

**BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bridgman, Michigan**  
***Minutes of Regular Meeting***  
**January 6, 2026**

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Tuesday, January 6, 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 6:47 p.m.
- Members Present:** Eric Ramso, Wayne Hall, Tishia Roberts, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, Nancy Hawley, and Tom LaVanway
- Members Absent:** None
- Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Owen, to add item E5 – Berrien Community Foundation For Good Grant, add item F2 – Approve Spencer Carr for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Level 7) \$3,422, and add item G1 – Approve the Berrien Community Foundation For Good Grant in the amount of \$13,000. Motion carried 7-0
- Superintendent Comments & Presentations:**
- Superintendent Peters reminded the Board of the IBB training dates on January 23 and 24, 2026. He also stated the next board meeting won't be until February 23, 2026
- Sitelogiq Community Engagement specialist, Dan Rooney, updated the Board on the Communication Plan for the Aquatic Center Renovation, No Mill Increase Millage, and Non-Homestead Renewal.
- BEA School Board Appreciation – BEA President Angie Ales thanked the Board for their continued service. She provided each member with a gift.
- Hether McIntyre gave the Food Service Update in Peggy Ferguson's absence. The Food Service Department is now fully staffed and has 2-3 subs to call on. The district successfully maintained universal free meal service through the Michigan School Meals and Community Eligibility Provision programs. She stated as a district, we have 251 (33%) directly certified students. After the finalized audit for the 24/25 fiscal year, food service will have an excess fund balance of approximately \$21,000. Peggy and Hether are developing a spend down plan. She thanked the Board and Administration for their continued support of her program.
- Hether McIntyre gave the Transportation Update in Dave McIntyre's absence. We effectively reduced our transportation routes from six to five following the retirement of a bus driver last school year. The district operates four vans, with one being a special education route. We have partnered with River Valley and New

Buffalo to share special education transportation services. All vans have over 80,000 miles and are used frequently to transport athletic teams. They will need to be replaced within a few years. We have a fleet of 8 buses, with five assigned to daily routes. The district anticipates an additional bus driver retirement at the end of this school year along with our transportation supervisor, Dave McIntyre. Our district-owned trucks are in good condition. The next major purchase will be lawn care equipment as they are nearing the end of their useful life.

**Discussion Items:**

Superintendent Peters read a statement acknowledging January as School Board Recognition Month and expressed his deep appreciation for their dedication while secretary, Molly Owen, handed each Board member a gift.

Superintendent Peters gave the First Reading of Revised Policy #5350.

Superintendent Peters reviewed the Governance Compact and relayed the importance of it. President Ramso would like to revisit the Strategic Plan and Board Assessment at the July Board Retreat.

December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

Superintendent Peters described the Berrien Community Foundation for Good Grant awarded to school social workers, Angie Cooper and Kim Floor. Funds will be used to support the social and emotional needs of our most At Risk students in the middle school and high school over the summer.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Approve December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approve Spencer Carr for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Level 7) \$3,422

**Action Items:**

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member DeMeulenaere to approve the Berrien Community Foundation for Good Grant in the amount of \$13,000. Motion carried 7-0

**Public Comments:**

None

**Other Business:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary