

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 24, 2026

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 24, 2026, in the Media Center at Bridgman High School, 9964 Gast Road, Bridgman, MI 49106. The meeting was called to order by President Ramso at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Eric Ramso, Wayne Hall, Tishia Roberts, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, Nancy Hawley, and Maricar Shonk

Members Absent: None

Additions/Changes to Agenda: None

Superintendent Comments & Presentations:

Superintendent Reed told the board Tuesday, August 25th begins the new school year with a half day. He announced our staff breakfast was well attended. He also announced that all the new hires went through a successful staff training last week.

Superintendent Reed announced the Aquatic Center Open House for this Thursday, August 27 from 4-6 pm. He said the girls swim team has already enjoyed being back in the water.

Superintendent Reed informed the Board that our bus drivers have returned, plus two more were added to complete the bus routes under the direction of First Student and that drivers have been practicing their routes.

Superintendent Reed announced that athletics are underway and competitions have started. There were 58 boys and 54 girls who were registered to a team.

Jake Berg and Tim Stevenson from SitelogiQ updated the board on the Aquatic Center Project as it is nearing completion. They also informed the board of the 2026 Referendum Project overview that is set to begin in the summer of 2027. It is currently in the design phase.

Discussion Items:

RMS teacher, Todd Milligan, presented the 7th and 8th Grade class trip to Boston on May 13-17, 2027.

Principal Heath and High School Science teachers, Aaron Locke and Lisa Kreitner, asked the Board to approve bringing Earth Science back as a course offering as it flows better with the other science classes offered and teaches physical science standards that are on the Michigan Merit Exam.

Principal Heath presented the 2026-2027 BHS Course Guide and RMS Spanish

1, Algebra 1, and Art 1.

Superintendent Reed announced the retirement of middle school teacher, Leslie Rantz. Rebecca Wedde has been hired as a long-term sub until that position has been filled.

Superintendent Reed announced the 2026-2027 District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings.

Member Owen reviewed the July Bills for payment.

July 13, 2026, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Approve the hiring of Daniel Buckenmeyer for the position of BHS Business teacher (Level 3, \$53,275).
2. Approve the unpaid leave day for Daniel Buckenmeyer on September 10, 2026, pursuant to Article 8, Section 6 of the BEA Master Agreement.
3. Approve the hiring of Dawn Knezic for the position of BES First Grade teacher (Level 1, \$49,912) for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Approve the retirement of Leslie Rantz, RMS Science and Physical Education teacher.
5. Approve the hiring of Kaylin Pinkowski as Weight Room Monitor.
6. Approve July bills for payment
7. Approve July 13, 2026, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

Principal Heath introduced Daniel Buckenmeyer to the Board.

Action Items:

Motion was made by Member Hawley supported by Member Owen, to approve the 7th and 8th Grade trip to Boston, May 13-17, 2027. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Member Hall supported by Member Hawley, to approve the 2026-2027 BHS Course Guide and RMS Spanish 1, Algebra 1, and Art 1. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Member Owen supported by Member Hall, to approve the 2026-2027 District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments:

None

- Other Business:** President Ramso read a thank you card from Jerry Kennedy thanking members of the school for attending Mary Kennedy's Celebration of Life service.
- Closed Session:** A motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Hall, for the Board to convene in closed session at 7:42 p.m. pursuant to Section 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider material exempt from disclosure by Section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, in particular, records subject to the attorney-client privilege.
- Roll Call: Yes (Eric Ramso, Wayne Hall, Tishia Roberts, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, Nancy Hawley, and Maricar Shonk)
Nay (None) Motion Carried 7-0
- Open Session:** President Ramso declared to reconvene in Open Session at 8:59 p.m.
- Adjournment:** Motion was made by Member DeMeulenaere, supported by Member Hawley, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
Board of Education