



Brandon School District

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Brandon Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Central Office Board Room and Zoom Platform
1025 S. Ortonville Rd.
Ortonville, Michigan 48462
April 15, 2024
6:30 PM

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the school district's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. BHS Student Report
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. Summer 2024 Bond Update - Brian Smilnak
 - B. BHS Welding Program Showcase - Dan Stevens and Mason Depottey
 - C. Strategic Planning Update
- VI. Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Business
- VII. Approval of Consent Agenda

The Brandon Board of Education deems all items listed on the consent agenda non-controversial and routine in nature. The body will approve these items under one motion and there will be no discussion. A member of the Brandon Board of Education wishing to discuss an item on the consent agenda may request it be removed from the consent agenda, and placed on the regular agenda. The body will consider and discuss the item at that time.

 - A. Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting 3
 - B. General Funds Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 2,352,141.56 6
- VIII. Information and Discussion Items
 - A. Board Report
 - B. Finance Report ~ Janice Ziesel
- IX. Action Items
 - A. Approval of Human Resource Report
 - B. Approval of First Student Contract Renewal
 - C. Resolution Supporting The Protect MI Kids Bill Package 7
- X. Citizens' Input
- XI. Adjournment

The Brandon Board of Education recognizes the value of public comments and the importance of expressing yourselves to us on district matters.

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

IN PERSON: You must sign in with your name, email address or phone number, home address, group affiliation (if any) and the topic you are going to speak on. Sign In sheet is on the table with agendas.

1. When addressing the Board please recognize yourself by stating your name.
2. Each statement shall be limited to THREE (3) minutes: you can only speak once.
3. The statements shall be directed at the board only.
4. Generally, the board will not respond to public comments during the meeting.
5. Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by your comments.

To ensure due process and respect of individual rights, the district maintains a formal process for handling complaints against individuals. A problem involving an individual or specific incident is best handled through administrative channels. Such matter should be reduced to writing and sent to the superintendent or the board president.

While it is not our intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if your statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, you may be held legally responsible. If you are unsure of the legal ramifications of what you are about to say, we urge you to consult first with your legal advisor.

The board wants to hear what people want to say. We expect each speaker will model for our students and others in the audience on how one can respectfully disagree with others' views or voice an opinion or ask questions.



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UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

- I. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m. by Rebecca Haynes
- II. Roll Call
Present: Jane Derry-Burkett, Rebecca Haynes, Lisa Kavalhuna, Kimberly Smith-Kulaga, Hilary Stockoski, Jeff Zielke
Absent with notice: Herb Robinson
Others present: Carly Stone, Superintendent of Schools; Janice Ziesel, Executive Director of Business Services; Coy Stewart, Executive Director of Curriculum/Instruction; Maria Schubring, Recording Secretary
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by the Board.
- IV. BHS Student Report
BHS students provided an update on recent and upcoming events happening at Brandon High School.
- V. Superintendent's Report
 - A. BMS Washington D.C. Field Trip and Cedar Point Field Trip
Teacher Jason Sheldon shared information about the proposed 8th grade Washington D.C. trip and Cedar Point trip, which are on the agenda for action tonight. He also discussed student eligibility and the cost of each trip.
 - B. Introduction of Brandon Middle School Dean of Students
Superintendent Carly Stone introduced Jenny Gieselman as the new BMS Dean of Students.
 - C. Student Support Services (ATP) Showcase
Dr. Jessica Cohen, teacher Leah Vagaski, and students showcased the Adult Transition Program (ATP). They shared a presentation highlighting the Adult Transition Program, Brandon Adult Skills for Employment (B.A.S.E.) program, and Community-Based Instruction methods. B.A.S.E. is a program for developmentally diverse adults ages 18-26 to promote independent living skills and competitive employment. They highlighted information about their microbusinesses. Students enrolled in the program provided testimonials.
- VI. Public Comments and Questions on Agenda Business
No one from the public wished to address the Board.
- VII. Approval of Consent Agenda
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Hilary Stockoski moved and Lisa Kavalhuna supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes;

Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes. Consent agenda items include:

A. Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting

B. General Funds Accounts Payable in the amount of \$ 2,071,746.03

VIII. Information and Discussion Items

A. Board Report

President Haynes shared that she and board trustee Jane Derry-Burkett attended the March OCSBA CTE Workshop held at the OSTC Pontiac Campus. Trustee Lisa Kavalhuna publicly congratulated high school students for a successful performance of Legally Blonde and the All-Sports Athletic Boosters for a successful first-ever Night at the Races fundraiser.

