



Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Bridgman High School Media Center

Attendees: Barker, Fenech, Heath, Heiser, Langfeldt, Lepeniotis, Zilke

Absent: Mensinger, Hall (proxy to Lepeniotis), Peters (proxy to Heath)

Guest: Gerald Heath

Meeting called to order by Chair Lepeniotis at 7:05 PM.

Approve the 3/24/26 Minutes – Motion by Barker, supported by Zilke to approve the minutes from March 24, 2026. Motion carried 9-0.

Treasurer's Report – Langfeldt presented the March Treasurer's Report with a total of \$279,908 in assets. \$9,000 in checks received for golf outing. Langfeldt met with Berrien Community Foundation, Lepeniotis to research endowment fund availability. Motion by Heiser, supported by Lepeniotis to approve March 2026 Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried 9-0.

Lepeniotis made a motion to close all accounts at Honor Credit Union and move all of our funds to United Federal Credit Union given their support and commitment to the Foundation. Barker and Langfeldt to open new bank accounts with United Federal Credit Union with signing rights for Barker and Langfeldt. Barker supported. Motion carried 8-0. Zilke abstained.

Principal Heath requested \$10,000 to support the high school Bee-botics team at the 2026 FIRST Robotics World Championship in Houston. Motion by Lepeniotis, supported by Heiser to cover the remaining expenses totaling \$13,500. Motion carried 9-0.

Executive Committee Report

- No updates

Old Business

- Golf outing – fewer golfers this year (90-100) but that also reduces our costs. Open items: we still have three remaining hole sponsorships. Setup Monday at 10:00.
- New Logo – trustees discussed all three logo concepts. Brody Roberts' logo was selected. Motion by Heath, supported by Zilke to provide a grant to DECA for \$1,000 in recognition of Mrs. Douglass for her efforts in managing this project and \$100 to each of the finalists to congratulate them for their efforts. Motion carried 9-0.

Status of Portfolios

- Recruiting: Lepeniotis reported a new member from United Federal Credit Union will be joining the Foundation board. Branch Manager Lisa Hansen will join the May board meeting.

- Fund Development: Barker and Fenech to connect with Haymarket about a potential fundraising activity. Possible breakfast event for 50-year reunion – giveback at Romas? Barker to investigate.
- Marketing: McDonalds team is creating the promotional materials for the event in June.
- BPS: no updates

New Business

- Everyone agreed that we cancel June and July meetings. Langfeldt will continue creating Treasurer's reports.

Good of the Foundation

- Heiser thanked Heath for all of her work on the deliverables for the golf outing.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30. Next meeting on May 26 at 7:00 PM.