

**CITY OF BILOXI
AGENDA ITEM
FACT SHEET**

Item No.: 5C

Council Meeting Date: June 2, 2026

ITEM TITLE: RESOLUTION
 INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich
 CONTACT PERSON: Rick Weaver, CAO

SUMMARY EXPLANATION:
 Resolution approving Bond of Biloxi Public School Board Member Patrick R. Buchanan providing for filing and recording of same.

Resolution Ordinance _____ Public Hearing _____ Routine Agenda _____

Exhibits for Review

Contract _____ Minutes _____ Plans/Maps _____ Deed _____ Lease _____
 Other (Specify): Exhibit "A"

Submittal Authorization: Council President _____ Mayor

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Mayor recommends approval.

COUNCIL ACTION: Motion By: _____ Second By: _____

Vote:	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST	Councilmember	Yes	No	AFR	ABST
	Gray	___	___	___	___	Tisdale	___	___	___	___
	Marshall	___	___	___	___	Glavan	___	___	___	___
	Nail	___	___	___	___	Shoemaker	___	___	___	___
	Creel	___	___	___	___					

ACTION TAKEN:

Resolution No. _____

RESOLUTION APPROVING BOND OF BILOXI PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
PATRICK R. BUCHANAN PROVIDING FOR FILING AND RECORDING OF SAME

WHEREAS, Section 25-1-19(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, provides that any bond required by statute of a municipal official or officer must be approved by the governing authorities and filed and recorded in the office of the Municipal Clerk; and,

WHEREAS, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District is arguably a “municipal officer” for purposes of that statute; and,

WHEREAS, Patrick R. Buchanan has been appointed and approved as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi School District and has submitted to the Municipal Clerk her proof of bond, which should now be approved as required by statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

As required by Section 25-1-19(2), Mississippi Code of 1972, the bond of Biloxi Public School District Board of Trustee member Amber Guess, copy of which is attached as an Exhibit “A” hereto, is hereby received, accepted, and approved by the governing authorities of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, is acknowledged as having been filed with the Municipal Clerk of the City of Biloxi, and is hereby recorded as a part of the records of the City of Biloxi as a part of its minutes.



Liberty Mutual Surety
Attention: LMS Claims
P.O. Box 34526
Seattle, WA 98124
Phone: 206-473-6700
Fax: 866-442-4060
Email: HOSCL@libertymutual.com
https://claims-intake.libertymutualsurety.com

PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

No. 016238903

That we Patrick R. Buchanan
of 997 Wildwood Lane ~ Biloxi, MS 39532

(Insert Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Principal)

, as Principal and The Ohio Casually Insurance Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, (hereinafter called the Surety, are held and firmly bound unto Biloxi Public School District
P. O. Box 168 ~ Biloxi, MS 39533

(Insert Full Name [top line] and Address [bottom line] of Obligee)

in the aggregate and non-cumulative penal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars And Zero Cents
(\$50,000.00) DOLLARS, for the payment of which, well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

WHEREAS, the said Principal has been elected or appointed to (or holds by operation of law) the office of appointed
School Board Member for a term beginning on March 16, 2026 and ending on March 16, 2031.

Now, therefore, the condition of this Obligation is such that if the said Principal shall well, truly and faithfully perform all official duties required by law of such official during the term aforesaid, then this obligation shall be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect, subject to the following conditions:

First: That the Surety may, if it shall so elect, cancel this bond by giving thirty (30) days notice in writing to Biloxi Public School District
P. O. Box 168 ~ Biloxi, MS 39533 and

this bond shall be deemed canceled at the expiration of said thirty (30) days, the Surety remaining liable, however, subject to all the terms, conditions and provisions of this bond, for any act or acts covered by this bond which may have been committed by the Principal up to the date of such cancelation; and the Surety shall, upon surrender of this bond and its release from all liability hereunder, refund the premium paid, less a pro rate part thereof for the time this bond shall have been in force.

Second: That the Surety shall not be liable hereunder for the loss of any public moneys or funds occurring through or resulting from the failure of, or default in payment by, any banks or depositories in which any public moneys or funds have been deposited, or may be deposited, or placed to the credit, or under the control of the Principal, whether or not such banks or depositories were or may be selected or designed by the Principal or by other persons; or by reason of the allowance to, or acceptance by the Principal of any interest on said public moneys or funds, any law, decision, ordinance or statute to the contrary notwithstanding.

Third: That the Surety shall not be liable for any loss or losses, resulting from the failure of the Principal to collect any taxes, licenses, levies, assessments, etc., with the collection of which he may be chargeable by reason of his election or appointment as aforesaid.

SIGNED, SEALED and DATED March 9, 2026.

