



**Doyle Center for Professional Development
7273 Wing Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48301**

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**January 26, 2026
6:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

A. Call to Order

Tareq Falah, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. Attendance

Carolyn Noble, Secretary, took attendance, and the board members constituting a quorum were:

- Tareq Falah, President
- Michelle Southward, Vice President
- Carolyn Noble, Secretary
- Jason Abel, Trustee
- Lindsay Baker, Trustee
- Meagan Hill, Trustee

Members of the district's administration were in attendance as follows:

- Samer Alsayed Sulliman, Director of Technology Services
- Todd Bidlack, Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services
- Rebecca Catherincchia, Executive Administrator
- Joe Duda, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources & Title IX
- Sarah Fairman, Executive Director of Learning Services
- Karen Huyghe, Director of Communications
- Kandice Moynihan, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services
- Rick West, Superintendent

II. General Discussion

A. Board Intern Program Update

Sophia Tomina and Zeena Jandali, board interns, shared their progress on connecting with alumni and recapped their conversation with BHS Foundation about ways to make the goal of strengthening the district alumni network for mentorship and networking opportunities, resources, and a stronger sense of community. The Superintendent will reach out about next steps on their goal.

B. Board Committee Reports

Finance and Operations Committee

Lindsay Baker provided an update from the Finance and Operations Committee meeting of January 12 on the board business items being presented for approval, an update on Goal 5, and shared that the committee reviewed the cost analysis of the infant and toddler care program. Rick had provided Oakland County Parks update and touched on Goal 4 on the district facility plan.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

Lindsay Baker provided an update from the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting of January 13, which included an analysis and overview of the infant and toddler program, BHHS course catalogue changes for 2026-27, schools of choice programming considerations, and Superintendent Goal 6 on Belonging.

Strategic Planning

Jason Abel provided an update from the Strategic Planning Committee meeting of January 16, which included an update on strategic planning, review of the proposed changes to board policy, the facility plan and then received an update on progress with Oakland County Parks.

C. Superintendent Goal 4: District Facility Plan

The Superintendent brought forward the district facility plan, which includes projected projects by building over the next several years. The plan will be posted on the webpage in the coming weeks. A summary can be found [here](#).

D. First Reading of Board Policy

The Board of Education conducted a first reading of proposed changes to board policy as recommended by the administration and legal counsel.

III. Reconvene

The Board of Education reconvened at 7:30 p.m. and recited the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Special Recognition

A. Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association All State Ensembles

Given the snow day, the recognition was deferred to February 23, 2026

B. Gatorade Player of the Year

Given the snow day, the recognition was deferred to February 23, 2026

C. National School Board Recognition Month

V. Public Comment

- Alexandria Lenkowski expressed her appreciation for the board members on behalf of the PTOC
- Brynn Stevenson thanked the administration and board members for the continued support in robotics programming

VI. Superintendent’s Report

Rick West, Superintendent, provided an update on strategic planning, shared that discussions are continuing with Oakland County Parks and we are hopeful to bring an agreement to the Board of Education in the coming months, spoke about kindergarten information night, and the process used to go into making inclement weather decisions.

VII. Board President’s Report

Tareq Falah, Board President, spoke about the organization meeting on January 12 and the mid-year progress report scheduled for closed session later in the agenda.

VIII. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Carolyn Noble and supported by Michelle Southward to approve the recommendations detailed in the Consent Agenda, as presented:

- Request to Approve Minutes from the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2025
- Request to Approve Minutes from the Special Meeting of January 12, 2026
- Request to Approve Disbursement Reports
- Request to Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- Request to Approve Personnel Actions

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
 Nays:
 Motion Passed: 6/0

IX. Discussion

Kandice Moynihan presented the [FY26 General Fund Budget Amendment One](#), and reviewed adjustments to revenue, expenditures, foundation allowance, state aid, and other budget adjustments.

X. Board Business

A. Request to Approve FY26 General Bund Amendment One

Lindsay Baker moved the Board of Education to approve the General Fund Budget Amendment One, as presented. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Noble.

Fund	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Change
General Fund	\$111,748,503	\$113,636,477	\$(1,887,974)

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
 Nays:
 Motion Passed: 6/0

B. Request to Approve Purchase of Backup and Disaster Recovery Systems

Michelle Southward moved the Board of Education to approve the purchase of Backup and Disaster Recovery Systems in the amount of \$283,802.65, to be paid from the Sinking Fund, as presented. The motion was seconded by Jason Abel.

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
Nayes:
Motion Passed: 6/0

C. Request to Approve Bid Pack 10 E-Rate Project

Michelle Southward moved the Board of Education to approve the Bid Package T10 - E-Rate Project in the amount of \$229,878.41, inclusive of 10% contingency, to be paid from the Sinking Fund, as presented. Jason Abel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
Nayes:
Motion Passed: 6/0

D. Request to Adopt Bloomfield Hills High School New Courses and Course Changes for the 2026-27 School Year

Jason Abel moved the Board of Education to approve the changes to the Bloomfield Hills High School course offerings for the 2026-27 school year, pursuant to Board Policy 3001, as presented. Meagan Hill seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
Nayes:
Motion Passed: 6/0

XI. Closed Session

A. Closed Session per MCL 15.268 Section 8(a)

Michelle Southward moved the Board of Education to convene a closed session in accordance with MCL 15.268 Section 8(a) to discuss the evaluation of the Superintendent. Jason Abel seconded the motion.

Ayes: Trustees Abel, Baker, Falah, Hill, Noble, Southward
Nayes:
Motion Passed: 6/0

XII. Adjournment

There being no further business discussed, the meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Noble
Bloomfield Hills Schools Board Secretary

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