

**BRADFORD EXEMPTED VILLAGE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
 JANUARY 9, 2024  
 REGULAR SESSION MEETING @ 6:30 PM  
 EXECUTIVE SESSION IF NECESSARY**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:08 PM (Previous Organizational Meeting)**

**ROLL CALL      Time: 6:24 PM**

Dr. Swabb	P	Mrs. Brewer	P	Mr. Besecker	P	Mr. Manuel	P	Mrs. Hill	P
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**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT:**

A. Welcome

*“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 as indicated in the agenda.”*

*This meeting will be broadcasted. In person meeting will be held in Room 404.*

**REVIEW OF AGENDA & APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Additions and Deletions to Agenda
- B. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Mr. Manuel; Second: Mrs. Hill

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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 RESOLUTION NO 008-2024***

- C. December 19, 2023 - Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Brewer; Second: Mr. Besecker

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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#### D. Student Spotlights -

##### **Harper Johnson - Nominated by Mrs. Ridout (not present) – Presented by Mr. Daugherty**

"I would like to recognize Harper Johnson from my Kindergarten classroom as this month's Student Spotlight. She is the daughter of Jeff and Holly Johnson. Harper enjoys animals and playing with her younger brother, Luke. Harper came into Kindergarten a little shy, but has warmed up and is a wonderful addition to my Kindergarten classroom. Harper came to Kindergarten knowing her letters and letter sounds so we are diving into reading. She is doing a phenomenal job blending sounds into words and using context clues to help figure out unfamiliar words in a story. She is working on sentence writing as well. She is remembering to put space between her words and punctuation at the end of her sentences. Harper also receives challenging math instruction with Mrs. Gehret during our guided math portion of the day. She is doing a wonderful job with her projects in that class. This has helped to enhance her math instruction. Harper has been very helpful with taking care of our class pet, Petey the rabbit. When Petey needs to be taken care of, she jumps right in to help. He free roams around our classroom during the day, so when it is time to lock him up, she has been able to recognize when we need to shut him in the cage. She tells him goodbye every day after school by petting him before leaving. I am really enjoying having Harper in my classroom this school year because she brings kindness and helpfulness to our classroom, as well as model behavior. These are the many reasons why I would like to recognize this amazing Bradford Kindergarten student, Harper Johnson. Great Job Harper & Congratulations!"

##### **Thomas Howerton - Nominated by Mrs. Clark (not present) – Presented by Mr. Daugherty**

"I would like to nominate Thomas Howerton as our Student Spotlight for the month of January. Thomas Howerton is receiving this award because he has made huge growth during the first half of the school year. He has strengthened his independent, academic, and coping skills a great deal. Thomas is a great role model for his classmates. He completes his work in a timely manner, follows directions, and works hard. Lastly, Thomas works well in large and small groups. He is an active participant and is always willing to lend a helping hand. Thomas is a pleasure to have in class. Great Job Thomas & Congratulations!"

##### **Weston Johnson - Nominated by Mrs. Fry - Present**

"I have chosen Weston Johnson for the Spotlight Student Award. Weston is 6 years old and he loves school. His favorite color is orange and his favorite things to do are baseball and play with his brother (sometimes). He also loves to play with his toys when he is at home. Weston is an absolute pleasure to teach. He always comes to school with a positive attitude and a smile on his face. Weston can identify all the letters and sounds that we have learned so far. Although it doesn't always come easy for him, he always gives me his very best effort. I always love working with Weston because not only does he work hard, but he has a story to tell. Weston is a great friend to his peers, if they need help in any way, he is always first to volunteer. Congratulations Weston, I am so proud of the progress you have made in my classroom and am excited to continue watching you grow. Great Job Weston!"

##### **Hunter Gaines - Nominated by Mrs. Cindy Hoelscher-Fair (not present) – Presented by Mr. Daugherty**

"I would like to nominate Hunter Gaines as our Student Spotlight for the month of January. Hunter's attendance, effort, and willingness to participate in class makes him an ideal student. He has great ideas and he is always willing to lend a helping hand around the school and classroom. Hunter actively engages in classroom discussions, asks great questions, and always has a desire to learn more. He is involved in band, football, and powerlifting and gives 100% in everything he does. Hunter represents our school really well and shows what it means to be a Bradford Railroader. Great Job Hunter and Congratulations!"

