

ISD #314
Isanti, Pine, Chisago,
& Kanabec Counties
Braham, MN 55006

AGENDA
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 17, 2025
6:00pm – BAHS Community Room
Greeter - David Shockman

1. Regular meeting called to order by Chair. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Adopt Agenda.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve the minutes of the February 24th Regular Board Meeting.
 - b. Approve the March bills.
 - c. Review and accept the March Treasurer’s report.
 - d. Enrollment Analysis.
 - e. Personnel.
4. Presentation from Isanti Co. regarding Ditch project.
5. Open Forum.
6. Expenditure / Revenue Fund Summary Report.
7. Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions & Fundraising.
8. Elementary Principal’s report.
9. High School Principal - Activities Director report.
10. Flight 707 Principal’s Update
11. Superintendent’s Report.
12. Acknowledge Braham “HONORS” Recipients.
13. Student Council Representative’s report.
14. School Board members’ reports/updates.
15. Consider approval of an additional JH Softball Coach.
16. First of three readings to policy #713.
17. Consider cycle review of district policies for adoption.
18. Reminder of Upcoming Meetings.
19. Adjourn.

1. **Meeting called to order by Chair. Pledge of Allegiance.**

Roll Call.

2. **Adopt agenda.**

3. **Consent Agenda:**

Ind. School District No. 314
Isanti, Pine, Chisago & Kanabec Counties
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Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025
6:00 pm BAHS B100
Greeter: Allison Londgren

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chair Allison Londgren at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: - A. Londgren, J. Swanson, K. Hagfors, C. Gelle, D. Shockman, R. Dahlquist, M. Eklund, and Supt. Gagner, Absent: None.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by M. Eklund to adopt the agenda. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by D. Shockman to approve the minutes of the January 27th Regular Board Mtg., Jan. 27th Working mtg., Feb. 13th working mtg. Approve the February bills of \$356,090.65. The Board approved the following: 1) **Kelly Bujak** for the Bomber Boost Para position. Positions are Tuesdays & Thursdays for 2 hours. Start date was January 7, 2025. She will be paid her daily rate, plus \$2/hr extra. 2) **Ella Kuhnke** for the elem. para position. Position is 33.75 hrs/wk. Start date is February 20, 2025. She will be paid step 1 per the para contract. 3) **Brittany Lindgren**, Medical leave as needed through May 23, 2025. The board accepted resignation from **Gabe Kotilinek**, Elem. Para effective February 19, 2025. Carried.

Open Forum: None.

Motion by K. Hagfors, second by C. Gelle to approve the Expenditure/Revenue Fund summary report. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by R. Dahlquist, to acknowledge the February 2025 Donations: \$500 from Braham Family Dental candy buy back program. \$961 from MSHSL Form A Grant to athletics dept. \$600 form BAEF to Title 1 dept. For math manipulatives, \$177.89 to Kindergarten for cleaning supplies, \$472.15 to elem. SpEd for cooking skills class, both from BEPO. \$1,000 to NHS for busing to Feed My Starving Children field trip, \$1,500 to Prom for Prom expenses, all from BACK. \$1,000 value of steel donated from Arrowtank to Ind. Arts Class. Carried.

Principal Eklund’s written report was reviewed. Principal Eklund continues to meet with MAASFEP and NAFEP. Topics of discussion include what will education funding look like moving forward.

Principal/AD Kuhnke’s written report was reviewed. The registration process for the 7-12 students will begin in March.

Flight 707 Principal report was given. Elem. staff focusing on PBIS strategies and HS staff gearing up for the 25/26 registration process to start next week.

Supt. Gagner’s written report was reviewed. Reports given from various community meetings.

Supt. Gagner congratulated the following staff, students, and community members for their accomplishments as “Braham HONORS” recipients. They are: Darwin & Marlene Nelson, Roxanne Kirby, Lauren Kiesz, Danika Dahlin, Levi Lidke, Kyle Olson, Braham Bus Company Employees, Sherry Campbell.

