



# Boyne City Public Schools

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## Unofficial Minutes

Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Monday, August 11, 2025, 6:00 PM

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held Monday, August 11, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM in the Boyne City Education Center's Hospitality Room, 321 South Park St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

The meeting was called to order by President Zareena Koch at 6:01 pm in the Boyne City Education Center's Hospitality Room, 321 South Park St., Boyne City, MI 49712.

**Present:** Riley Cope, Savannah Hrenko, Zareena Koch, Mary Towne, Jill Towne-Patton, Sara Ward.

**Absent:** Joel Schraw

### I. Call to Order

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Agenda Modifications

Closed session has been cancelled.

### IV. Presentation(s):

#### A. Introduction of New Teachers

Early Learners Director, Laurel Jewett introduced Bailey Holzschu, the new 4 year old GSRP teacher.

Elementary Principal, Mike Amabile introduced Samantha BrickerBaar the new 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Kayla Fineout, Elementary Art Teacher and Janelle Vilitski, Elementary Special Education Teacher.

Middle School Principal, Mike Wilson introduced Emma Bednar the new 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Chase Dawley, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies Teacher and Anna Antal, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher.

#### B. SAT/PSAT - Adam Stefanski and Mike Wilson

Adam Stefanski and Mike Wilson gave a presentation of the 24/25 PSAT/SAT data for BCMS/BCHS.

#### C. Layna Lorencz - Food Service Update

Layna Lorencz explained the need for the food service price increase, however, we are still waiting on the state budget to be finalized.

## **V. Announcements and Comments**

### **A. Superintendent**

#### **1. Open House Information**

Open house information can be found on the Back-To-School webpage.

#### **2. Capitol Improvement Update**

This has been moved under Discussion Items.

#### **3. Start of School Update**

Everything can be found on the Back-To-School webpage.

#### **4. Budget Update**

There is no updated. Still waiting on the state budget.

#### **5. Portrait of a Graduate**

The Portrait of a Graduate stakeholders meeting is on Wednesday.

#### **6. BCPS Newsletter**

The newsletter was mailed on Thursday and should be in mailboxes.

### **B. Board of Education**

#### **1. Board Comments**

- a. Finance Committee of the Whole - September 11th at 6:00 p.m.

## **VI. Public Commentary - None**

## **VII. Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Move that Consent Agenda items for the be adopted, as presented. This motion, made by Sara Ward and seconded by Mary Towne, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **A. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion to approve the Board of Education Regular meeting minutes, Closed Session Meeting Minutes, and the Policy Meeting minutes, for July 21, 2025.

### **B. Business and Finance Items**

#### **1. Payment of the Monthly Bills**

Payment of the monthly bills:

General Fund: \$476,706.04

Food Service: \$ 15,250.24

Bond: \$102,544.69

TOTAL: \$594,500.97

## **VIII. Discussion Items**

### **A. Capitol Improvement Update**

Pat Little shared two videos for the Board showing a visual alert system that might be implemented into the buildings as part of the safety protocol to help student that wear headphones or that are hard of hearing.

Pat gave a presentation showing the upcoming renovations of the high school athletic field and middle school outside area.

## **IX. Action Items**

### **A. Virtual Course Offerings**

To accept and approve the use of the Lincoln Learning Solutions & Edmentum course catalogs for the following learning platforms: Lincoln Learning, EdOptions Academy, & Plato Courseware for the 2025-2026 school year following the guidelines provided within the Michigan Department of Education Pupil Accounting Manual. This motion, made by Sara Ward and seconded by

Jill Towne-Patton, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **B. Elementary School Handbook Revisions**

To approve the elementary school handbook revisions, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Mary Towne and seconded by Riley Cope, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **C. Middle School Handbook Revisions**

To approve the middle school handbook revisions, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Jill Towne-Patton and seconded by Sara Ward, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **D. High School Handbook Revisions**

To approve the high school handbook revisions, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Jill Towne-Patton and seconded by Savannah Hrenko, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

### **E. Morgan-Shaw School Handbook Revisions**

To approve the Morgan-Shaw handbook revisions, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Savannah Hrenko and seconded by Sara Ward, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **F. Early Learners Handbook Approval**

To approve the Early Learners Handbook changes for the 2025-2026 school year, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Savannah Hrenko and seconded by Mary Towne, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,  
Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **G. 2025-26 Fall Co-Curricular Recommendations**

To approve the 2025-26 Fall Co-Curricular Recommendations, as recommended administratively.. This motion, made by Riley Cope and seconded by Savannah Hrenko, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,  
Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **H. Student Breakfast and Lunch Price Increase**

To approve the student breakfast and lunch price increase as follows: Breakfast: Increase to \$2.50 Lunch: Increase to \$4.00, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Mary Towne and seconded by Sara Ward, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,  
Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **I. Transfer of Funds from General Funds to Capital Project Savings**

To transfer \$400,000 from General Funds to Capital Project Savings as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Mary Towne and seconded by Jill Towne-Patton, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,  
Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **J. Bailey Holzschu - Early Learners, 4-Year-Old Teacher**

To approve the hiring of Bailey Holzschu as the new Early Learners 4-Year-Old Teacher, as recommended administratively. This motion, made by Jill Towne-Patton and seconded by Savannah Hrenko, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,  
Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

#### **X. Correspondence**

- A. Charlevoix County Community Foundation
- B. Prosecuting Attorney Letter

#### **XI. Public Commentary**

Erin Mastin – Boyne City

She is one of the BCEA bargaining members for the teacher's contract. She thanked Pat, Irene, Mike and Angela for all their help with the teacher's contract. It was a positive experience and she is thankful for all their hard work.

**XII. Closed Session**

Motion by\_\_ support by\_\_ to adjourn into closed session at \_\_\_\_ for negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes\_\_, Nays\_\_

**XIII. Open Session**

Motion by\_\_ support by\_\_ to reconvene into open session at \_\_\_\_p.m.

Motion (carried/failed)\_\_to\_\_.

**XIV. Additional Action**

**A. BCEA Contract**

to ratify the BCEA contract for 2025/26, 2026/27, as recommended administratively.

This motion, made by Savannah Hrenko and seconded by Sara Ward, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

**XV. Adjournment**

Move that the meeting be adjourned at 7:02 pm. This motion, made by Jill Towne-Patton and seconded by Sara Ward, Passed.

Riley Cope: Yea, Savannah Hrenko: Yea, Zareena Koch: Yea, Mary Towne: Yea,

Jill Towne-Patton: Yea, Sara Ward: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,

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Sara Ward, Board Secretary  
Boyne City Board of Education

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Angela Matelski, Recording Secretary  
Boyne City Public Schools