

BRIDGMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bridgman, Michigan
Minutes of Regular Meeting
April 27, 2026

- Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Bridgman Public School District Board of Education was held on Monday, April 27, 2026, 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 a new speaker system was being used in the media center and hoped it would take care of issues. He also mentioned that Graduation is Sunday, May 31st at 1:00 pm. Eighth Grade Promotion will take place June 4th at 6:30 pm. The 3.5 Breakfast is May 8th at 7:00 am. The last Community Forum for the Millage Proposals is this Thursday, April 30 at 6:30 pm.
- Principal Heath brought forward Nora Bomar and Griffin Spitzer for National Merit Recognition.
- Jaydynn Hopkins and Emma Sanders presented an update on the Student Senate. They plan activities during Homecoming, such as Dress-Up Days, Mock Rock skits, Traveling Pep Assembly and a Dance. For Winterfest, they plan similar activities. For Teacher Appreciation week in May, the students write letters to staff thanking them and will stock the teacher’s lounge refrigerator with a variety of pop, flavored waters and tea, as well as provide a catered lunch from Lake Street Eats.
- Kalvin Louie and Brock Johnson presented an update on the National Honor Society. Some of the activities they participate in throughout the school year are School Recycling, Fall/Spring road clean-up, create a Veteran’s Day Video, host a taco night dinner fundraiser, make dog toys for the Humane Society, make cards for Woodland Terrace residents, Cystic Fibrosis fundraiser, Bridgman Cares Needs Drive, and help make blankets for hospice patients. They are inducting nine new members on April 30.
- Principal Truesdell and the RMS and BHS ELA curriculum team presented the 2025-2026 RMS/BHS English Language Arts Curriculum Proposal for grades 5-12. This process started in the fall with much research, teacher vetting and instructional council and parental input. This will last for six years and is approved for the new

Dyslexia Law. RMS has chosen My Perspective/My View and BHS is continuing with SAVVAS/My Perspective.

Gerald Heath – see attached report in Agenda
John Truesdell – see attached report in Agenda
Lori Graves – see attached report in Agenda

Discussion Items:

Principal Heath and Post Prom Committee Member, Tonya Paveza, presented the Post Prom overnight trip to Generations Adventure Plex on May 2 into May 3 in Mishawaka, Indiana. They leave at 11:45pm and return approximately at 4:45am.

Beebotics advisor, Jason Kaeding, announced the Robotics team qualified for the Robotics Team World Competition April 29 – May 2 in Houston, Texas. They are only one of two teams from Berrien County attending. They are currently ranked 45/531 teams in Michigan. Approximately 600 teams will be attending.

Principal Heath, in Advisor Kim Lundin's absence, presented the Senior Class Trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois, from May 16-17, 2026. They will be locked in the park with other senior class groups and should return approximately 6:00am.

Superintendent Peters reviewed the changes and updates to the 2026-2029 Teacher's Master Contract.

Superintendent Peters presented the 2026-2027 Schools of Choice Numbers.

Superintendent Peters gave the Second Reading of New/Revised Policies: po0100, po1410, po2370.01, po2417, po2418, po3120.09(Rescind), po4120.09(Rescind), po4210, po5136, po6320, po6325, po7540.09, po8402

Superintendent Peters gave the First Reading of Revised Policy #4430.

Superintendent Peters announced that Dawn Horrocks has submitted a request for a leave of absence without pay for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, due to medical reasons.

President Ramso led discussion to move the July Board Retreat Date from July 27 to July 7 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm.

Member Owen presented the March bills for payment.

The March 23, 2026, Regular and Closed Meeting minutes were presented with no corrections or changes.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. The hiring of Caitlynn Vanlandingham for the position of District Social Worker at BES (\$56,283)
2. The hiring of Alexandra Lamica for the position of ELA teacher at BHS, Level 6 (\$58,316)
3. March Bills for payment
4. March 23, 2026, Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes

Principal Graves personally introduced Caitlynn to the Board.

Action Items:

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley, to approve grades 5-12 ELA Curriculum Adoption in the amount of \$154,648.27. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Roberts, to approve Post Prom's overnight trip to Generation's AdventurePlex in Mishawaka, Indiana for May 2 into May 3. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member DeMeulenaere, to approve the Robotics team to attend World Competition April 29 – May 2 in Houston, Texas. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley, to approve the Senior Class trip to Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Illinois from May 16-17, 2026.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hawley, supported by Member Hall, to approve the 2026-2029 Teachers' Master Contract.

Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Owen, to approve the 2026-2027 Schools of Choice Openings. Motion carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Roberts, supported by Member Hall, to approve the Second Reading of New/Revised Policies: po0100, po1410, po2370.01, po2417, po2418, po3120.09(Rescind), po4120.09(Rescind), po4210, po5136, po6320, po6325, po7540.09, po8402. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion was made by Member Hall, supported by Member Hawley, to approve Dawn Horrocks' request for a leave of absence without pay for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year due to medical reasons. Motion Carried 6-0

Public Comments:

None

Other Business:

Member DeMeulenaere shared her appreciation of all the teachers and advisors coming to present tonight at the meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion was made by Member Owen, supported by Member Hawley, to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes taken by Molly Owen, Superintendent Secretary

Tishia Roberts, Secretary
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