

**NEW BUFFALO AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SESSION
Performing Arts Center
1112 E. Clay Street
P.O. Box 280
New Buffalo, MI 49117
August 6, 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
Absent: Vosberg
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: None
5. Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Summers
Second: Thun
All ayes, motion carried.
6. Communications: None
7. Committee Report(s)
8. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve conference attendance for Denise Churchill and Vanessa Thun at the Michigan Association of School Boards Annual Leadership Conference, October 15 - 18, 2026.
Motion: Summers
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried.
9. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve hiring Samuel Stine for the position of "Interim" Special Education Coordinator.
Motion: Werner
Second: Donnelly
All ayes, motion carried.

10. The Superintendent and Middle School Principal recommend hiring Christopher Grant for the position of Middle School Social Studies, pending background check.

Motion: Thun

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

11. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve hiring Caroline Fortunato for the position of High School Principal.

Motion: Werner

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried.

12. Remarks from the Superintendent

- Apple professional development for iPad integration will happen Monday and Tuesday for 20 ES and MS teachers. This is a train-the-trainer type model where these teachers will learn and be able to support their peers, which is the sustainable learning that Apple implements with its users.

13. Remarks from the Board President and Members: None

14. Discussion Item(s)

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

Motion: Thun

Second: Haskins

All ayes, motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Vanessa Thun, Secretary
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