

**NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION BOARD RETREAT
(9 S. Barton Street)
1112 E. Clay Street
P.O. Box 280
New Buffalo, MI 49117
August 10, 2026
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 Denise Churchill - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Roll Call: Denise Churchill, Stephen Donnelly, John Haskins, Jennifer Summers, Vanessa Thun, Greg Vosberg, Lisa Werner
Absent: Haskins and Vosberg
Also in Attendance: Mr. Adam Bowen, Superintendent of Schools
3. Items too Late for Printed Agenda
4. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Thun
Second: Summers
All ayes, motion carried.
5. Communications
6. Committee Report(s)
7. Remarks from the Superintendent
8. Remarks from the Board President and Members
9. Discussion Item(s)
 - A. BOE Legislative Toolkit
Ax the Tax
Lunch Michigan (MEG) Michigan Education Guarantee.
70% change in jobs by 2030/talking about already
Maybe RESA can help with a one pager
Lunch Michigan data
Maybe get our reps more involved – kids / keep adding student voice.
 - B. Board Goals
Data Driven decision making – always going to be:
Academic Performance /Accountability
Maybe when we do our scorecard have board members sit in.
Attendance boundaries on missing etc.

Maybe define our committee a bit more
Look at how we divide them out
Building and Grounds Walkthrough

C. Strategic Plan

District Scorecard Goal to 2029
Working with testing
Working with empathy instead of bullying
Open and honest communication.
Were in 80% with communication
More community involvement
Showe me the stamp

D. BOE Compact

Look at fall attendance
Mileage
Student engagement

- Middle School 6th grade (advanced)
- Mapping it out and creating it
- Pathway you want to take

Sports Merger Agreement / Thrun, transportation, lead sport, financial
Bus Transportation / Driver for sports
PUD we need action item on contract if we agree on all of that
Future of Preschool, maybe with NBCEF
Free five years / Building trades can't do it
Tower Pinski design plans
Multi-use for the space/vision
Board member night
Testing out criteria – Are we changing testing rigor/annual testing date
Waiver so they know SAT Scores
Teacher instructor with kids

10. Other Business

11. Adjournment

Motion: Thun
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Thun, Secretary
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