

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
December 16, 2024

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, December 16, 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, and Nancy Hawley
- Members Absent:** Tom LaVanway
- Additions/Changes to Agenda:** None
- Superintendent Comments & Presentations:**
- Superintendent Peters announced to the Board that our Thrun Law Attorney, Roy Henley, has announced his retirement and Dan Martin will now represent the Board.
- Superintendent Peters reminded the Board that the Second Marking Period ended today and RMS and BHS students will be taking exams over the next three days.
- Superintendent Peters told the Board that all buildings will be closed from December 21 – January 5 for the holiday break. Central Office will be closed on December 24 and 25 and December 31 – January 1.
- Superintendent Peters announced the Organizational Meeting and January Regular Meeting will now be on January 13, 2025.
- Susan Matheney from the Berrien Community Foundation presented RMS with the Resiliency in the Face of Trauma Grant. This is a \$5,000 grant to extend social worker services through the summer at RMS.
- Superintendent Peters gave a Tax Tribunal Update. More information can be found on the District website.
- 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 gave the Second Reading of New/Updated Policies from Vol. 39, No. 1 September 2024 Update: po3120.08, po5330.02, po5340, po5500, po7540.09, and po8321
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President Ramso presented Erica Eding's request for an extended medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

Superintendent Peters presented the Impact of the Tax Appeal Settlement on the Recreation Fund Millage.

President Ramso explained the Letter of Agreement (LOA) Appendix B changes.

President Ramso stated that Superintendent Peters received a Highly Effective evaluation and an updated contract for 2025-2026. A press release will go out this week.

President Ramso discussed the Election of Officers that will take place at the January 13th Organizational Meeting. He requested all nominations be sent to him.

Superintendent Peters announced the January 27, 2025 Board Retreat. Time to be determined.

Member Owen reviewed the November Bills for payment.

November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Meeting Minutes were reviewed with no corrections or changes.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Owen, to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 6-0.

1. Approve November bills for payment
2. Approve November 25, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Meeting Minutes

Action Items:

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the Second Reading of New/Updated Policies from Vol. 39, No. 1 September 2024 Update: po3120.08, po5330.02, po5340, po5500, po7540.09, and po8321
Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen to approve the Second Reading of New/Updated Policies from Vol. 39, No.1 EDGAR UGG September 2024 Update: po1130, po3110, po4110, po6110, po6111, po6112, po6114, po6325, po6550, po7310, and po7450
Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley to approve Erica Eding's request for an extended medical leave of absence for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen, to approve that all Recreation Fund expenditures, including those from the Pool Fund, exceeding \$10,000 require prior approval from the Board of Education, with the exception of utilities, payroll, routine expenses, and emergencies. Any emergency expenditures will be reported to the Board of Education within 48 hours; implementing staffing and program adjustments starting in the 2025-2026 school year and adjust and expand the patron fee structure effective July 1, 2025.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Roberts to approve the Letter of Agreement (LOA) for Appendix B of the 2023-2026 BEA Master Agreement as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley to approve the Superintendent's Contract for Renewal

Motion carried 6-0

Public Comments: None

Other Business: President Ramso read a thank you card from the RMS staff thanking the Board for the holiday lunch.

President Ramso gave Shane a gift from the Board and wished him and his family a happy holidays.

Superintendent Peters reassured those in the audience that the Co-Op Swim teams and well-attended aquatic programs are not going to be cut at this time.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hawley, to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
Board of Education