

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 Elementary School at 7:30 p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

A work session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Synchronous and Asynchronous eLearning.

An executive session was held at 6:30 p.m. to receive information about prospective employees and discuss individuals as listed in I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b) (5) (6). No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

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

Roll call was taken by President Clayton Beard. Members Clayton Beard, Jerry Hounshel, Greg Hutcheson, Levi Nehrt, Steve Ritter, and Tory Rudolph were present, as were Superintendent Tim Taylor, Alisha Griffin, Angie Wheelles, Joe Sheffer, Doug McClure, Marty Young, Will Hubbard, Lindsey Goshorn, Corey Lanier, several patrons, and one member of the media. Board member Brian Wheeler was absent.

On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved the Minutes of the December 9, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Sheffer recognized and congratulated Sophie Wischmeier as BCHS Student of the Month.

Mr. Sheffer stated BCHS Guidance Counselors have scheduled 8th grade tours for BCMS, Sauers and LC Thursday.

Mr. Sheffer shared Mr. Cobb and Mrs. Branaman will host the annual Engineering and AG Fair on Thursday during the 8th grade tours.

Mr. Sheffer reported BCHS had a successful winter dance with around 130 students attending on January 3rd.

Mr. Sheffer congratulated Lydia Killey on her retirement, and wished her well.

Mr. Sheffer congratulated BCHS 2025 graduate, Presley Hampton on being named the 2026 Miss Indiana State Fair Queen.

Mr. Sheffer recognized BCHS for receiving a \$120,000 Rural Early College Network Grant over the next five years. BCHS was one of fifteen school that received this grant. The grant focuses on the current 7th and 8th graders with the goal to have the students earn as many dual credits as possible.

Mr. Sheffer offered condolences on the loss of Carl Shake, and expressed his gratitude for all he has done for BCCSC over the years.

Mr. McClure recognized and congratulated Abbagail Pace as BCMS Student of the Month.

Mr. McClure shared BCMS 7th grade finished third place in the Jackson County History Center's Christmas Tree decoration contest.

Mr. McClure stated BCMS 8th graders will be touring BCHS on Thursday, and ton Friday travel Bedford North Lawrence to learn about vocational learning opportunities available.

Mr. McClure shared BCMS will be hosting there Winter Wonderland Ball from 5:00-6:30pm on Friday.

Mr. McClure reported BCMS will be participating in the ILEARN Checkpoint #2 assessment next week.

Mr. Young recognized and congratulated Cosbee Baum as BES Student of the Month.

Mr. Young mentioned BES is gearing up for IREAD3 and ILEARN as those assessments are quickly approaching.

Mr. Young congratulated the 5th graders for a job well done on their Holiday Christmas program.

Mr. Young shared the BCHS Lettermen's Club visited BES to do Holiday activities with BES students.

Mr. Young stated BES students were recognized for their academic efforts, behaviors, and attendance during the second nine weeks student recognition day.

Mr. Young reported athletics are back in full swing, and BES had their teacher appreciation night at the 5th grade basketball game on January 12th. Each player picked a teacher who has had a positive impact on their life. Archery and Robotics are in full swing as well.

Mr. Young congratulated BES 1st grade for winning 1st place in the Jackson County History Center's Tree Decorating contest.

Mr. Young stated our Passport to Christmas event was a huge success, with over half of the school being in attendance. The teachers and staff worked extremely hard to make this event happen.

Mr. Young mentioned BES has a new club, the Brave Way Weather. The club gives daily weather updates.

Mr. Young shared BES Hydro Print Kids continue to do a great job, and thanked Mr. Disque, Carlyn, and Riley for being at the meeting this evening to share about 3D printing and show items they have made.

Mr. Young thanked the board for allowing BES to host the meeting this evening.

Mr. Taylor stated we would be dedicating the new gym momentarily, but he would first like to take a few moments to show gratitude toward some of the major contributors to the BES Gym project. He thanked the current school board and past school boards for their vision and support of this project. Mr. Taylor also mentioned Damian Maggos and Linda Byron of Raymond James, Kristen McClellan of ICE Miller, Don Neal, Hal Kovert, Brenden Brown, Jim Keller, and Sara Kines of TowerPinkster, Jeff Poole, Scott Bradley, and Bill Brewer of Poole Group, Nathan Bowman, Kevin Livingston, Todd Johnson, and Justin Clarkston of EMCOR, Josh Haley and Danny Walker of Temple & Temple, Steve Coonrod of Dirig Sheet Metal, Dave Tyndall of Southern Roofing, Inc., Zach Best and Paul Borden of N-I-Tech, Max Maxwell of SystemMax, BES Principal Marty Young, Assistant Superintendent Jade Peters, and Maintenance Director Randy Ude. We are truly appreciative of the efforts of everyone involved. This facility will serve the students of Brownstown Central for decades to come. Mr. Taylor then invited Sasha Sitterding of the Jackson County Chamber to assist in the official opening of the BES Gym with a ribbon cutting.

Mr. Young gave a tour of the new gym.

