

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 26, 2024

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, August 26, 2024, 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, Nancy Hawley (6:31 p.m.) and Tom LaVanway
- Members Absent:** None
- Additions/Changes to Agenda:** Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Hall to add onto Item E2 – Include po2264 and po2266 for the First Reading. Motion carried 6-0
- Superintendent Comments & Presentations:** Superintendent Peters told the board that it was a successful first half-day of school.
- Superintendent Peters announced the Michigan Supreme Court handed down its decision in the ORS lawsuit (*Batista v. Office of Retirement Services*) late last month. The **key points that came out of the Court’s decision** include:
- The NSI is unlawful
 - Districts should be using Salary Schedules
 - The definition of a “Normal Salary Schedule”
 - The case goes back to the Court of Claims to “address outstanding practical applications”
- It is his goal to have salary schedules for the following positions (Superintendent, District Administrators and Building Administrators) by the October Board meeting.
- Discussion Items:** RMS teacher, Eileen Smiertelny, presented the 7th and 8th Grade class trip to St. Louis, Missouri on May 16-18, 2025.
- Superintendent Peters gave the first reading of New/Updated Policies: po2410, po2414, po2418, po8390 and added po2264 and po2266
- Superintendent Peters gave the second reading of New/Updated Policies: po1240, po3220, po6321, po6350, po6520, po8800
- President Ramso announced the District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings – 2024-2025
- Principal Heath gave further explanation of the Personal Finance class requirement that begins with this year’s freshmen class.

Assistant Superintendent, Sam Stine, explained the Cross Country team will be taking approximately 20 athletes and 5 chaperones overnight to the Festival of Races in Davisburg, MI on September 13-14, 2024

Assistant Superintendent, Sam Stine, announced the Varsity Football team will be taking 18 athletes and 7 coaches/adults overnight to play Inland Lakes High School in Indian River, MI on September 20-21, 2024

Member Owen reviewed the July Bills for payment.

July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Owen, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 7-0.

1. Approve the hiring of Emma Hughes for the position of RMS Counselor (Level 6, \$52,564)
2. Approve the hiring of Payton Priebe for the position of BES/RMS Special Education Teacher (Level 2, \$46,248)
3. Approve the hiring of Laura McGee for the position of BHS Media Center/Testing Coordinator Paraprofessional (\$16.61/hr)
4. Approve the hiring of Erica Pagel for the position of Long Term Sub Position at RMS for Physical Education (.71 position, \$30,880)
5. Approve the hiring of Ethan Stine and Owen Heath as Weight Room Attendants
6. Approve July bills for payment
7. Approve July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes

Principal Truesdell introduced Emma Hughes, Payton Priebe, and Erica Pagel to the Board. Emma and Payton were present. Principal Heath introduced Laura McGee and stated she should be very familiar to the Board already.

Action Items:

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member LaVanway, to approve the 7th and 8th Grade Class Trip to St. Louis, Missouri on May 16-18, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Member LaVanway, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the Second Reading of New/Updated Policies: po1240, po3220, po6321, po6350, po6520, po8800. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen, to approve the District Recommended Michigan Merit Curriculum Credit available through Career & Technical Education Course Offerings – 2024-2025. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hall, to approve the Cross Country team to take approximately 20 athletes and 5 chaperones

overnight to the Festival of Races in Davisburg, MI on September 13-14, 2024.
Motion carried 7-0.

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Roberts, to approve the Varsity Football team to take 18 athletes and 7 coaches/adults overnight to play Inland Lakes High School in Indian River, MI on Sept. 20-21, 2024. Motion carried 7-0.

Public Comments: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Owen, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
Board of Education