

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 25, 2025

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 25, 2025, 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, and Nancy Hawley
- Members Absent:** JoAnn DeMeulenaere and Tom LaVanway
- Additions/Changes to Agenda:** None
- Superintendent Comments & Presentations:**
- Superintendent Peters told the board that it was a successful first half-day of school with a few minor transportation adjustments. All three building principals stated drop-off and pick-up went smoothly. Also, fall high school athletic participation is at 45% of the student population.
- Superintendent Peters announced there is no school on Friday and Monday and all offices will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.
- Superintendent Peters informed the Board the new BES sign is waiting on AEP to connect the power.
- Superintendent Peters announced the Solar Project was taken off the agenda due to many unknowns at this time.
- Superintendent Peters told the board that he updated the District Info. and the Superintendent Job Posting will post this Friday. All edits are due to Eric tonight.
- Superintendent Peters announced that Bridgman High School was rated 15th best High School in Michigan and 595th in the U.S. according to U.S. News & World Report.
- Discussion Items:**
- Superintendent Peters gave the first reading of Revised Policies: po2264(rescind) and po2266
- Superintendent Peters announced the District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings – 2025-2026
- Member Owen reviewed the July Bills for payment.

July 28, 2025, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

- Consent Agenda:** Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0.
1. Approve the hiring of Allison LaFond for the position of 5th Grade Special Education Teacher (Level 1, \$47,289)
 2. Approve the hiring of Eli Southorn for the position of BHS English Teacher (Level 14, \$69,126)
 3. Approve the hiring of Steve Veldman for the position of 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach (Level 1, \$2,837)
 4. Approve the hiring of Erin Korson for the position of RMS Girls' Soccer Coach (Level 1, \$2,837)
 5. Approve the hiring of Miles Heath and Ethan Locke as Weight Room Monitors and Phoebe Zalewski for the position of Lifeguard at the Aquatic Center
 6. Approve July bills for payment
 7. Approve July 28, 2025, Board Retreat Meeting Minutes

Principal Graves introduced David Sokolowski and Abigail Doig to the Board. Principal Truesdell introduced Allison LaFond. Principal Heath introduced Eli Southorn.

Action Items: Motion was made by Member Owen supported by Member Hall, to approve the District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings – 2025-2026. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hawley, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
Board of Education