Mission: Educating students for life-long success in their civic, academic, physical and social/emotional lives.
Vision: To develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.
Beliefs: We Believe in providing a safe, supportive, respectful environment, opportunities for all students, student growth and achievement, and cooperative relationships among students, families, stakeholders and community members.

REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 17, 2025 | 6:00 PM

Buchanan High School Auditorium
401 W. Chicago Street | Buchanan, MI 49107

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Members of the public may contact members of the school board to provide input or ask questions on any business that will come before the board. These items will also be shared with the Superintendent.

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Official minutes of school board meetings are stored and available for inspection in the Superintendent's Office.
Meeting Minutes are also posted on our district website under the Board of Education.

If you will be attending the meeting in person, door entrances 1, 2 and 3 will be open. During the winter months, we encourage you to park in the staff parking lot off Phelps Street and enter through entrance 3.

Upon request to Michelle Munyon, the District shall make reasonable accommodations for a person with disabilities to be able to participate in the meeting.

A. OPENING OF MEETING BY PRESIDENT

We welcome you to a meeting of the Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education.

All regular meetings have been posted on our district website, in our central office, and in each district school building. Tonight's agenda has been posted on our website and emailed out to the BCS Board of Education Community Subscription. Our school board members receive the agenda and all supporting documents for reports and action items several days prior to this scheduled meeting, so they can review information, prepare questions or comments, and are ready to participate fully in the discussions and votes that encompass the duties of their office.

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.

The Buchanan Community Schools Board of Education recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on District matters as indicated during the public comment portion on the agenda. We request that each interested participant complete and turn in a Public Comment Card to ensure responses can be appropriately addressed.

Thank you for your support of Buchanan Community Schools!

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
C. ROLL CALL
D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
E. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
F. POINTS OF PRIDE
- **i. Members of the Addams Family Cast performing a song from the show!**
- **i. Buck Staff Appreciation March Winner - Lisa Sears, 1st Grade Teacher**
  Nominees included:
  - Joshua Wegener, BHS Social Studies Teacher
  - Sarah Pifer, BMS Food Service
- **ii. Science Olympiad Team**

G. SUPERINTENDENT & DEPARTMENT REPORTS
- **i. Board Updates: BHS & CTE, BMS, Moccasin, Ottawa, Athletics & BVA, Business Office, Food Service, Information Technology, Transportation and Operations & Instructional Systems**

H. PRESENTATIONS
- **i. Mike Babcock - Moccasin Elementary Principal**
- **ii. Mark Kurland - Data Benchmarks**

I. INFORMATION, REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS
- **i. Board Policy Committee - March 5 Meeting**
- **ii. Human Resources Committee - March 5 Meeting**
- **iii. Superintendent & Buck Parent Conversations - March 6 Meeting**

J. PUBLIC COMMENT - Per Buchanan Community Schools bylaw 0167.3, which governs Public Comment at Board Meetings; each participant may speak once during the meeting for up to three minutes. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.

The Board will listen, take comments and questions under advisement, and not respond at this time. I, as President, will refer questions to the Superintendent for research and response in a timely manner. Please ensure your Public Comment Card includes your contact information as desired for a response. If you have specific questions for the Board that require a follow-up, please email those directly to the Board President.

K. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA
L. RECOMMENDED ACTION
- i. BVA Graduation Certification
- ii. Schools of Choice
- iii. Thrun Board Policy Update
- iv. 2025-2026 School District Calendar
- v. RFP - New & Upgraded Network Infrastructure
- vi. Band Booster Mattress Fundraiser Advertisement Approval

M. QUESTIONS & COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS
N. NEXT BOARD MEETING: April 21, 2025 at 6:00pm
O. ADJOURNMENT