

BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 4, 2024

Google Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/ojk-rpjk-jmm>

- I. Call to Order
 - o Vice President Tyson Franks called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
 - o Ryan Elementary School students led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. Roll Call
 - o PRESENT: Jose Albarran, Tyson Franks, Jordon Houtz, Brenda Kelley, Erica Norton, Dennis Sikorski
 - o ABSENT: Jan Byler
 - o OTHERS PRESENT: Jessica Bucklin, Kris Crabill, Alanna Denton, Jean LaClair, Wes McCrea, Kate Wall, various members of the community and staff
- IV. Good News
 - o Anderson - March is Reading Month. A naturalist from Pokagon came to discuss animals students might see when camping in the area. Smile on Wheels was in the building and provided over \$15,000 in services to our students.
 - o Ryan - The Ice Cream Sundae Party was so much fun and the students were excited. March is Reading Month our theme is "Oh, the Place We Read". One of our 4th Graders qualified to compete in the State Spelling Championship in Essexville, Michigan.
 - o Jr/Sr High School - Senior Student Jayna Seekman, was selected to sing the National Anthem at the opening ceremonies for the State Individuals Tournament at Ford Field. We are sending 6 young men and 1 young lady to the Individual State Wrestling Finals. Two students from BJSHS have earned the right to be part of the Big 8 Academic All-Conference Team.
 - o Athletics - Girls Bowling Team was state runner-up, Boys Bowling Team won Regionals, 6 individual bowlers went to State, and 2 bowlers finished in the top 8. The Wrestling Team won Regionals, we had 2 State runners up.
 - o District - Congratulations to Jean LaClair for being selected as a recipient of the 23-24 National High School Athletic Coaches Association "Kathy Holloway Women of Inspiration" Award. Congratulations to Marguerite Duke on receiving the Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce's Educator of the Year Award. Official welcome of Erica Norton to the Board.
- V. Consent Agenda
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Houtz to approve the changes to the Consent Agenda & Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2024.
- VI. Public Comments - None
- VII. Presentation of school groups
 - A. BHS Spring Musical - You're a Good Man Charlie Brown presented a skit of the show. Performances will be held on Thursday, March 7, Friday March 8, Saturday March 9 at 7 pm, and Sunday March 10 at 2 pm. The tickets are \$10.00 cash at the door.
 - B. Student Council - Food Drive will be held March 11-March 20 with Make a Difference week.
 - C. BHS Counseling Department - Report was included in the Board Packet

- D. BEA - None
- E. PTO - The Book Fair will be held March 12-14 from 3 pm to 5 pm at Ryan Elementary. The Darling & Dates event with Barbie as the theme was a huge success. The Glow Crazy Dance with the theme of Ninja Turtles will be held on May 4 from 6 pm - 8 pm at Chicago Street School.
- F. BHS Alumni Association - Penny Foshee has been very happy with the communication with Kate Wall and for Haley Houtz has been very helpful with the Scholarship. They are creating a 5-year plan and volunteering at various events. The Alumni Banquet will be held on June 15 and Kate Wall will be our guest speaker.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Approve Bid Package #2 - Anderson Food Service, as recommended
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Houtz. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- B. Approve Bid Package #2 - Bronson Jr/Sr High School Food Service, as recommended
 - o It was moved by Albarran, supported by Kelley. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- C. Approve Bid Package #2 - Ryan Restroom Renovation, as recommended
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Albarran. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- D. Approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Service Plan
 - o It was moved by Houtz, supported by Sikorski. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- E. Approve Class of 2024 trip to Cedar Point May 19, 2024
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Albarran. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- F. Approve Summer 2024 EF Tour Trips to Costa Rica and Washington DC
 - o It was moved by Albarran, supported by Kelley. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- G. Approve the listing of Maintenance Shop Panel Saw for sale
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Houtz. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- H. Approve the resignation and retirement of Bronson Jr/Sr High School Principal, Kristina Crabill
 - o It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Albarran. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- I. Approve the resignation of Ryan Elementary Teacher, Rebecca Cranson
 - o It was moved by Albarran, supported by Houtz. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.
- J. Approve Nomination of MASB Board of Directors Representative
 - o Motion to accept Nominations: it was moved by Houtz, supported by Sikorski.
 1. Houtz nominated Elizabeth O'Dell
 2. Motion to cease nominations - It was moved by Sikorski, supported by Houtz.
 3. Roll call vote for nominee 6-0;
- K. Approve membership of updated Standing Committees (Personnel, Negotiations, Finance, Facilities, Policy) *Designates the recommended chairperson of the committee
 1. Personnel: Byler*, Kelley, Albarran
 2. Negotiations: Albarran*, Byler, Norton
 3. Finance: Sikorski*, Houtz, Norton
 - o It was moved by Norton, supported by Houtz. Roll call vote 6-0; motion carried.

IX. Discussion Items

- A. Building Reports
 - o Anderson: Kindergarten registration will be held on March 19, 2024, from 4 pm - 6 pm.
 - o Ryan: All the teams are very active, para team meets weekly,
 - o BJSHS: May Term course proposals for each class and also is for recovery credit. Make a Difference week w/Waldron students is coming up.
- B. Superintendent's Report
 - o NWEA Report - handout presented.
 - o Digital Sign update - we are at a standstill no vendor will fix the sign. Sikorski said the sign is a good community marker to post things.
 - o Transportation hired a substitute driver, subbing on Brandi's bus route. One more additional candidate we will send to driver school which the next class is spring break.

- Vans - hoping to coordinate funding sources: Homeless funds, Boosters, and General Fund to possibly purchase the vans which are each approximately \$76,000.
- Bond - Looking at possibly in May 2025
- Classroom furniture is in the works. We should have on the agenda for the April or May Board meeting for approval to use the Milliman Trust funds to purchase the furniture.
- High School Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

C. Committee Reports

1. Facilities - Reviewed the Food Service Projects & Ryan Elementary Restroom Project and work that will be completed at Ryan this summer with the restrooms.

D. Next BOE Meeting - April 8, 2024 @ 6:30 pm in the Jr/Sr High School Library

X. Board Comments

- T. Franks - the sinking funds will pay for the Ryan Restrooms and if you want a tour of them tonight, that is a possibility.
- J. Houtz - After the last meeting people were frustrated about there being no discussion on appointing a board member - would like to revisit this policy and the process. We haven't been able to host a home track meet since 2019. Franks mentioned that these topics will be relayed to the appropriate Board committees (Policy/Facilities).

XI. Adjournment

- It was moved by Albarran, supported by Sikorski, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:47 pm.

BOE President Jan Byler

BOE Secretary Brenda Kelley