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**Kendall Weldy - Nominated by Meagan Walters (not present) – Presented by Mr. Daugherty**

"I would like to nominate Kendall Weldy as our Student Spotlight for the month of January. I chose Kendall because she is motivated and always does more than is asked of her. Her strong work ethic and positive attitude make her a joy to have in class. She is always going above and beyond and taking her learning into her own hands. She is already taking Edison classes to get a jump start on her college career with the goal of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and working in the ER. Kendall, congratulations on being named Bradford High School's Student Spotlight."

**E. Staff Spotlight - Bradford Board of Education**

Recommend approval of the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, The Bradford School Board Members are committed to children and believe that all children can be successful learners and that the best education is tailored to the individual needs of the child; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bradford School Board Members work closely with parents, educational professionals, and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bradford School Board Members are responsible for ensuring the structure that provides a solid foundation for our school system; and

**WHEREAS**, The Bradford School Board Members are strong advocates for public education and are responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Bradford Exempted Village Schools, do hereby declare appreciation to the members of the Bradford School Board and proclaim the month of January 2024, as **School Board Recognition Month**. and urge all citizens to recognize the dedication and hard work of The Bradford School Board Members and in working with them to mold an education system that meets the needs of both today's and tomorrow's children.

**Video presented of students of the District thank school board.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- A. Mrs. Michelle Lavey, Elementary Principal -
- B. Mr. Christopher Barr, MS/HS Principal –
  - Upcoming Events
    - 1/15 – No School MLK Day
    - 1/18 – Darke County Spelling Bee 11 AM
    - 1/19 – 2 Hr. Early Release
    - 1/22 – No School Teacher Work Day
    - 1/24 – Athletic Boosters Meeting 7 PM
    - 1/31 – PTO Meeting 6PM
    - 2/07 – Parent Teacher Conferences 3:15-7 PM
    - 2/12 – Community Blood Drive 3-7PM

- Athletic Upcoming Events
  - 1/11 – HS Girls Basketball versus Preble Shawnee
  - 1/12 – HS Boys Basketball @ Preble Shawnee
  - 1/13 – Powerlifting @ Northeastern
    - JH Girls Basketball @ Arcanum
    - JH Boys Basketball versus Arcanum
    - HS Girls Basketball @ National Trail
    - HS Boys Basketball versus Troy Christian
  - 1/15 – HS Girls Basketball @ Lehman
  - 1/16 – JH Boys Basketball versus Mississinawa Valley
    - JH Girls Basketball @ Mississinawa Valley
  - 1/18 – HS Girls Basketball @ Arcanum
  - 1/19 – HS Boys Basketball versus Arcanum
  - 1/20 – Bradford Home Powerlifting Push/Pull Meet
  - 1/22 – JH Girls Basketball versus Tri Village
    - JH Boys Basketball @ Tri Village
  - 1/23 – HS Girls Basketball versus Troy Christian
  - 1/25 – HS Girls Basketball @ Mississinawa Valley
  - 1/26 – HS Boys Basketball versus Mississinawa Valley (Little Cheer Night)
  - 1/27 – HS Boys Basketball versus Franklin Monroe
    - Powerlifting @ Kenton
    - JH Boys @ Troy Christian
  
- Covington Holiday Tournament Results – Varsity Boys Tournament Champions/JV Boys Tournament Runner Ups/JV Girls 0-2/Varsity Girls 0-2/JV Boys 1-1/Varsity Boys 2-0
  
- C. Mr. Bob Daugherty, Assistant Principal – No report
  
- D. Mrs. Chloe Thompson, Athletic Director/Transportation Director – Not Present
  
- E. Mrs. Maria Brewer, Upper Valley CC update – No report
  
- F. Mr. Joe Hurst, Superintendent –
  - Presentation of 2024-2025 District Calendar for public input
  
- G. Mrs. Carla Surber, Treasurer –
  - New kitchen appliances mostly funded by the Healthy Meals grant and being installed
  - Appraisal of building is being done as part of the EPC consortium
  - Yearend work is proceeding nicely
  - Advertising for new project is posted and the bids will be opened on January 23, 2024.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER: Mrs. Carla Surber**

Consent Calendar (items 1 through 14). All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Members of the Board, staff, or the public may request specific items to be removed from the Consent Calendar and be discussed and voted upon separately.

