

BROWNSTOWN CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Brownstown, Indiana

Members of the Board of School Trustees of the Brownstown Central Community School Corporation met in Regular Session at the Brownstown Central Superintendent's Office at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 8, 2026.

An executive session was held at 6:45 p.m. prior to the regular meeting to receive information about prospective employees and discuss individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. (I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1) (b) (5) (6). Also to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (2A).

President Clayton Beard called the meeting to order. Kristen Stahl led the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence was observed.

Roll call was taken by President Clayton Beard. Members Greg Hutcheson, Levi Nehrt, Steve Ritter, Kristen Stahl, and Brian Wheeler were present, as were Superintendent Tim Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Jade Peters, Alisha Griffin, Will Hubbard, Joe Sheffer, Maria Anderson, Marty Young, John Lawson, Josie Hackman and several patrons. Member Tory Rudolph was absent.

On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Levi Nehrt, the board unanimously approved the Minutes of the August 11, 2026 board meeting.

Mr. Taylor conducted the public hearing for Pre-Bargaining Negotiations. Mr. Taylor asked for any public comments regarding the upcoming negotiations. No comments were made.

Mr. Peters conducted the Public Hearing for the 2027-2029 Capital Projects Plan. Mr. Peters asked for any public comments regarding the upcoming projects plan. No comments were made.

Mr. Peters conducted the Public Hearing for the 2027-2031 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Peters asked for any public comments regarding the bus replacement plan. No comments were made.

Mrs. Anderson recognized and congratulated Sutter McKinney as BCMS Student of the Month.

Mrs. Anderson shared BCMS has had a great start to the school year. Students are getting comfortable with the new five period schedule, using their lockers, and five minute passing periods.

Mrs. Anderson stated BCMS's initiative is "The Brave Way."

Mrs. Anderson reported all the lights were replaced at BCMS this summer.

Mrs. Anderson stated ILEARN Checkpoint 1 window is opening soon, and BCMS is gearing towards the first round of assessment for Math and English Language Arts. Teachers will be giving these assessments in their classrooms this year instead of students being placed in testing groups.

Mrs. Anderson shared YOJACK students attended their first meeting in August, and will continue to meet monthly in different locations around the county.

Mrs. Anderson stated BCMS will be recognizing a Student of the Month for all grade levels, resource, and fine arts monthly.

Mrs. Anderson reported fall sports are underway, and our teams are improving every day. BCMS has athletes in Football, Volleyball, Tennis, and Cross Country.

Mr. Young recognized and congratulated Lillian Barger as BES Student of the Month.

Mr. Young reported BES is off to a great start and halfway through the first nine weeks.

Mr. Young stated BES is continuing with many of the same initiatives "Work Hard, Be Nice, presenting yourself the Brave Way, We Are Glad You Are Here, being BES Role Models, and We Can Do Hard Things."

Mr. Young reported IREAD 3 results came back and BES had a 95.7% pass rate.

Mr. Young stated BES is focusing on several areas of improvement in academics and attendance.

Mr. Young stated BES is working towards the first ILEARN checkpoint in a few weeks.

Mr. Young reported all of BCCSC did a refresher ALICE training during the August Early Dismissal Day.

Mr. Young shared the Jackson County Health Department partnered with Nine13Sports to promote movement and biking. Nine13Sports visited BES to do a lesson on biking during PE Class.

Mr. Young shared BCCSC was awarded \$86,000 through the School Safety Grant.

Mr. Young reported BES students are enjoying the new reading program, Reading Missions, which has taken the place of Accelerated Reading.

Mr. Young stated BES has had a couple of fundraisers, Walking Taco Football Game Dinner and McDonald's Drink Cards. Mr. Young thanked staff members for volunteering to help with the ballgame dinner and thanked McDonalds for their partnership.

Mr. Young expressed that BES is enjoying the main entrance's updated entry way.

Mr. Young shared fall sports are in full swing with volleyball, 56ers football, and EXEL running.

Mr. Sheffer recognized and congratulated Madison Darlage as BCHS Student of the Month.

Mr. Sheffer thanked the school board members who attended our first teach day breakfast, and stated the school year is off to a great start.

Mr. Sheffer shared the new virtual school has fifteen students enrolled.

Mr. Sheffer shared BCHS has nine students enrolled in our new welding class and around twenty students in the CDL class.

Mr. Sheffer stated school picture day was August 17th and retake day will be September 15th. BCCSC is now using Strawbridge for all our school and athletic pictures.

Mr. Sheffer reported the IHSA Assistant Commissioner, Jane Schott, visited BCHS and had great compliments about our facility.