B. Education Report ~ Coy Stewart

1. UDL Update - Coy Stewart, Dr. Jessica Cohen, Andi Steaban, Jason Miller, Christine Borg

Administrators and teachers provided a teaching and learning update related to Universal Design for Learning (UDL). They provided an update regarding the UDL initiative timeline, what exactly UDL is, initiative evidence of progress, a date to guide the work, and the next steps. Coy Stewart engaged board members in this discussion.

C. Finance Report ~ Janice Ziesel

1. Budget Amendment 1 for 2023-24

Janice Ziesel provided budget highlights for SY 2023-2024 Budget Amendment 1. She reviewed the revenue and expenditures for the following funds: General Fund, State and Federal grants, Food Service, and Childcare Fund.

IX. Action Items

A. Approval of Human Resource Report

Hilary Stockoski moved and Lisa Kavalhuna supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the Human Resource Report as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

B. Approval of Budget Amendment 1

Hilary Stockoski moved and Kimberly Smith-Kulaga supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve Budget Amendment 1 as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

C. Approval of 8th Grade Students Trip to Cedar Point

Hilary Stockoski moved and Kimberly Smith-Kulaga supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the 8th-grade students' out-of-state trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, on June 7, 2024, as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

D. Approval of BMS 8th Grade Students Trip to Washington D.C.

Jane Derry-Burkett moved and Jeff Zielke supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the 8th grade out-of-state overnight trip to Washington, D.C., October 16-21, 2024 as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

E. Approval of Campus K9s Contract

Lisa Kavalhuna moved and Hilary Stockoski supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the Campus K9s Contract as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

F. Approval of Oly Contract Renewal

Jane Derry-Burkett moved and Kimberly Smith-Kulaga supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve the Oly Contract Renewal as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Haynes – yes.

G. Approval of Outdoor Gound Services Contract

Hilary Stockoski moved and Kimberly Smith-Kulaga supported that the Brandon Board of Education approve Clarkston Maintenance Outdoor Ground Service 2-Year Contract as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

H. Approval of Ricoh Copier Contract


Lisa Kavalhuna moved and Hilary Stockoski approved the Ricoh Copier Contract as presented. Carried unanimously 6-0. Roll call vote: Derry-Burkett – yes; Kavalhuna – yes; Smith-Kulaga – yes; Stockoski – yes; Zielke – yes; Haynes – yes.

X. Citizens' Input

No one from the public wished to address the Board.

XI. Adjournment – 7:35 p.m. by Rebecca Haynes

Minutes prepared by Maria Schubring, Recording Secretary



Jeff Zielke, Secretary

3/28/24
Date

**BRANDON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ALL FUNDS
COVER SHEET**

**March
2024**

All Funds Check Register	\$ 1,215,077.76
BMO Harris Bank Purchase Card Register	\$ 21,193.44
Pre-pays	\$ -
Employee Reimbursements (03.08.2024)	\$ 1,013.52
Employee Reimbursements (03.25.2024)	\$ 3,598.19
MESSA Insurance	\$ 220,438.35
Set Seg Insurance	
EDUSTAFF	\$ 187,004.87
Payroll Runs - net of reimbursements shown above	
Payroll Run 03.08.2024	\$ 351,935.82
Payroll Run 03.25.2024	\$ 351,879.61
Total for Approval:	\$ 2,352,141.56

Please contact Janice Ziesel at 248-627-1810 or by email at τζiesel@brandon.k12.mi.us prior to the meeting if you have questions.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE *PROTECT MI KIDS BILL PACKAGE* IN THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE THAT WILL ADDRESS THE LACK OF EFFECTIVE STATEWIDE TOBACCO PREVENTION POLICIES