The Superintendent recommends approval of all Consent Agenda items:

1. Financial Journal – December 2023
2. Check Register – December 2023
3. Then & Now certification of bills that were obligated by employees of the district:

Business	Encumbered	Payable	Responsible Party
Nick Bandstra	\$0	\$100.00	Bandstra, N
Chloe Thompson	\$0	\$12.55	Thompson, C
Backyard Team Apparel	\$0	\$642.00	Lear, H

4. Recommend approval of Transfers and Advances for the month:
5. Recommend approval of Permanent appropriations for necessary amendment.
6. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **Gareth & Athena Beachler** in the amount of \$500.00 for hurdle sponsorship.
7. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **Cindy Hale** in the amount of \$500.00 to be used for The Greg Hale Scholarship Fund.
8. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **David & Rachel Larson** in the amount of \$50.00 to be used for The Greg Hale Scholarship Fund.
9. Recommend acceptance of a donation from Darke County Center For The Arts, Inc. Anna Bier Gallery in the amount of \$500.00 for the HS Art Department.
10. Recommend acceptance of a donation from Covington Eagles #3998 in the amount of \$10,000.00.
11. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **Jeff Wirrig** in the amount of \$125.00 for hurdle sponsorship.
12. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **Charles & Linda Petty** in the amount of \$125.00 for hurdle sponsorship.
13. Recommend acceptance of a donation from **Mike & Deb Sell** in the amount of \$250.00 for hurdle sponsorship.
14. Recommend acceptance of a partnership with HCA Asset Management, LLC, who is partnered with EPC, who will come and complete a free accurate appraisal of our buildings.

Motion: Mr. Besecker; Second: Mrs. Brewer

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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RESOLUTION NO 010-2024***

**OLD BUSINESS - None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Consent Items (items 1 through 5). All matters listed under the Consent Items are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Members of the Board, staff, or the public may request specific items to be removed from the Consent Items and be discussed and voted upon separately.*

The Superintendent recommends approval of all Consent Agenda Items pending completion of all necessary requirements including certifications/licensure and successful completion of criminal background checks:

1. Recommend approval of a contract renewal with Hercules Achievement, Inc. Company agrees to print and bind the specific publication (HS Yearbook) during the years 2025, 2026 and 2027 for a total of \$3,778.60.
2. Recommend approval to move **Wendy Ray** to the Master's +15 column according to the negotiated agreement. Pay will be calculated to be received as January 1, 2024.
3. Recommend approval at **Sharon Fike's** request to use dock days for the dates of February 29 and March 1, 2024, if needed.
4. Recommend approval of an intervention program for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee one hour per week plus prep time at standard tutoring rate.
5. Recommend approval for teachers to do after school tutoring and home instruction at a rate of \$20.00 per hour for the entire 2023-2024 school year and summer thereafter.

Motion: Mrs. Brewer; Second: Mr. Manuel

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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***MOTION PASSED 5-0  
RESOLUTION NO 011-2024***

6. Recommend approval of dock days as needed per the request of **Sally Brewer** through January 23, 2024.

Motion: Mr. Manuel; Second: Mrs. Hill

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	Abstain
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7. Recommend approval of change orders on the track project with Funderburgh Farms & Excavating & Heiberger Paving, Inc.

Motion: Mrs. Brewer; Second: Mr. Manuel

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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***MOTION PASSED 5-0  
RESOLUTION NO 013-2024***

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**

- (G) (1) The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of an employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against an employee, official, licensee or student requests a public hearing
- (G) (2) The purchase of property for public purposes or the sale of property at competitive bidding
- (G) (3) Conferences with the board's attorney to discuss matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action
- (G) (4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees
- (G) (5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes
- (G) (6) Specialized details of off security arrangements

Motion: Mr. Manuel; Second: Mr. Besecker \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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***MOTION PASSED 5-0  
RESOLUTION NO 014-2024***

**ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION at: 6:57 PM**

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION at: 7:25 PM**

**ADJOURNMENT**


Motion: Mr. Besecker; Second: Mrs. Brewer

Special Session Meeting discussed to possibly take place on January 25, 2024 at 6:30PM

Mr. Besecker	I	Mr. Manuel	I	Mrs. Hill	I	Dr. Swabb	I	Mrs. Brewer	I
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***MOTION PASSED 5-0  
RESOLUTION NO 013-2024***

**TIME: 7:26 PM**



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**Dr. Scott Swabb**



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**Mrs. Carla Surber, CPA**