

Blissfield Community Schools

2025-2026

Regular Meeting

November 17, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Blissfield Community School District was held Monday, November 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm in the High School Media Center. Board President Brewer called the meeting to order. Members present: Andrew Borchardt, David Brewer, Craig Bettis, Vicki Lombard, Denise Mallory, Jen Stutzman and Terence Weigand. Others present: Superintendent Riley, District Executive Assistant Kayla Graf and members of the public.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Bettis to approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Weigand to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 20, 2025.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Student Council President Austyn Myles updated the board on recent Blissfield High School activities. Encore is welcoming new members and participated in the Harvest of Hope. NHS is preparing for a blood drive on December 3rd. The Robotics team continues to fundraise. Robotic competitions will begin in January but they did compete in an off season meet and won 1st place! Interact members volunteered at both the senior center and the food bank. Thespian society is preparing for the next musical.

Student Council Update

The Board of Education recognized Rod Hauenstein as “District Employees of the Month” for their outstanding efforts and continual service to Blissfield Community Schools.

Education Highlights

The Board recognized the girls’ and boys’ cross country teams for their outstanding seasons. Coach Bills shared the following highlights:

Boys Team:

- **Meet Finishes:** 5 first-place finishes, 4 second-place finishes, and 3 third-place finishes.
- **County:** 3rd place overall with 3 All-County runners.

- **League:** Back-to-back league champions with 7 All-League runners.
- **Region:** 3rd place in the region with 2 Regional medalists.
- **State:** Qualified for the state meet for the first time in 10 years, finished 22nd, Michael W placed 26th.
- **Academic Honors:** 3rd in the State for Team Academic All-State.

Girls Team:

- **Meet Finishes:** 12 first-place finishes.
- **County:** County champions for the first time in many years, with multiple All-County runners.
- **League:** Back-to-back league champions, earning 1st through 5th place finishing spots
- **Region:** Back-to-back regional champions
- **State:** Finished 5th, Hope M. placed 3rd at the state meet; Anna H. placed 20th.
- **Academic Honors:** Four athletes earned Individual Academic All-State, and the team received the Team Academic All-State Award.

It was moved by Bettis and supported by Borchardt to approve the payment of the General Fund bills in the amount of \$1,825,263.65. Brewer Abstained.

Payment of Invoices

Motion Carried.

Ron Schmidt HS Girl Basketball It was moved by Stutzman and supported by Bettis to approve the Thun October 2025 board policy update.

Thun Update

Motion Carried.

The Finance Committee will need to schedule a meeting regarding discussion on the branding project.

Committee Reports

None

Comments for the Audience

Superintendent Riley provided updates on 31aa funding, the Michigan Health Education Standards, and districtwide branding initiatives. He also welcomed Judy Pfund back to the district as Interim CFO.

Superintendent Report

It was moved by Borchardt and supported by Stutzman to adjourn the meeting at 7:36pm. Adjournment

Motion Carried.

Secretary