

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building

October 10, 2022

6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Corporation Communications Specialist; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler, Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Tara Cocanower and Nick Miller, faculty members; Jeff Kyle, Marci Klopfenstein, Scott Turmail, Shelly Turmail, Shaylee Turmail and Abby Broderick, interested patrons; and Holly Gaskill, News-Banner representative.

President Thompson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

President Thompson opened the meeting by congratulating the Boys' Cross Country team for winning the ACAC championship, noting this is the first time in 24 years that Bluffton High School has won the Cross Country Sectional Championship. President Thompson also noted that the district will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 13, for which she thanked our faculty for their time and effort to connect directly with families.

President Thompson noted there were no registered public commenters to speak at the meeting.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on September 19, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of September 20, 2022, through October 10, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for September was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for September was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Dr. Yates introduced Mrs. Tara Cocanower, the 2023 Indiana Teacher of the Year. A brief video was shared showing the announcement at the high school, and Mrs. Cocanower expressed her gratitude for the support she has received from BHMSD.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on curriculum, instruction and grading, transportation, professional development and an insurance claim.

Dr. Yates reported on district projects, including the "Our Town" safety village and traffic pattern improvement, marketing and communication, and the IDOE Learns Program.

Dr. Yates reported there are no further updates at this time for the Middle School Roof Replacement and Improvements Project, as the next phase of renovation will be underway over fall break, beginning October 17. Also, there is no further progress to report on the High School HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Project, as future work will be completed in 2023.

Mr. Nick Miller presented preliminary plans and requested the Board's approval to pursue a 12-day European study trip to Germany, Austria, Italy and the Vatican during the summer of 2024 or 2025. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Kristan Trout	High School Cheerleader Sponsor
Sarah Moser	High School Cheerleader/Assistant

The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

Todd Drayer	Substitute Teacher
Autumn Frank	Substitute Teacher
Alyssa Toland	Substitute Teacher
Tiffany Winebrenner	Childcare Employee
Kalina Blanton	Childcare Employee
Intent to Employ	Special Education Bus Aide
Schlaura Linderwell	HS Girls' Swimming/Assistant Volunteer
Jenny Boyd	HS Girls' Swimming/Assistant Volunteer
Hunter Cunningham	Future Tiger Sharks Swim Camp Volunteer
Erica Bittner	Future Tiger Sharks Swim Camp Volunteer
Jenny Boyd	Future Tiger Sharks Swim Camp Volunteer
Intent to Employ	High School Cheerleader Sponsor
Intent to Employ	High School Cheerleader/Assistant
Intent to Employ	English Language Learners Instructional Assistant

The Board approved changes to the following policies on second reading as presented. The motion to approve by Bruce Holland and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

HE	Board Negotiating Agents
IAB	Student Achievement Policy
IGAD	Vocational Education
IGBA	Programs for Handicapped Students/Least Restrictive Environment

The Board approved changes to the following policies on first reading as presented, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

IGBAA	Educational Surrogate Parent Policy
IIBGB	Bring Your Own Technology Policy
IGBE	Title I Parent Involvement
IGDB	Student Publications

The Board approved a change to the 2022-2023 Childcare Handbook, as presented, which notes that only students enrolled in the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District may participate in the BHMSD Childcare program. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2021-2023 Tentative Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented. The tentatively agreed upon contract, now ratified by the Bluffton-Harrison Teachers' Association, provides a significant base salary increase for a majority of BHMSD teachers, with increases up to \$5,248. The average base salary increase for teachers is 5.7%. Dr. Yates thanked Mrs. Kim Mayer, co-President of BHTA for her hours of commitment and attention to detail as she served as the lead negotiator for the teachers' association. The motion to approve by Bruce Holland and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2023 Budget (Correlated File #2223-08), Capital Projects Plan (Correlated File #2223-09), Bus Replacement Plan (Correlated File #2223-10), Resolution to Adopt Capital Projects Plan (Correlated File #2223-11), Resolution to Adopt Bus Replacement Plan (Correlated File #2223-12) and Notice of Adoption of the 2023 Budget (Form 4) (Correlated File #2223-13) as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Yates informed the Board of the upcoming BHES PTO Board Candidate Forum on October 11.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. on a motion by Trent White and second by Bruce Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Julie A. Samson
Bruce E. Holland

Mike Murray
Angie Sheets
Trent White