Student Council Report was reviewed. Student council will be assisting at the school blood drive on Tuesday, April 1st, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.

School board members attended various events and meetings including; SAFF mtg., RRSEC mtg., conferences, MSBA Officer training, Working board mtg., monthly finance mtg., and winter sporting events.

Motion by A. Londgren, second by C. Gelle, to approve the 25-26 District calendar. Vote was 6-1. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by K. Hagfors to approve the revised budget for FY25. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by M. Eklund to approve the Flight 707 BEA MOA. Vote was 6-1. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by C. Gelle to approve the Flight 707 SEIU MOU. Vote was 6-1. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by K. Hagfors to approve the new savings account at Frandsen Bank & Trust Braham. Carried.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by D. Shockman to approve non-renewal of Doug Lind Tier 1 teacher. Carried.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by K. Hagfors to approve non-renewal of Rick Riccio Tier 1 teacher. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by K. Hagfors to approve non-renewal of Amy Maltrud Tier 1 teacher. Carried.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by J. Swanson to approve non-renewal of Colton Schusted Tier 1 teacher. Carried.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by D. Shockman to approve non-renewal of Danae Shaw Tier 1 teacher. Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by R. Dahlquist to approve non-renewal of Jaymi Meyer Probationary teacher. Carried.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by K. Hagfors to approve non-renewal of Stephanie Kurvers Probationary teacher. Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by M. Eklund to approve non-renewal of Cody Cottrell .50 Science, Out of Field Teacher. Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by R. Dahlquist to approve non-renewal of .40 ECFE Coordinator Lori Auers, ECFE Coordinator Out of Field teacher. Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by M. Eklund to approve non-renewal of Audra Carter, EC Family Advocate Out of Field teacher. Carried.

Motion by C. Gelle, second by K. Hagfors to approve non-renewal of Tom Kingsland, .10 Phy. Ed. Out of Field teacher. Carried.

Motion by D. Shockman, second by M. Eklund to approve non-renewal of Tracy Fix, .10 EL Out of Field teacher. Carried.

First of two readings for policy #101.2 Memorial / Naming Policy.

Motion by J. Swanson, second by D. Shockman to adopt the following reviewed policies: #522, #523, #525, #526, #527, #533 Carried.

Reminder of upcoming meetings: Monday, March 17th, Regular Board mtg. 6:00 pm.

Motion by M. Eklund, second by K. Hagfors, to adjourn the Regular School Board meeting. Chair Londgren adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm.

Attest: _____
Connie Gelle, Clerk

Attest: _____
Allison Londgren, Chair

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- b. Approve the March bills.
 - c. Review and accept the March Treasurer's report.

d. Enrollment Analysis

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
	11	9	13	11	22	19	13
K	54	54	54	54	55	55	55
1	58	56	58	58	58	58	59
2	61	62	63	63	64	64	65
3	66	65	66	66	67	67	67
4	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
5	61	61	62	62	61	61	62
6	70	66	68	68	66	66	66
7	59	58	58	58	59	59	59
8	65	66	67	67	66	66	66
9	70	69	70	69	70	70	69
10	53	53	53	52	51	51	51
11	64	62	62	62	61	61	61
12	49	49	48	48	48	48	48
Total K - 12	783	774	782	780	779	779	781
ECSE	14	13	14	16	16	19	20
Total K-12 Plus							
ECSE	797	787	796	796	795	798	801
ADM		767	771	768	776	776	775

e. Personnel

RECOMMENDATIONS

Allison Londgren has been recommended by AD Kuhnke for the JH Softball coach position. Start date is March 20, 2025. She will be paid Lane 4, step 1 per the “C” schedule.

Danielle Siedow has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the M/W/F ECSE Para position. Start date is March 17, 2025. She will be paid step 3 per the para contract.

Kelsey Lakeberg has been recommended by AD Kuhnke as a volunteer for the 2025 Softball season.

Doug Lind has been recommended by AD Kuhnke as a volunteer for the 2025 Track & Field season.