Mr. Sheffer congratulated the BCHS Athletic Department for receiving a \$5,000 T-Mobile "Friday Night Light" grant to be used for football athletic equipment or athletic facilities.

Mr. Sheffer welcomed Mr. Barger's AP Government students to the board meeting.

Mr. Sheffer wished all Fall Sport Teams good luck.

Emily Engelking of Jackson County United Way gave a presentation on Rock'n Ready. 1,567 Jackson Co. students received basic school supplies to start the school year. This total increased 18% this year. 241 BCCSC students were served through this program. Ms. Engelking thanked Denise Stevens and the volunteers for their efforts in distributing supplies for BCCSC.

Mr. Peters reported there was one Emergency Allocation to Bedford Belle for repair of the main gas line in the boiler room at the high school in the amount of \$3,325.00. Emergency Allocations beginning balance was \$82,321.00, this month's expenditures totaled \$3,325.00 leaving a balance of \$78,996.00. On a motion by Brian Wheeler, seconded by Kristen Stahl, the board unanimously approved the Emergency Allocation.

On a motion by Steve Ritter, seconded by Brian Wheeler, the board unanimously approved the payment of Claim Nos. 28775, 28777, 28797-28842 and 28848-28902, Preschool Fund Claims, Lunch Fund Claims and August Payrolls 23 and 24 and Payroll Claims as follows:

Fund	Description	Total
0101	Education	58,069.56
0101	Pre School	241.91
0300	Operations	238,802.18
0700	2025 GO Bond	28,516.14
3270	IN Secured School Safety Grant	92,500.00
3780	State Connectivity	3,427.50
5220	FY 2026 611 Pt B	157.35
5800	Title IV, Pt A FY24	84.36
5800	Title IV FY25	521.49
	Total	\$422,320.49

Fund	Description	Total
0101	Education	39,958.91
0300	Operations	49,670.36
1702	Refund	795.00
3032	READi Grant	9,000.00
4100	2025-2026 Title I, Pt A Basic	437.52
5220	FY 2026 611 Pt B	322.02
5220	FY 2027 611 Pt B	1,710.80
5410	FY 2027 619	169.20
5800	Title IV FY25	63.99
6460	Medicaid Reimbursement-Federal	625.00
7961	RECN Grant 2026	266.29
	Total	\$103,019.09

Preschool Fund Claims	\$28.10
Lunch Fund Claims	\$129,035.66
Payroll Nos. 23, 24, and August Claims	\$1,044,136.97
Total	\$1,301,667.06

Mr. Peters then went over the Monthly Budget and Extra-Curricular Reports.

On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Levi Nehrt, the board unanimously approved the following Field Trip Requests:

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

Date	Organization	Destination	No. of Chaperones	No. of Students
Aug 26, 2026 Sept 23, 2026 Octo 28, 2026 Nov 26, 2026 Dec 9, 2026	BCMS YOJACK	Various Jackson County Locations	1	6
Aug 29, 2026	Special Olympics Indiana Jackson County	Marrs Township Community Park Evansville, IN	10	25
Sept 5, 2026	BCHS FFA IYE Skillathon	Boone County Fairgrounds	1	TBD
Sept 8, 2026	BCHS FFA Regional Livestock Skillathon	Jefferson County Fairgrounds	1	14
Sept 9, 2026	BCHS FFA Soils Practice	Stuckwisch Farms Brownstown, IN	1	4
Sept 9, 2026	BCHS Painting & Printmaking Class	Brown County Art Gallery	1	28
Sept 16, 2026	BCHS FFA County Soils Evaluation	Soil & Water Conservation District	1	4
Sept 23, 2026	BCHS FFA District Kickoff	Salem Middle School	1	14
Sept 30, 2026	BCHS FFA Soils Practice	Medora Soils Pit	1	4
Oct 1, 2026	BCHS Construction/ Welding/ Transportation	Lawrence County Fairgrounds Skilled Trades Showcase	1	48
Oct 1, 2026	BES 1 st Grade	Cornucopia Farms	10	95
Oct 2, 2026	Lutheran Central Kdg & 1 st Grade	Huber’s Orchard	2	41
Oct 3, 2026	BCHS FFA State Skillathon (pending region success)	Boone County Fairgrounds	1	8
Oct 5, 2026	FFA Regional Soils	Jennings County, IN	1	4
Oct 8, 2026	BCHS Construction/ Welding/ Transportation	Jackson County Manufacturing Day Seymour	1	48
Oct 21, 2026	Little Braves Academy	Brownstown Forestry	5	50
Oct 30, 2026	BES 2 nd Grade	Derby Dinner Playhouse	8	92
May 31-Jun 3, 2027	BCHS Band & Drill Team	Cedar Point Sandusky, OH	5+	30

