

**BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Bridgman, Michigan**  
***Minutes of Regular Meeting***  
**October 27, 2025**

**Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, October 27, 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 (Arrived 6:31 p.m.)

**Additions/Changes to Agenda:** None

**Superintendent Comments &**

**Presentations:** Superintendent Peters announced that the first marking period has ended, and we are in week two of the second marking period. Fall athletics are finishing their seasons, and winter sports will be starting soon. The Women's cross country team plus Carson Ernsberger will compete at the State meet this coming Saturday, November 1, 2025.

President Ramso recognized National Principal Month and the Board presented Gerald, John, and Lori with a gift. Many Board members shared their appreciation for their hard work and President Ramso read highlights of past district accomplishments.

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

Alex Schaeffer of Kruggel and Lawton presented the 2024-2025 Audit Report. The District received an Unmodified Opinion, which is the highest rating a school can receive.

Pete Bush from Sitelogiq presented the Aquatic Center Design Update. Bid openings will be on November 18, 2025, construction is slated to begin in April 2026, with completion in August 2026.

Pete Bush from Sitelogiq also presented the No Mill Increase Bond Proposal Scope of Work. It is the plan to put this on the May 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The district is looking at twenty-five million dollars' worth of improvements.

Emily Nannfeldt gave the Aquatic Center Update. She noted the high numbers of

class registrations and swim lessons continue to have a wait list. She said the girls Sea Bees team won a meet for the first time in many years. Emily is working with other area pools to get patrons in while our pool is under renovations.

**Discussion Items:**

Superintendent Peters explained the State School Aid Act Section 31aa Funding.

Superintendent Peters presented the Summer 2026 School Tax Resolution.

Superintendent Peters highlighted the changes to the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook. Updates were made to the district's Title IX Compliance Officers and moved athlete eligibility checks from Thursday to Tuesday mornings.

Superintendent Peters reviewed the Letter of Agreement (LOA) Appendix B – Fringe Benefits.

Superintendent Peters presented the request from Nick Foxworthy to attend the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) training in Buffalo, NY, from November 7-10, 2025

Member Owen reviewed the September bills for payment.

September 22, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Approve 2025-2026 Winter Coaching Recommendations:
  - Justin Hahaj for Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (Level 12) \$7,217
  - Michelle Foxworthy for Varsity Girls Basketball Coach (Level 7) \$9,981
  - Steve Veldman for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Level 1) \$2,837
  - Steve Veldman for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach (Level 1) \$2,837
  - Emily Nannfeldt for Varsity Boys Swimming Coach (Level 8) \$7,335
2. Approve September bills for payment.
3. Approve September 22, 2025, Regular Board Meeting minutes

**Action Items:**

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Hall, to decline Section 31aa funding allocated to Bridgman Public Schools under the State of Michigan's 2025-2026 School Aid Budget, but will continue to monitor and review as needed. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Owen, to approve the 2024-2025 Audit Report. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member LaVanway, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen to approve the 2025-2026 Athletic Handbook. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member LaVanway to approve the Letter of Agreement (LOA) Appendix B – Fringe Benefits. Motion carried 7-0

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Owen to approve the request for Nick Foxworthy to attend the University of Florida Literacy Institute (UFLI) training in Buffalo, NY, from November 7-10, 2025. Motion carried 7-0

**Public Comments:** None

**Other Business:** Member Hall congratulated Hether on the audit and said she has done an excellent job with the district's finances.

President Ramso reminded the Board of the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at 5:00 p.m. to select the Superintendent candidates.

President Ramso stated he recently attended a meeting with the Berrien/Cass County Advocacy Board. Districts need to come together on issues, especially removing Proposal A language from our millage so we can advocate to levy more mills.

**Adjournment:** Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Roberts, to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes were taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

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Tishia Roberts, Secretary  
Board of Education