Danika Dahlin has been recommended by Principal Eklund for the Early Childhood Teacher position. Start date will be Aug. 25, 2025. She will be paid her current lane & step.

TERMINATION

Jessica Christiansen, Elem. para will be terminated effective March 20, 2025, due to continued unexcused absences.

4. **Presentation from Isanti Co. regarding Ditch project.**

Todd Kulaf from Isanti Co. Water & Soil Conservation department will present upcoming ditch project details.

5. **Open Forum.**

6. **Expenditure / Revenue Fund Summary Report.**

7. **Acknowledgement of Donations, Contributions & Fundraising.**

Minnesota Statute 123B.02 permits school boards to “...receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the

benefit of the district, and for the benefit of pupils thereof.”

Therefore, the Superintendent recommends the following resolution:

“BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No.314 that the School Board accepts with appreciation the following contributions and permits their use as designated by the donors.”

Donation from	Donation to	Amount	Use
B.E.P.O	1st Gr. - Kyrach Albers	\$1,054	Como Zoo Field Trip
Anonymous	Braham Schools	\$420	Basketball playoff - Fan bus
Marion Larson	Jazz Band	\$100	Timber Pines performance
Eystad Trucking	Softball Team	\$500	Spring Training Florida Trip
Gary Johnson - Scholarship	Braham Schools	\$1,162	Gary Johnson Scholarship
Helen Johnson - Scholarship	Braham Schools	\$3,489.21	Helen Johnson Scholarship
Braham Knights of Columbus	Braham Schools	\$1,000	JH Locker room project
B.A.C.K	Senior Class	\$686.25	Signs for graduates in the City Park.
B.A.C.K	Track & Field Team	\$1,600.00	Track Boss subscription, 2 ipads, 2 cases

8. **Elementary Principal’s report.**

Braham Area Elementary
 March 2025 Board Report

1. AMPACT Tutors

- Last week was Americorp Tutor recognition week. Thanks to Chelsea White, Noelle Franke, and Charito Franke for all their work with our students.

2. Challenger Deep

- Our third Challenger Deep winners have been posted on the website. Please take a look at some of the great writers in 3rd - 6th grade!

3. READ Act & Reading Curriculum

- We will be meeting to determine if we have any further questions or need more information before we make our decision.
- Our goal is to have materials in the hands of teachers before summer.

4. Showcase Night

- Wednesday, May 21.
- We will also have a book fair in the elementary media center.

5. Site Visit

- Aitor Leniz and Shandell Harvey traveled to Pierz to meet with teachers and observe lessons.
- They came away with several strategies we can implement to improve teaching and learning.
- Thanks Shandell and Aitor!

6. TEAM Award

- Shandell Harvey & Aitor Leniz. Shandell & Aitor are 5th grade teachers in our district. They traveled to Pierz Elementary to observe and visit with classroom teachers to look for ways to improve our teaching and learning. Thanks for going above and beyond Aitor and Shandell!
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9. High School Principal/ Activities Director report.

HS Principal / Activities Director

School Board Report

March 17, 2025

1. All of our students in grades 8-11 have gone through and completed the registration process during the week of March 4-7.
2. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held at the high school on Monday, March 3.
3. The last day of school for the third quarter is Thursday, March 20.
4. The Spring Play, *Robin Hood*, was performed on Friday, March 14, Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16. A great job by all involved. Thank you to Tracy Fix, Tammi Johnson, Bryan Johnson, all of our student participants, and the countless volunteers for a great weekend!
5. Winter Sports playoff results:
 - a. Congratulations to our state entrant Isabelle Shockman!
 - i. Izzy Shockman won her first two matches by pinning her opponent, then lost in the championship. Izzy finished in 2nd place overall for #118 Girls. Great job Izzy!
 - b. Our Girls Basketball team:
 - i. Beat East Central 82-20
 - ii. Beat Swanville 67-58 in OT
 - iii. Beat Upsala 65-53
 - iv. Lost to Walker-Hackensack-Akeley 61-59 in O.T.
 - c. Our Boys Basketball team:
 - i. Beat Mille Lacs 82-4
 - ii. Beat East Central 70-61.
 - iii. To Be Continued: Play Upsala at Foley HS on Wednesday, March 12 at 7:00 p.m.
6. Spring Sports:
 - a. Girls Softball, Boys and Girls Track and Field, and Baseball (conditioning) started on Monday, March 10.
 - b. Baseball (full practice) and Boys and Girls Golf both begin on Monday, March 17.
7. I will have spring participation numbers to report at the next meeting.
8. The choir and band both had a MSHSL Large Group contest in Rush City on Thursday, March 6 and both earned an excellent rating.

9. Math Masters Competitions:
 - a. 4th grade is on April 29th in Sartell
 - b. 5th grade is on April 11th in Duluth
 - c. 6th grade is on May 1 in Sartell

10. Congratulations to Coach Zach Loy who has earned the Great River Conference and Section 5A Girls Basketball Coach of the Year Awards. Chris Grote was also named the Section 5A Assistant Girls Basketball Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Coach Loy, Coach Grote and the girls basketball players on a tremendous season!

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Kuhnke

10. **Flight 707 Principal's Update**

11. **Superintendent's report.**

Braham Area Schools #314
Superintendent Report
March 17, 2025

1. Braham Area Education Foundation meeting update - February 24, 2025:
 - a. \$16,000 will be available in grants for the 2025 calendar year.
 - b. May 3, 2025 Gala planning continued. Expecting to recognize the 2004 - 2006 three peat champions.

2. Tusen Tack Board meeting update - February 25, 2025:
 - a. Bylaws were updated with minor corrections.
 - b. Becky Turnquist will continue as board president through the 2025-2026 term.
 - c. Next meeting is the annual meeting to be held March 25, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

3. Grandy Lions meeting update - March 3, 2025:
 - a. Several donations given including a \$5,000 (Platinum Sponsor) for the Ed. Foundation Gala on May 3.
 - b. Pancake Feed will be Sunday, May 4 from 8:00 - Noon.

4. Braham Chamber of Commerce meeting highlights - March 11, 2025:
 - a. The Chamber welcomed two new members: Vasaloppet USA and Outback Saloon & Grill.
 - b. Planning is ongoing for City Wide Garage Sales (May 1-3) and Appreciation Day (June 7).
 - c. Community Calendar events due April 17, 2025
 - d. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 8 @ 5:00 p.m.

5. RRSEC Executive Council meeting highlights - March 12, 2025:
 - a. FY '26 budget was approved with an overall increase of 3.72%
 - b. A new JPA regarding construction of a RRN facility was approved with an understanding Ogilvie will vote for a third time. This will now go to the Governing Board, and if approved, to the

