# NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
# BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION
## Middle/High School Cafeteria
## 1112 E. Clay Street
## P.O. Box 280
## New Buffalo, MI 49117
## November 9, 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
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

5. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Thun
Second: Summers
All ayes, motion carried.

6. Communications
A. Class President: Charlie Hart
Student representatives provided updates on current academic activities, student testing, and the Student Academic Support Leadership Conference. They reported that the Quiz Bowl team remains undefeated, the soccer team is having a successful season, and high school students participated in a college visit to Purdue University. Additional highlights included the Veterans Day Assembly scheduled for Wednesday, November 11, the successful Elementary STEAM Night, and positive student feedback regarding the newly installed lockers.
Students are adjusting to the new cell phone policy and shared positive feedback regarding changes to RTI/Advisory, including more engaging mental health and wellness curriculum focused on empathy. Mellow Mondays have also returned this school year. Other activities included a Health Careers field trip and an AK Smith field trip. Students are currently preparing for upcoming exams.

B. (MTSS) Multi-Tiered System Implementation Recognition by the Michigan Department of Education (letter attached)
MTSS Data Utilization
MTSS Implementation and Impact

7. Committee Report(s)



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8. The Superintendent and Director of Finance recommend the Board adopt the Annual Summer Tax Resolution, 2027, attached.
Motion: Werner
Second: Thun
All ayes, motion carried.

9. The Superintendent and Director of Finance recommend the Board relinquish the 2027-2028 school year Title I funds.
Motion: Werner
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried.

10. Remarks from the Superintendent
Veterans Day Assembly MS/HS - Wednesday, November 11 at 9:30 AM.

STEAM Night at the elementary school is Wednesday, November 11 at 6 PM.

FAFSA Night Thursday, November 12th at 6 PM in HS Cafeteria

Brent Brummet from Studer Education will be on site Monday, November 16.

Stoplight scorecards. Annual Goals, actions, small measures. (Model with the District Scorecard)

Cascading communication. Why, What, How?

Performance Conversations - What we Permit - We Promote

11. Remarks from the Board President and Members
President Churchill congratulated current Board member Jennifer Summers on her reelection and welcomed newly elected member Sarah Biggs to the 2027 Board of Education.

12. Discussion Item(s)
A. December 28, 2026, Board Meeting
B. VK Civil Proposal
C. Shared Employ/Coach Compensation Process

13. The Superintendent recommends the Board convene into Closed Session per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct a superintendent's periodic evaluation.
Motion: Werner
Second: Summers
All ayes, motion carried
(6:20 p.m.)

14. The Superintendent recommends the Board reconvene into Open Session per the Open Meetings Act.
Motion: Summers
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried
(7:03 p.m.)

15. Other Business
Stephen Donnelly made a motion to cancel the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Monday, December 28, 2026. The motion was seconded by John Haskins. All ayes; motion carried.



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16. Adjournment
    Motion: Donnelly
    Second: Thun
    All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Thun, Secretary
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