

Board of Education Workshop  
Monday, February 13, 2023  
4:30 PM  
Buffalo High School  
877 Bison Blvd  
Buffalo, MN 55313

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## MINUTES

Present: Melissa Brings, Sue Lee, Adam Bjorklund, Sheila Smude, Matt Hoffman,  
Bob Sansevere, Amanda Lawrence

Absent: None

1. Presentation: Buffalo High School, BHS Principal Mark Mischke  
Asst. Principal Kris DeClerk-Thompson presented information about the Phoenix Learning Center program including comments from students and parents. Tracy Johnson, PLC Teacher, shared goal to reignite student passion for success in education. Many are dealing emotionally with loss outside of their school life and being behind in credits. Students see a change in themselves and wanting to be in school and also improving their grades and ability to graduate. Summer programming for credit recovery is well received.
2. Fall 2022 Activities Review
  - A. Buffalo Community Middle School, John Hayden, BCMS Assistant Principal/Activities Director  
Activity summaries were provided. Fall numbers were very impressive. Proud of providing good athletes to the high school level. Also proud of the middle school facilities and the investment that was made. Appreciate that high school coaches are in tune to the middle school programs.
  - B. Buffalo High School, Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director  
Activity summaries were provided. All activities are always about personal growth. Sometimes an activity is what makes a student come to school. 504 students participated in fall sports which is the highest number over the last five years.
3. Spring 2021 Activities Review, Nick Guida, BHS Activities Director  
Spring activities participation was also the highest in five years. Activity summaries were provided.
4. BCMS New Course Proposals, Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning; Matt Lubben, BCMS Principal; Megan Losey AVID

College and Career Prep will provide ways to keep teachers in full time positions when reductions need to be made due to decreased enrollment. Provides more electives than the forced ones, ie, art and music. Concentration on providing AVID programming at the middle school level so students have an opportunity to start thinking about their career/education path. Courses provide daily living activities such as creating a personal budget. Courses have been presented to the District and Community Teaching and Learning Councils and have overwhelming approval. Partnerships are being established across all schools for the AVID experience.

#### 5. Committee Reports

AL – AMSD, SEE, 877 Foundation - Pork Chop Dinner is April 13

BS – WTC, NWSISD, ESP Negotiations

SS – CEAC, DCT&LC

MH – DCT&LC

MB – United for Youth, ESP Negotiations