

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
November 24, 2025

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, November 24, 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, JoAnn DeMeulenaere, and Tom LaVanway
- Members Absent:** Nancy Hawley
- Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Owen, to add item E9 – Update on Section 31aa Funding and Lawsuit Status and add G3 – Authorization to Opt-In to Section 31aa Mental Health and School Safety Funding. Motion carried 6-0
- Superintendent Comments & Presentations:**
- Superintendent Peters announced that Bridgman Cares is taking donations to sponsor 75 holiday meals for student families in need. The cost is \$50 per meal and they may see Molly Owen for more details.
- Superintendent Peters reminded the Board that December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. is the superintendent candidate final interview with a meet and greet time prior at 5:00 p.m. Both events will take place in the F.C. Reed Middle School Media Center.
- Superintendent Peters also announced that December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. in the BHS Cafeteria is the Bid Opening for the Aquatic Center Project.
- Superintendent Peters reminded the Board that all buildings will be closed Wednesday – Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- Superintendent Peters wished all Board members and their families a Happy Thanksgiving.
- President Ramso told the Board they will give Mr. Reed a tour of the district from 12-3 p.m. on December 3rd and any or all members are welcome to attend. They will be making a hiring decision on the 3rd with contract approval at the December 15th Board meeting.
- Gerald Heath, BHS Principal – see attached report in Agenda
John Truesdell, RMS Principal – see attached report in Agenda
Lori Graves, BES Principal – see attached report in Agenda

Discussion Items: Superintendent Peters highlighted the changes to the 2025-2026 RMS Athletic Handbook to be consistent with the High School Athletic Handbook. Athlete eligibility checks were moved from Thursday to Tuesday mornings.

President Ramso announced Scott Christy's Paternity leave for February 16 – April 3, 2026.

Superintendent Peters explained the No-Mill Bond Proposal Language and Resolution.

Superintendent Peters explained the Non-Homestead Millage Language and Resolution.

Superintendent Peters gave the First Reading of New/Revised Policies from Vol. 40, No. 1 September 2025 Update: po2210, po2266, po2412, po4162, po5120(reject), po5460, po5517.01, po7540.02, po7541(rescind), po8300, po8305

Superintendent Peters gave the First Reading of New/Revised Policies from Vol. 40, No.1 Nondiscrimination September 2025 Update: po1422(replacement), po1422.02(rescind), po1662(rescind), po3122(replacement), po3122.02(rescind), po3362(rescind), po4122(replacement), po4122.02(rescind), po4362(rescind)

Member Owen reviewed the October Bills for payment.

October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2025, Special and Closed Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

Superintendent Peters explained the Update on Section 31aa Funding and Lawsuit Status.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Hall, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 6-0

1. Approve October bills for payment
2. Approve October 27, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes, November 6, 2025, Special and Closed Meeting Minutes, November 19, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes

Action Items: Motion was made by Member LaVanway, supported by Member Owen, to approve the 2025-2026 RMS Athletic Handbook Update. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member LaVanway, to approve Scott Christy's Paternity leave for February 16 – April 3, 2026. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Owen, to approve the authorization to Opt-In to Section 31aa Mental Health and School

Safety Funding. Motion carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Other Business: Member DeMeulenaere asked if the RMS sewer issue had been resolved. Superintendent Peters explained that it had, and all the sewer lines have been cleaned out. Everything is now running smoothly.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hall, to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
Board of Education