On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Kristen Stahl, the board unanimously approved the following Facility Use Request:

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

Date	Organization and Event	Facility Needed
Aug 9-14, 2026	Distinguished Young Women of Jackson County	BCHS Auditorium

Sept 2026-July 2027 Wednesday Evenings	Men’s Basketball League	BES Gym
Feb 19, 2027	Ballgame Dinner BCHS/BCMS Choir	BCHS Cafeteria
Apr 21-24, 2027	Tammy’s Dance Studio	BCHS Auditorium

On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved the following Personnel Actions.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Maria Anderson	BES Yearbook Coordinator	Immediately
Kirsten Ault-Beavers	BCHS Varsity Softball Assistant Coach	Immediately
Shannon Barger	BCMS 7 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Immediately
Shannon Barger	BCMS 8 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Immediately
Matt Christian	BCMS Cross Country Coach	Immediately
Calli Ferguson	BCCSC ECA Treasurer/BCHS Library Aide	Immediately
Ronald Miller	BCHS Night Custodian	Immediately
Ashlyn Reynolds	BCMS 6 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Immediately

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Dustin Hiten	BCMS Boys Tennis Coach	Immediately
Destiny Luttrell	BCMS Spell Bowl Coach	Immediately
Destiny Luttrell	BCMS Super Bowl Bowl Coach	Immediately
Destiny Luttrell	BCMS Yearbook Sponsor	Immediately
Matthew Morris	BCMS Cross Country Coach	Immediately
Craig Reynolds	BCMS 6 th Grade Girls Basketball Coach	2026-27 SY
Terri Reynolds	BES Night Cleaning	Immediately

TRANSFERS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Elizabeth Johnson	BES Night Cleaning to BES Night Custodian	Immediately

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Julie Voss	BES Teacher September 8 – October 9, 2026	Immediately

Approval of Recommendations is contingent on a favorable Criminal Background Check.

Mr. Taylor gave the second reading and asked for consideration of the NEOLA Updates Volume 38, No. 2. On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Steve Ritter, the board unanimously approved the NEOLA Updates.

Mr. Taylor shared that after a full and extensive title search, it has been determined that Driftwood Township holds the title to property located at 2000 South Block of Main Street in Vallonia, Indiana. Counsel advises us to execute and record a Quickclaim Deed expressly releasing and conveying any right, title, interest, claim, or potential interest it may have in the subject real estate to the Driftwood Township Trustee. It is our intent to do so. Agents from Driftwood Township have been notified. He then thanked Mr. Peters for his hard work on this.

Mr. Taylor shared with the board we expect an official announcement this Friday for the Next Generation School Improvement Grant.

Mr. Taylor stated we are submitting an application for the Lilly Opportunity to Learn Grant which would extend \$75,000 in the first year of planning. The grant focus is eliminating non-academic barriers to student success.

Mr. Taylor shared that he, Mr. Beard, and Mr. Hutcheson would be representing BCCSC at the ISBA/IAPSS Conference October 4th-6th.

Mr. Taylor thanked everyone for a smooth start to the school year.

Mr. Brian Wheeler congratulated the Students of the Month and thanked the staff for a smooth start to the school year.

Mr. Steve Ritter congratulated the Students of the Month, thanked the staff for a smooth start to the school year, and Go Braves. He also shared that a Superintendent friend, from up north, stated Brownstown is one of the best corporations in Southern Indiana.

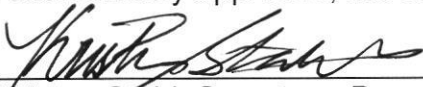
Mrs. Kristen Stahl congratulated the Students of the Month, thanked the staff for a smooth start to the school year, and congratulated Mrs. Anderson on her new position as BCMS Principal.

Dr. Levi Nehrt congratulated the Students of the Month, thanked the staff for a smooth start to the school year, and Go Braves.

Mr. Greg Hutcheson is glad to hear all the positive things happening at all the schools, he thanked the United Way for their assistance in providing basic school supplies, congratulated the Students of the Month, and wished all the Fall Sport Teams good luck.

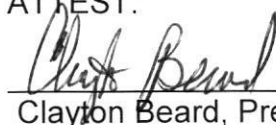
Mr. Clayton Beard thanked all the volunteers who helped with the Rock-N-Ready school supply distribution day. He thanked Mr. John Lawson, Mrs. Josie Hackman, and Mr. Barger's AP Government Class for attending the board meeting.

Having no further business, on a motion by Brian Wheeler, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.



Kristen Stahl, Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:



Clayton Beard, President, Board of School Trustees