

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
May 11, 2026

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, May 11, 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, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, and Nancy Hawley

Members Absent: Tishia Roberts and Tom LaVanway

Additions/Changes to Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hawley, to have Wayne Hall act as Acting Secretary for the purposes of signing the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating ThereTo.

Roll Call: Yes (Eric Ramso, Wayne Hall, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, and Nancy Hawley)
Nay (None) Motion Carried 5-0

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to add to Consent Agenda Item F20. Approve the hiring of Rose Ruschak-Kapica for the position of RMS/BHS Special Education Teacher, Level 7 (\$59,997)

Action: Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hawley, to approve Wayne Hall as Acting Secretary for the purposes of signing the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds and Other Matters Relating ThereTo.

Roll Call: Yes (Eric Ramso, Wayne Hall, Brad Owen, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, and Nancy Hawley)
Nay (None) Motion Carried 5-0

Superintendent Comments & Presentations:

Superintendent Peters made the following announcements:

1. This is our last board meeting of the school year. There are two board meetings in June on June 8 and 22 both at 6:30pm.
2. Graduation is Sunday, May 31 at 1:00 p.m. Report to BHS Commons by 12:30 p.m.
3. 8th Grade Promotion is Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at BHS.
4. Senior Honors Night at BHS is May 18 at 6:30 p.m.
5. Board Retreat is July 13 NOT July 7 to accommodate Principals
6. Aquatic Center Update: They are making good progress. Demolition is almost

complete as well as the roofing installation. The HVAC unit should be delivered in the next few weeks. Project costs continue to stay within budget. We appreciate SitelogiQ and all their hard work throughout this process.

7. He is very grateful to all who contributed to the success of our two ballot initiatives. The community overwhelmingly supports public education. He thanked Board Members, staff, and community members for taking the time to get the information out to people in order to make a knowledgeable vote.

Discussion Items:

Berrien RESA Superintendent, Eric Hoppstock presented the 2026-2027 Berrien Regional Education Service Agency General Fund Operating Budget and answered questions from board members.

Michelle Foxworthy, Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, presented the Girls Basketball Camp, June 23-25, 2026, at Grand Valley State University.

Jeremy Ackerman, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, presented the Boys Basketball Camp, June 12-14, 2026 at Northwood.

Jeremy Ackerman, Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, presented the Boys Basketball Camp, June 19-21, 2026 at Lake Superior State University.

Superintendent Peters explained the Bond Authorizing Resolution.

Superintendent Peters presented the SitelogiQ Professional Services Agreement. He said Pete Bush will still be our point of contact.

Superintendent Peters announced the 2026-2027 Employment Contracts

1. Angelina Cooper, District Social Worker
2. Margaret Ferguson, Food Service Director
3. Kimberly Floor, District Social Worker
4. Lori Graves, BES Principal
5. Robert Haskins, Athletic, Aquatic, Community Recreation Director
6. Robert Haskins, Student Services Director
7. Gerald Heath, BHS Principal
8. Aaron Koleda, Technology Director
9. Hether McIntyre, Business Manager
10. Emily Nannfeldt, Aquatics Center Manager
11. Molly Owen, Superintendent's Secretary/Accounts Payable Clerk
12. John Truesdell, RMS Principal
13. Caitlynn Vanlandingham, District Social Worker

Superintendent Peters noted that both of Robert Haskins' contracts should say 210 working days instead of 220.

Superintendent Peters presented the Updated 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 Administrator Salary Schedules/Appendix.

Superintendent Peters gave the Second Reading of Revised Policy #4430.

Member Owen reviewed the April bills for payment.

The April 27, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes were presented with no corrections or changes.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Hall, to approve the following consent agenda items with the addition of Robert Haskins' contracts saying 210 working days instead of 220. Motion carried 5-0

1. Approve the hiring of Olivia Schroeder for the position of BHS Spanish Teacher, Level 1 (\$49,912)

2. Approve 2026-2027 Fall Coaching Recommendations:

a. Aaron Locke for Varsity Football Head Coach (Level 12), \$9,988

b. Al Ottusch for Varsity Football Assistant Coach (Level 8), \$5,859

c. Steve Veldman for Varsity Football Assistant Coach (Level 12), \$6,544

d. Erik Haskins for Junior Varsity Football Head Coach (Level 12), \$7,577

e. Spencer Carr for Varsity Cross Country Head Coach (Level 6), \$6,706

f. Emma Cramer for Middle School Cross Country Head Coach (Level 2), \$3,096

g. Emily Nannfeldt for Varsity Girls Swimming/Diving Head Coach (Level 8), \$7,710

h. Nick Foxworthy for Varsity Boys Soccer Head Coach (Level 7), \$6,000

i. Melissa Church for Varsity Volleyball Head Coach (Level 5), \$7,080

j. Caitlyn Lustila for Varsity Football Sideline Cheer Coach (Level 1), \$2,995

3. Approve Girls Basketball Camp, June 23-25, 2026, at Grand Valley State University

4. Approve Boys Basketball Camp, June 12-14, 2026, at Northwood

5. Approve Boys Basketball camp, June 19-21, 2026, at Lake Superior State University

6. Approve Employment Contract for Angelina Cooper, District Social Worker

7. Approve Employment Contract for Margaret Ferguson, Food Service Director

8. Approve Employment Contract for Kimberly Floor, District Social Worker

9. Approve Employment Contract for Lori Graves, BES Principal

10. Approve Employment Contract for Robert Haskins, Athletic, Aquatic, Community Recreation Director

11. Approve Employment Contract for Robert Haskins, Student Services Director

12. Approve Employment Contract for Gerald Heath, BHS Principal

13. Approve Employment Contract for Aaron Koleda, Technology Director

14. Approve Employment Contract for Hether McIntyre, Business Manager

15. Approve Employment Contract for Emily Nannfeldt, Aquatic Center

Manager

16. Approve Employment Contract for John Truesdell, RMS Principal

17. Approve Employment Contract for Caitlyn Vanlandingham, District Social Worker

18. Approve the April Bills for payment.

19. Approve the April 27, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes

20. Approve the hiring of Rose Ruschak-Kapica for the position of RMS/BHS Special Education Teacher, Level 7 (\$59,997)

Principal Heath introduced Olive Schroeder, BHS Spanish Teacher to the board

Principal Truesdell introduced Rose Kapica, RMS/BHS Special Education Teacher to the board.

Action Items:

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to approve the 2026-2027 Berrien Regional Education Service Agency General Fund Operating Budget. Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to approve the Bond Authorizing Resolution. Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to approve the SitelogiQ Professional Services Agreement. Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Member DeMeulenaere, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the updated 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 Administrator Salary Schedules/Appendix. Motion carried 5-0

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to approve the Employment Contract for Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary, Accounts Payable. Motion carried 4-0 Member Owen abstained.

Motion was made by Member DeMeulenaere, supported by Member Owen, to approve the Second Reading of Revised Policy #4430. Motion carried 5-0

Public Comments:

None

Other Business:

President Ramso read a thank you note from the BES staff for the Hoopla treat during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hall, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 7:32p.m

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary