

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public meeting

January 13, 2026

Meeting Call to Order: Jim Gilligan opened the meeting at 4:00pm. Other board members present were: Linda Wells, Pat Devlin, Phil Radale, Absent: Rick Navarra. Present via phone: Beth Beson liaison MICIP, Angie MCarthy, Cindy Riker.

Election of Chairperson: Linda Wells made a motion to appoint Jim Gilligan as Chairperson. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor None opposed Motion carried.

Election of Officers: Linda Wells made a motion to nominate Jim Gilligan as Board President. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed. Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to nominate Linda Wells as Board Vice President. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed. Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to nominate Linda Wells as Board Secretary. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Phil Radala made a motion to nominate Jim Gilligan as Board Treasurer. Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Approval of Agenda: Jim Gilligan made motion to approve the agenda as presented Supported by Linda Wells All in Favor. None opposed. Motion carried

Recognition/Presentation: School Board appreciation month. Certificates of appreciation mailed to board members.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Linda Wells made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from our regular meeting on December 19, 2025 and Check Register Approval. Supported by Jim Gilligan . Ayes: Gilligan, Devlin, Radala, and Wells. None opposed. Absent, Navarra. Motion carried

Correspondence: None

Reports:

Superintendent: Hearty thanks to each of you in your service to your school. I am hoping you received the certificates of recognition which were mailed out. Update on 31A Legislation reported on. Introduction of ballot language which will be addressed when we get to new business. NWEA testing ongoing.

Teacher: This last month was a short month due to Christmas and New Years. Conducted Tornado and Fire Drill as required. Lessons focused on vocabulary, syllables,

dividing, decimals, understanding how our bodies move, breathe and circulate blood and oxygen. Interaction occurred with other students through zoom sessions. Got outside and enjoyed the snow. Built a STEM glider learning about Potential Energy vs Kinetic Energy.

Parks Committee: Drawings received and available for review. Next step is to go to township for new zoning permit: previous one has expired and there is not new information on the site drawings. Jim Gilligan will file.

MICIP: Next meeting 1/23. No report

Old Business:

Internet Agreement: The school currently has service through TDS which continues through 7/1/26. Secondary to upgrades and needs the EUPSID is moving over to fiberoptics which is not an option for BBI. A bid was received from Orbit Link LLC for satellite with a significant rate discount for us. Jim Gilligan made a motion to accept the bid through Orbit Link starting services to the school for the 2026-27 school year; a 3 year contract. Supported by Phil Radala Roll Call vote: . Ayes: Gilligan, Devlin, Radala, and Wells. None opposed. Absent, Navarra. Motion carried.

New Business:

Millage renewal language: The current millage expires in December of 2026. Typically, renewals occur every 4 years. The attorney is recommending the vote occur in August. Proposal for Bois Blanc Island Pines School District millage renewal allowing the district to continue to levy the statutory rate not to exceed 4.1 Mills on all properties except principal residences and those exempted by law required for the school district to receive it's revenue per pupil foundation. The remaining 0.7286 mills is only available to restore millage lost as a result of reduction required by the Michigan State Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to meet that reduction. Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the millage renewal language. Supported by Linda Wells. All in Favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Board stipends: Jim Gilligan made made a motion to approve a \$25 stipend per meeting/workshop to the Board of Education members, not to exceed 30 in total for the calendar year 2026. Supported by Linda Wells Roll Call vote: . Ayes: Gilligan, Devlin, Radala, and Wells. None opposed. Absent, Navarra. Motion carried.

Annual Organizational Meeting:

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate the School Board meeting dates to be the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm, at the Township Hall. Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate the EUPISD Superintendent as the Bois Blanc Pines School District Superintendent. Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate our School Superintendent as the Bois Blanc Pines School Principal Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate Citizen National Bank and First Community Bank as depositories for the school funds Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to authorize Jim Gilligan and/or Linda Wells to sign for the school bank depositories Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate the Board Treasurer as the signatory for purchase orders. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to designate the board president and/or the board secretary to sign for contracts. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Linda Wells made a motion to authorize the board treasurer or the EUPISD business consortium designee to process electronic bank transfers for Citizens Bank. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to name Thrun Law Firm as attorney for the Bois Blanc Pines School District Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to name Hungerford Nichols as Auditor for Bois Blanc Pines School District. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to authorize the EUPISD Business Consortium to assume specified responsibilities of the Treasurer for Bois Blanc Pines School. Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to authorize the Park/Pavilion Committee Community Liaison for 2026 as Dan Blundy Supported by Phil Radala All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to authorize the MICIP Committee for 2026. Board member representative being Jim Gilligan Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion to authorize the MICIP Committee for 2026. Community Liaison being Beth Beson Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Jim Gilligan made a motion for Approval of Board Stipend for the Treasurer in the amount of \$79/month. Supported by Linda Wells Roll call vote. Ayes: Wells, Devlin, Gilligan, Radala Absent Navarra. None opposed. Motion Carried.

Jim Gilligan recommended motion for Approval of Board Stipend for the Secretary in the amount of \$113/month. . Supported by Linda Wells Roll call vote. Ayes: Wells, Devlin, Gilligan, Radala Absent Navarra. None opposed. Motion Carried.

Jim Gilligan made a motion to appoint Jim Gilligan as the school board election coordinator for Mackinac County school elections Supported by Linda Wells All in favor: None opposed Motion carried

Board Comments: Linda Wells needs ink for the printer. She will get information to Jim and he will order.

Public Comments: None

Other Business: None

Adjournment: 4:30 pm

Respectively Submitted

Linda C. Wells, Secretary.