, where they showcased their teamwork and even brought along their robot for demonstrations.

Student Council Update

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

Educational Highlights

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,251,256.22.

Payment of Invoices

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to approve the 2025-26 LISD Budget as presented during their Budget Hearing.

LISD Budget

Ayes: Brewer, Borchardt, Mallory, Stutzman, Weigand

Nays: None

Motion Carried

It was moved by Weigand and supported by Borchardt to approve Superintendent Riley's evaluation for the 2024-2025 school year.

Superintendent Evaluation

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Borchardt to purchase a therapy dog through Perry's Dog Training as presented for the middle school.

Middle School Therapy Dog

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Mallory and supported by Borchardt to approve for the FFA officers to participate in a three-day camp experience on June 11-13 at the Silver Hills Campground in Mears, MI.

FFA Camp

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Mallory and supported by Borchardt to approve the hiring of Abby Fisher for the position of 4th grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

Personnel

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Mallory to accept the retirement of Heather Walkowe from her position as high school social studies teacher on June 5, 2025.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met regarding phase II nearing completion. The Finance Committee will be meeting soon regarding 25/26 projected budgets.

Committee Reports

Kellie Shirey shared concern over bullying policies and procedures at the middle school.

Comments for the Audience

Superintendent Riley congratulated the Class of 2025. He shared that his goals would be discussed at the next meeting.

Superintendent Report

It was moved by Weigand and supported by Mallory to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Adjournment

Motion Carried.

Secretary