Roxanne Kirby, Daniel Huseman, Eddie Cease, Kyras Albers, Aaron Christensen	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for volunteering your time and effort in securing funding for the school district. This is a great example of a SERVICE attitude in action and makes a significant impact on student learning.
Izzy Shockman, Jake Andres, Jim Bremer, Devin Wagner	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your contribution in earning a 2025 trip to the MN State High School League Wrestling Tournament. Students involved in quality extra curricular programming have high rates of success beyond high school. Your leadership and commitment to excellence makes a difference.
Izzy Shockman	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for earning the 2024-2025 Great River Conference Female Wrestler of the Year Award. Your commitment to excellence makes a difference. Congratulations!
Aaron Christensen	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your extra efforts and leadership in organizing district inventory & financial management resulting in increased organizational efficiencies. Your determination and perseverance is greatly appreciated.
Zach Loy	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for earning the 2024-2025 Great River Conference Coach of the Year Award for Girl's Basketball. Your leadership and commitment to excellence makes a difference. Congratulations!
Zach Loy	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for earning the 2024-2025 Section 5A Coach of the Year Award for Girl's Basketball. Your leadership and commitment to excellence makes a difference. Congratulations!
Chris Grote	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for earning the 2024-2025 Section 5A Assistant Coach of the Year Award for Girl's Basketball. Your leadership and commitment to excellence makes a difference. Congratulations!
Zach Loy, Becky Swanson, Chris Grote, Maddy Eklund, Avery Shockman, Marailey Miers, Emily Davis, Makenzie Golly, Ayla Anderson, Morgan Rysdam, Olivia Heikes, Bristol Lakeberg, Jenna Beck, Alex Rysdam, Bridget Golly, Lauren Leniz, Avery Johnson, Ava Kuhnke, Grace Kuhnke, Hannah Sward	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize you for your part in earning 2025 Great River Conference Girls Basketball Small Schools Championship status. Students involved in quality extra curricular programming have high rates of success beyond high school and your commitment to excellence makes a difference. Congratulations!
Bryan Johnson, Shannon Wood, Tom Kingsland, Braham Bus Company, Robin Wetter, Diana Gay	Braham Area School District #314 would like to thank you for your work in support of the 2025 Empty Bowls Braham Food Shelf fundraiser. Connecting the school and community in service is a true example of Bomber Pride!
Lori Auers, Stephanie White, Lauren Kiesz, Andrea DeRushia, Andy Olson, Connie Gelle	Braham Area School District #314 would like to express our appreciation for your participation in Kindergarten Round-Up 2025. Your efforts to promote and serve the district are shining examples of what it takes to be a school of excellence.
Bryan Johnson and HS Band	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize the 2024-2025 HS Band and Director Bryan Johnson for attaining an Excellent rating at the March 6, 2025 contest. Commitment to excellence is one of the two pillars of ISD #314. Congratulations!
Shannon Wood and HS Choir	Braham Area School District #314 would like to recognize the 2024-2025 HS Choir and Director Shannon Wood for attaining an Excellent rating at the March 6, 2025 contest. Commitment to excellence is one of the two pillars of ISD #314. Congratulations!

13. Student Council Representative's report.

BAHS Student Council

School Blood Drive: Student Council will be hosting a blood drive through the American Red Cross on Tuesday, April 1st, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please sign up if you are able to donate blood.

Feed My Starving Children Event: Our group will be volunteering at Feed My Starving Children on Wednesday, April 30th (along with our NHS chapter).

Braham Education Foundation Gala: Our group still plans on volunteering at the Braham Education Foundation Gala, on Saturday, May 3rd, at the Braham Event Center.

Cell Phone Assistance Class: Our February 27th Cell Phone Assistance Class went very well! Our volunteers consisted of Luke M, Ava J, Allie, Micah, Brandon, MaKayla, Hannah, Bruce, and Liz W, but we may sub in some different people for next time. On March 27th, another Cell Phone Assistance Class will take place (no time specified, but likely from 1:00 to 2:00 like the past classes).

Recycling and Announcements: We will continue picking up recycling throughout the school and reading morning announcements and the Pledge of Allegiance on Fridays.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ava Johnson, BAHS Student Council Executive Committee Member

14. **School Board members' reports/updates.**

15. **Consider approval of an additional JH Softball Coach.**

AD is recommending an additional JH Softball Coach, Kayla Chilson (Lane 4, step 1). Due to increased numbers of players at the JH level.

Activity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
JH Softball	26	13	x	17	18	18	18
JH Baseball	14	12	x	16	19	19	21

16. **First of three readings to policy #713.** *Policy was scanned in addendums. No action taken at this time.*

17. **Consider cycle review of district policies for adoption.**

#101.2 - MEMORIAL / NAMING POLICY

#534 UNPAID MEAL CHARGES

#602 - ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL DAY

#604 INSTRUCTIONAL CURRICULUM

#605 - ALTERNATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

18. **Reminder of Upcoming meetings:**

- Thursday, April 3 Meet & Confer Committee 5:30 p.m. (Kayla, John, Mike)
 - Monday, April 7 Building & Grounds Committee 3:30 p.m. (David, Allison, John)
 - Monday, April 21 Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 p.m
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19. **Adjourn.**