Patrick R. Buchanan

The Ohio Casually Insurance Company



By: Susan Skrmelta
Susan Skrmelta, Attorney-in-Fact

OATH OF OFFICE

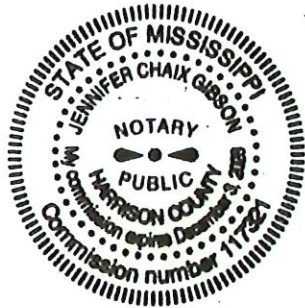
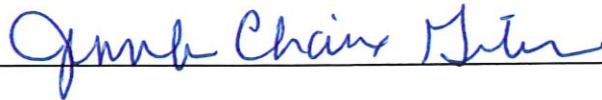
STATE OF Mississippi }
County of Harrison } SS

I, Patrick R. Buchanan,
do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution of The United States and the Constitution of the
State of Mississippi and that I will discharge the duties of my office of School Board Member
with fidelity; that I have not
paid or contributed, or promised to pay or contribute, either directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing to procure my
nomination or election (or appointment), except for necessary and proper expenses expressly authorized by law; that I have not
knowingly violated any election law of this State, or procured it to be done by others in my behalf; that I will not knowingly receive,
directly or indirectly, any money or other valuable thing for the performance or non-performance of any act or duty pertaining to my
office than the compensation allowed by law. So help me God.



Patrick R. Buchanan

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18 day of March, 2026





POWER OF ATTORNEY

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

Certificate No: 0214697-016030

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS: That The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Hampshire, that Liberty Mutual Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, and West American Insurance Company is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana (herein collectively called the "Companies")...

all of the city of Gulfport state of MS each individually if there be more than one named, its true and lawful attorney-in-fact to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver, for and on its behalf as surety and as its act and deed, any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations...

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Power of Attorney has been subscribed by an authorized officer or official of the Companies and the corporate seals of the Companies have been affixed thereto this 3rd day of September, 2025.



Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company
West American Insurance Company

By: Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary

State of PENNSYLVANIA ss
County of MONTGOMERY

On this 3rd day of September, 2025 before me personally appeared Nathan J. Zangerle, who acknowledged himself to be the Assistant Secretary of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, The Ohio Casualty Company, and West American Insurance Company, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, execute the foregoing instrument for the purposes herein contained by signing on behalf of the corporations by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my notarial seal at Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, on the day and year first above written.



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public
Montgomery County
My commission expires March 28, 2029
Commission number 1126044
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

By: Teresa Pastella
Teresa Pastella, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following By-laws and Authorizations of The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company which resolutions are now in full force and effect reading as follows:

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS: Section 12. Power of Attorney.

Any officer or other official of the Corporation authorized for that purpose in writing by the Chairman or the President, and subject to such limitation as the Chairman or the President may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Corporation to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations...

ARTICLE XIII - Execution of Contracts: Section 5. Surety Bonds and Undertakings.

Any officer of the Company authorized for that purpose in writing by the chairman or the president, and subject to such limitations as the chairman or the president may prescribe, shall appoint such attorneys-in-fact, as may be necessary to act in behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations...

Certificate of Designation - The President of the Company, acting pursuant to the Bylaws of the Company, authorizes Nathan J. Zangerle, Assistant Secretary to appoint such attorneys-in-fact as may be necessary to act on behalf of the Company to make, execute, seal, acknowledge and deliver as surety any and all undertakings, bonds, recognizances and other surety obligations.

Authorization - By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors, the Company consents that facsimile or mechanically reproduced signature of any assistant secretary of the Company, wherever appearing upon a certified copy of any power of attorney issued by the Company in connection with surety bonds, shall be valid and binding upon the Company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

I, Renee C. Llewellyn, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary, The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, and West American Insurance Company do hereby certify that the original power of attorney of which the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, is in full force and effect and has not been revoked.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seals of said Companies this 9th day of March, 2026.



By: Renee C. Llewellyn, Assistant Secretary

Not valid for mortgage, note, loan, letter of credit, currency rate, interest rate or residual value guarantees.

For bond and/or Power of Attorney (POA) verification inquiries, please call 610-832-8240 or email HOSUR@libertymutual.com.

OATH OF OFFICE – SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

I, Patrick R. Buchanan, do solemnly swear that I will faithfully support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, and obey the laws thereof; that I am not disqualified from holding the office of member of the Biloxi Public School District Board of Trustees; and, that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

Signed: 
PATRICK R. BUCHANAN

Date: 03/18/2026

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON

Sworn to and signed before me, a notary public in and for the State of Mississippi, **Patrick R. Buchanan**, recently appointed member of the Board of Trustees of the Biloxi Public School District by the Biloxi City Council and Mayor on this the 18th day of March, 2026.


NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

