

**NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION
Performing Arts Center
1112 E. Clay Street
P.O. Box 280
New Buffalo, MI 49117
August 24, 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: Donnelly and Vosberg
Also in Attendance: Mr. Adam Bowen, Superintendent of Schools
Devinnie Wysocki, Adm. Asst. to Superintendent
3. Expressions from the Public
4. Items too Late for Printed Agenda #14 Lunch Prices for 2026-2027 / #17 (a) Administrative Assistant Hire
5. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Werner
Second: Summers
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: July 27, 2026
Meeting Minutes: August 6, 2026
 - B. General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable:
 1. General Fund:\$367,419.45
 2. Payroll: \$735,213.27
 3. Food Service: \$17,547.33
 4. Scholarship Fund: \$49,012.97
 5. Public Improvement: \$216,399.52
 - C. Financials
Motion: Werner
Second: Thun
All ayes, motion carried.
7. Communications

8. Committee Report(s)

9. Presentation: Mark German - Director of Operations

The Operations Director provided an update on summer projects and facility improvements throughout the District. The Multiplex turf installation has been completed, while resurfacing of the track remains in progress and is anticipated to be completed prior to the start of school. All District classrooms have received LED lighting upgrades, and the Multiplex and baseball field lighting projects are complete. Baseball bleachers are currently in production, with installation anticipated this fall. Resurfacing of the Transportation parking lot has been completed, and sidewalk construction remains in progress. Moss continues to work on additional facility upgrades. New epoxy flooring has been installed in the science classrooms and elementary art room. Custodial staff have completed between eight and sixteen hours of training and have been equipped with new battery-powered vacuums. Robotic mowers have also been installed throughout the District, with some units equipped with snow-removal attachments for winter use. Boiler installation is approximately 95% complete, with the air separator currently on order, and the main piping work has been completed. Additional grounds improvements include the removal and replacement of trees, completion of drainage upgrades to improve water flow, and continued landscaping improvements throughout the District.

10. The Superintendent and Athletic Director recommend the Board approve the Middle School Girls Basketball Sports Merger with River Valley Schools beginning 2026-2027.

Motion: Werner

Second: Summers

All ayes, motion carried.

11. The Superintendent and Athletic Director recommend the Board approve the Middle School Cross Country Sports Merger with River Valley Schools beginning 2027–2028.

Motion: Werner

Second: Summers

All ayes, motion carried.

12. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the NBAS Career and Technical Education Program (Construction Trades) and the district recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit for 2026-2027, per attached.

Motion: Thun

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

13. The Superintendent and Middle/High School Principal's recommend the Board approve hiring Beth Arvanitis as Student Advocate for Middle/High School.

Motion: Thun

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

14. The Superintendent and Food Service Director recommend the Board approve the adult lunch pricing for the 2026-2027 school year: Adult Breakfast - \$3.40 + tax and Adult Lunch - \$5.60 + tax.

Motion: Summers

Second: Thun

All ayes, motion carried.

15. Remarks from the Superintendent

- Fall sport competitions have begun. Soccer is at home tonight.

- All staff report back August 31. We welcome staff back with a all district breakfast followed by safety training. The rest of the week is set aside for professional development.
- Back to school night is Tuesday September 1. ES 6, MS 7, HS 7:30
- Students report for a half a day Tuesday, September

16. Remarks from the Board President and Members

17. Discussion Item(s)

- A. The Superintendent approved the following hire:
Amber Lowery – Middle School Administrative Assistant

18. Other Business

19. Adjournment

Motion: Thun

Second: Werner

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Thun, Secretary
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