Mr. Taylor reported there was one Emergency Allocation to Trane for HVAC work at the high school in the amount of \$4,451.00. Emergency Allocations beginning balance was \$72,423.92, with December's expenditure totaling \$4,451.00 we finished 2025 with a balance of \$67,972.92. On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Steve Ritter, the board unanimously approved the Emergency Allocation.

On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Tory Rudolph, the board unanimously approved the payment of Claim Nos. 27682, 27684, 27700 thru 27753, and 27773 thru 27845, Lunch Fund Claims and December Payrolls 7 and 8 and Payroll Claims as follows:

Fund	Description	Total
0101	Education	40,190.25
0300	Operations	91,667.22
0700	2025-GO Bond	48,376.10
3220	Jackson Co Drug Free Grant	925.00
3250	Medicaid-State	12,321.97
5220	FY 2026 611 Pt B	6,722.99
5410	FY 2026 619	192.00
5800	Title IV FY25	1,880.96
	Total	\$202,276.49

Fund	Description	Total
0101	Education	24,177.35
0300	Operations	86,187.56
0700	2025 GO Bond	37,556.30
3220	Jackson Co Drug Free Grant	939.75
3780	State Connectivity	1,782.50
4100	2025-2026 Title I, Pt A Basic	252.00
5220	FY 2026 611 Pt.B	9,762.47
5410	FY 2026 619	192.00
5800	Title IV FY25	479.09
6460	Medicaid-Reimbursement Federal	625.00
	Total	\$161,954.02

Lunch Fund Claims	\$96,203.85
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Payroll Nos. 7, 8, and December Claims	\$1,124,482.57
Total	\$1,399,700.07

Mr. Taylor 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
Jan 15, 2026	BCHS FFA	Section Chapter Meeting Crothersville HS	1	8
Jan 21, 2026	St. John's Sauers	Lutheran Community Home	2	34
Jan 23, 2026	BCMS 8 th Grade	BNL Vocational School	6	99
Jan 30, 2026	Lutheran Central	Celebrate NLSW Immanuel Lutheran School	4	81

Jan 30, 2026	Lutheran Central	Celebrate NLSW Trinity Lutheran HS	5	75
Jan 30, 2026	St. John's Sauers	Celebrate NLSW Trinity Lutheran HS	2	60
Feb 7, 2026	BCHS FFA	State Chapter Meeting Lebanon HS	2	8
Feb 7, 2026	BCHS Musical Principal Cast	Long Horn Steak House Bloomington, IN	7	16
Feb 21, 2026	BCHS Science Club	Butler University Science Olympiad	2	9
Mar 7, 2026	BCHS FFA	District XI Convention Scottsburg HS	1	15
Apr 7, 2026	BCHS FFA	Clark Co. Fairgrounds	1	6
Apr 14, 2026	BCHS FFA	Scott Co. Fairgrounds	1	10
Apr 29, 2026	Lutheran Central School Grades 7 & 8	Creation Museum	11	28
Apr 29, 2026	Lutheran Central School Grades 5 & 6	Squire Boone Caverns	2+	31
May 2, 2026	BCHS FFA	Boone Co. Fairgrounds	4	14
May 15, 2026	BES 5 th Grade	Malibu Jack's Louisville, KY	5	105
Jul 7-9, 2026	BCHS Football	Hanover College Football Camp	6	55
Oct 29, 2026	BCMS Choirs	BCHS Auditorium Fall Concert Rehearsal	2	?
Dec 10, 2026	BCMS Choirs	BCHS Auditorium Fall Concert Rehearsal	2	?
May 13, 2027	BCMS Choirs	BCHS Auditorium Fall Concert Rehearsal	2	?

On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Tory Rudolph, the board unanimously approved the following Facility Use Requests:

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

Date	Organization and Event	Facility Needed
Jan 1-Dec 31, 2026	Btown Youth Basketball K-8 Teams	BES, BCMS, & BCHS Gyms
Jan 17, 2026	Brownstown Archery State Qualifying Archery Tournament	BCHS Auxiliary Gym
Jan 31, 2026	Brownstown Archery State Qualifying Archery Warm- Up	BCHS Auxiliary Gym
Feb 14, 2026	Brownstown Archery State Qualifying 3D Tournament	BCHS Auxiliary Gym
Mar 7, 2026	Brownstown Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast	BCHS Cafeteria
May 12, 2026	BCHS Choir BES Recruitment Concert	Auditorium
Jul 20-23, 2026	BCHS Football Youth Football Camp	BCHS Gym & Auxiliary Gym
Jul 20-23, 2026	BCHS Football MS Football Camp	BCMS Gym
Sept 26, 2026	Brownstown Exchange Club Pancake Breakfast	BCHS Cafeteria

Oct 29, 2026	BCMS & BCHS Choirs Spring Concert	BCHS Auditorium
Dec 10, 2026	BCMS & BCHS Choirs Christmas Concert	BCHS Auditorium
May 13, 2027	BCMS & BCHS Choirs Spring Concert	BCHS Auditorium

