

**NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION
Performing Arts Center
1112 E. Clay Street
P.O. Box 280
New Buffalo, MI 49117
October 27, 2025
6:00 PM**

New Buffalo Area Schools will be a beacon of academic excellence and individualized learning, where every student thrives in a supportive and inclusive environment. We will lead in preparing students for future success, driven by strong community partnerships and a commitment to growth and sustainability.

1. Call to Order by President Lisa Werner - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Denise Churchill, Stephen Donnelly, John Haskins, Jennifer Summers, Vanessa Thun, Greg Vosberg, Lisa Werner
Absent: Summers
Also in Attendance: Mr. Adam Bowen, Superintendent of Schools
Devinnie Wysocki, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
3. Expressions from the Public: None
4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda: None
5. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Thun
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried.
6. Adoption of the Consent Agenda: Items on the Consent Agenda are to be voted on as a single item by the Board. Board Members may remove items from the Consent Agenda prior to vote. Discussion of the items that have been removed can take place at the appropriate time listed on the Agenda.
 - A. Minutes:
Meeting Minutes 09-22-25
Meeting Minutes 10-13-25
 - B. General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable:
 1. General Fund: \$542,292.44
 2. Payroll: \$958,531.21
 3. Food Service: \$23,167.25
 4. Scholarship Fund: \$13,141.23
 5. Public Improvement: \$362,616.40
 - C. Financials
Motion: Donnelly
Second: Churchill
All ayes, motion carried.

7. Communications

A. Class President: Charlie Hart -9th Grade- Reported on homecoming festivities and that students would like more choices for school breakfast and lunch.

8. Committee Report(s): None

9. The Superintendent and Director of Finance recommend the Board approve the Business Office Procedures and Federal Award Administration Handbook as attached.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Thun

All ayes, motion carried.

10. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the October 2025 Thrun Policy Updates, per attached.

Motion: Haskins

Second: Churchill

All ayes, motion carried.

11. Remarks from the Superintendent

Junior City Council: City Manager Darwin Watson approached me last week about establishing a Junior City Council for our students. The city is interested in gaining a student voice perspective, and this would be a great opportunity for our students to become involved in the community. Darwin met with students on Monday during lunch to explain more about the council.

Fall Sports are wrapping up. There were some very successful seasons. The boys soccer team won both the conference and districts advancing to regionals (but lost), the football team went 8-1 (both one of the best in NB and RV history), 4 of our students qualified for State in Cross County. VB is currently 16-10-5 on the season and opens district play against Decatur on 11/3 (@ Decatur). Phoebe Zalewski (swim) has made state qualifying time in 5 events this season and will attempt to qualify in those events at the Regional Meet on 11/13.

Section 31aa Funding

Discussion on Section 31aa of the new State School Aid Act.

This act allocates \$321 million statewide for school safety and student mental health initiatives.

12. Remarks from the Board President and Members

Churchill: Reported on the BRESA Education Advocacy event attended by Werner, Churchill and Bowen. Board member from various schools attended to network on many topics related to the Board of Education.

13. Discussion Item(s)

A. 31aa Money: Deadline for decision is November 12, 2025. Accepting this funding means potentially waiving privileges and could potentially mean serious consequences.

14. Other Business

Motion by President Werner to approve *Resolution B: Decline Opt-In for Section 31aa Funding*

Second: Churchill

All ayes, motion carried.

15. Adjournment

Motion: Vosberg

Second: Donnelly

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Thun, Secretary
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