

To: Bridgman Public Schools Board of Education Members
From: Gerald Heath, BHS Principal
Date: August 24, 2026
Re: BHS Business Full-Time Teaching Position Recommendation

On July 23, 2026, an interview team consisting of the Bridgman High School (BHS) Principal and three members of the high school staff conducted interviews for the full-time Business teaching position at BHS.

Following the interview, the committee forwarded Dan Buckenmeyer to Superintendent Thomas Reed for a final interview on August 4, 2026.

Following the completion of the interview process, we concluded that Dan Buckenmeyer is an excellent candidate and would be a valuable addition to the Bridgman High School staff as a Business teacher.

Mr. Buckenmeyer earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from DePaul University and his Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Marketing from the University of Chicago. He brings a wealth of business knowledge and real-world experience to the position through his extensive professional business experience. In addition to his professional background, Mr. Buckenmeyer has demonstrated a passion for education and student learning through his two years teaching Introduction to Entrepreneurship at the University of Notre Dame.

Throughout the interview process, Mr. Buckenmeyer demonstrated strong communication skills, enthusiasm for working with students, and a genuine interest in bringing his business expertise into the classroom.

It is with confidence that I recommend Mr. Dan Buckenmeyer for approval as a full-time Business Teacher at Bridgman High School, placed at Level 3 (\$53,275) on the salary schedule.