Brandon School District – Brandon Board of Education

April 15, 2024

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death in Michigan and harms nearly every organ in the body. Most adults who smoke want to quit and wish the never would have started; and

WHEREAS, tobacco use imposes a terrible toll on families, businesses and government. Tobacco kills more than 16,200 Michiganders annually – more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders, and suicides combined; and

WHEREAS, tobacco costs Michigan over \$5.33 billion in health care expenditures and more than \$11.5 billion in lost productivity each year; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of 12 states that make up “Tobacco Nation” where the smoking prevalence is significantly higher compared to the rest of the country. Tobacco Nation residents live shorter lives and face a higher risk of dying than other Americans, with a lower life expectancy compared to the rest of the country; and

WHEREAS, flavored tobacco products play a key role in youth initiation. In 2023, 90.3% of U.S. high school students and 87.1% of middle school students who currently use e-cigarettes reported using a flavored e-cigarette during that time. Most youth who use e-cigarettes and cigars say they used the product "because they come in flavors I like."

WHEREAS, historically, cigarette companies have disproportionately marketed menthol products in predominantly Black communities by using culturally tailored advertising images and messages, and as a result 85% of African American adult smokers use menthol products, which is three times the rate of menthol use among white adult smokers. The continued availability of menthol cigarettes exacerbates tobacco-related health disparities; and

WHEREAS, if menthol cigarettes were no longer available, an estimated 32,500 additional adults in Michigan who smoke would quit smoking, including 13,700 Black adults; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry spends over \$300 million marketing its deadly products in Michigan each year while Michigan invests less than 2% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended state spending on tobacco prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Michigan state law prohibits local governments from enacting policies that regulate the sale of tobacco and nicotine products and require tobacco retailer licensure, preventing local communities from protecting kids' health; and

WHEREAS, despite being one of the most effective tobacco control interventions according to the U.S. Surgeon General, Michigan currently has no state tax on e-cigarettes or vaping products that contain nicotine and has not increased its tax on cigarettes in nearly 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Michigan is one of only ten states that does not require retailers to be licensed to sell tobacco making it almost impossible to know which stores are selling tobacco products and enforce laws like prohibiting tobacco sales to kids; and

WHEREAS, current state laws prohibiting and penalizing the possession, use, and purchase of tobacco products by minors, are ineffective as deterrents to youth smoking, are often enforced inequitably, and currently retailers are not held accountable for selling to minors; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 647 aims to restore local control and repeal state law prohibiting local governments from enacting ordinances and regulations pertaining to the sale or licensure of tobacco products, empowering local communities to pass stronger tobacco control measures to protect their residents, particularly youth, if they so choose; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 648 proposes to establish a new tax on e-cigarettes and increase taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, with revenue generated dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs, and enforcement of tax and smoke-free air laws, aligning with evidence-based strategies to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 649 and 650 aim to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol-flavored cigarettes, recognizing the significant role flavors play in driving tobacco-related inequities and youth initiation; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 651 and 652 seek to establish a statewide Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) program, requiring all establishments selling nicotine or tobacco products to obtain a license, thereby enhancing compliance with existing tobacco sales regulations and reducing youth initiation to nicotine and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bills 653 and 654 repeal provisions in the Youth Tobacco Act that impose civil and criminal penalties on minors for purchasing, using or possessing tobacco products;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brandon School District, Brandon Board of Education support the Protect MI Kids Bill Package (SB 647-654) and urge the Michigan Legislature to swiftly pass these critical bills *in their entirety* to protect the health and well-being of Michigan's residents, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Brandon Board of Education directs the Oakland County Clerk, Lisa Brown, to send a copy of this resolution to [the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the chair of the Michigan Senate Committee on Local Government, the chair of Michigan Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform, the chair of the Senate Committee on Regulatory Affairs, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Health Policy, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Tax Policy, the chair of the Michigan House of Representatives Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.]