

**NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR SESSION  
Performing Arts Center  
1112 E. Clay Street  
P.O. Box 280  
New Buffalo, MI 49117  
December 9, 2024  
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 Lisa Werner - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. Administration of Oath of Office: Stephen Donnelly, John Haskins, Jennifer Summers, Vanessa Thun, and Greg Vosberg.
3. Roll Call: Denise Churchill, Stephen Donnelly, John Haskins, Jennifer Summers, Vanessa Thun, Greg Vosberg, Lisa Werner  
Absent: Vosberg, Summers (arrived 6:03 p.m.)  
Also in Attendance: Mr. Adam Bowen, Superintendent of Schools  
Devinnie Wysocki, Admin. Asst. to Superintendent
4. Presentation, Carrie Johnson: New Buffalo Elementary School Recipient - Michigan ASCD's 2024 Whole Child Award.
5. Expressions from the Public: None
6. Items too Late for Printed Agenda #17 1. C.
7. Adoption of the Agenda  
Motion: Thun  
Second: Churchill  
All ayes, motion carried.
8. 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 11/25/2024
  - B. General/Associated Funds - Bills Payable:
    1. General Fund: \$82,363.38
    2. Payroll: \$1,379,384.11
    3. Food Service: \$25,590.04
    4. Scholarship Fund: \$21,330.32
    5. Public Improvement: \$62,663.37

C. Financials

Motion: Haskins  
Second: Donnelly  
All ayes, motion carried.

9. Communications

A. Class President: Bianca Illescas-Villa 11<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Reported on the events that are going on in the school; tailgate for Prom, Holiday Concerts, Thesbian Field Trip. Commented on sports transportation and advertising more of those sports that don't have a big following. More funding for theater arts for outside opportunities. QR Code access for students in need of mental health needs.

10. Committee Report(s): None

11. The Superintendent recommends the Board grant tenure status to Ashley Jager.

Motion: Thun  
Second: Haskins  
All ayes, motion carried.

12. The Superintendent recommends the Board grant tenure status to Karen Muckey-Martinez.

Motion: Churchill  
Second: Donnelly  
All ayes, motion carried.

13. The Superintendent recommends the Board grant tenure status to Danika Piotrowski.

Motion: Churchill  
Second: Thun  
All ayes, motion carried,

14. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Teacher Retirement Incentive Plan for 2024-2025.

Motion: Haskins  
Second: Churchill  
All ayes, motion carried.

15. Remarks from the Superintendent

- This is our last board meeting for the year. Our next meeting will be on January 13, 2025.
- Studer was onsite this morning to help us do our first ever deep dive on the strategic plan. Building principals will present this information to the Board at the next meeting in January.
- There is a lot going on this week with a few home basketball games for both girls and boys. There is a holiday band concert Wednesday at 7 PM at the PAC. Next week, on Tuesday at 6 PM, there is the K-2 holiday music performance in the PAC.
- We have a foundation meeting tomorrow.
- When we return from break, NWEA testing for grades K-8 begins and DIBELS testing for grades K-5. These tests are especially important as they give us information on how we are teaching and determine who receives additional help.

16. Remarks from the Board President and Members

17. Discussion Item(s)

1. The Superintendent approves the following hire:

a. Ashley Floraday - Lead Track Coach (Spring 2025)

b. Alexandra Beckman - Daycare Aide

c. Evan Burian – BASE Lead

18. Other Business

19. Adjournment

Motion: Haskins

Second: Donnelly

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Thun, Secretary  
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