On a motion by Jerry Hounshel, seconded by Steve Ritter, the board unanimously approved the following Personnel Request:

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Kayden Gray	BES Night Cleaning	Immediately
Matt Roberts Jr.	Archery Coach	Immediately
Brian Sitterding	BCHS Night Cleaning	January 20, 2026

RETIREMENTS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Marcia Akemon	BCHS Auditorium Custodian	May 22, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Name	Position	Date Effective
Dirk Botkin	Archery Assistant Coach	Immediately
Nancy Collings	BCHS Night Cleaning	January 23, 2026
Joshua Henson	BES Robotics Volunteer	Immediately
Jonathon Hochstedler	BES Split 5 th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Immediately
Emily Singleton	BCHS Girls Softball Volunteer Coach	Immediately
Landon Sons	Archery Coach	Immediately

Approval of Recommendations is contingent on a favorable Criminal Background Check

Mr. Taylor introduced Mrs. Maria Anderson, Mrs. Angie Gwin, and Mrs. Denise Stevens who gave a presentation on opening a preschool at BES. On a motion by Steve Ritter, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved opening a preschool at BES.

Mr. Taylor stated the Indiana Department of Education and legislature restructured the Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) for this school year. While the restructuring has been quite controversial, BCCSC, like nearly all school corporations in the state, elected to participate. The BCCSC TAG Guidelines have been shared. On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Jerry Hounshel, the board unanimously approved the guidelines.

Mr. Taylor asked consideration for the Disposition of Old Outstanding Warrants or Checks Pursuant to IC 5-11-10.5-3. There were eighteen outstanding checks more than two years old totaling \$723.89. On a motion by Levi Nehrt and seconded by Steve Ritter, the board unanimously approved the canceling of the eighteen checks.

Mr. Taylor gave the second reading and asked for approval of NEOLA Vol. 38, No. 1 Updates. On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved the NEOLA Vol. 38, No. 1 Updates.

Mr. Taylor asked the board for consideration of the Snow Removal Contract. The RFP was advertised in the newspaper on December 24th and 31st. One bid was submitted from A+ Outdoor Services. On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Tory Rudolph, the board unanimously approved the bid from A+ Outdoor Services.

Mr. Taylor asked the board for consideration of the Internet Service Contract. Technology Director, Will Hubbard, has recommended we switch providers to Cinergy Metronet. On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved Cinergy Metronet's Internet Service contract.

On a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Tory Rudolph, the board unanimously approved the following Resolution:

Transfer of up to \$111,537.50 from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund on a monthly basis, to reimburse the Operations Fund for expenses that are not allocated to student instruction and learning under IC 20-42.5 for the period of 2026.

Mr. Taylor asked for a recommendation for the 2026-27 School Calendar. On a motion by Tory Rudolph, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously approved Option 2 for the 2026-27 School Calendar.

Mr. Taylor asked for a recommendation for the 2027-28 School Calendar. On a motion by Steve Ritter, seconded by Levi Nehrt, the board unanimously decided to Table the approval of the 2027-28 school calendar.

Mr. Taylor asked for consideration of eLearning plans. On a motion by Levi Nehrt, seconded by Greg Hutcheson, the board unanimously decided to Table the consideration of eLearning Days.

Mr. Taylor updated the board on our snow make-up days. We were in session yesterday and will be in session April 24th and May 1st for the three days we have missed. We have one make-up day remaining scheduled for April 3rd.

Mr. Taylor updated the board on state legislature.

Mr. Taylor offered condolences to the family of Carl Shake on his passing. Carl served on the BCCSC school board for several years, and leading the corporation as board president.

Mrs. Tory Rudolph congratulated the students of the month and thanked Mr. Young and his staff for hosting.

Dr. Levi Nehrt shared his condolences to the family of Carl Shake. He congratulated the students of the month, thanked everyone for the numerous hours of work on the BES Gym, and excited about offering preschool at BES.

Mr. Steve Ritter thanked Marty and his staff for hosting. He also stated he is one hundred percent behind this new preschool venture. Mr. Ritter stated he had the privilege to serve on the school board with Carl Shake from 1988-1996, and expressed his deepest sympathy to his family.

Mr. Jerry Hounshel congratulated the students of the month, and complimented the preschool committee on the research they did. He also expressed his condolences on the passing of Carl Shake.

Mr. Greg Hutcheson stated he is excited about offering preschool at BES. He congratulated the students of the month, thanked Mr. Young for hosting, and expressed his condolences to the family of Carl Shake.

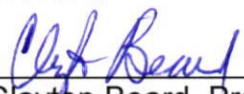
Mr. Clayton Beard thanked Mr. Young for hosting, and congratulated BES on the official opening of the new gym, and thanked the preschool committee for their presentation. He also expressed his condolences for the family of Carl Shake.

Having no further business, on a motion by Greg Hutcheson, seconded by Steve Ritter, the board unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Jerry Hounshel, Secretary, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:



Clayton Beard, President, Board of School Trustees