

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building

June 21, 2021

6:20 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, June 21, 2021, with all members present. Bruce Holland attended virtually. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker and Rick Mettler, Administrators; Jim Elizondo from Stifel, Colin Andrews from Andrews & Crell, April Dunwiddie, new faculty member; Steve Frettinger, interested patron; and Dave Schultz, News Banner representative.

President Thompson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:20 P.M. at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on May 17, 2021, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of May 18, 2021, through June 21, 2021, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for May was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for May was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on COVID-19 updates, grant updates, transportation activities, an insurance claim update and results of the district garage sale.

Dr. Yates updated the Board on district projects, the pre-budget worksheet and personnel exchange, results of the State Board of Accounts audit, coverage of the Debt Service payments, SEBT insurance updates, and the IEERB Compliance report.

Dr. Yates shared the end-of year nursing reports and commended Javon Steffen, Bethany Clem and Darcy Isch for their combined efforts to maintain efficient school clinic records and all the extra work that was performed throughout the school year with Covid-19 responsibilities added into their regular duties.

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

Kylie Hermanson	MS Health Teacher
Michaela Meagher	MS Lang. Arts Teacher
Abby Steffen	MS Phys Ed Support Asst.
Lora Christine Williams	MS Spec. Ed Asst.
Laken Etzler	HS Spec. Ed Asst.
Jasmine Hurry	Childcare Supervisor

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

Lacey Meyer	Grade 1 Teacher
April Dunwiddie	MS ACT/COM Teacher
Laken Etzler	MS Business Teacher
Abby Steffen	MS Health Teacher
Lisa Uggen	HS Science Teacher
Kalynn Adkins	ES Sp. Ed Instr. Assistant
Shayna Dudley	ES Sp. Ed Instr. Assistant
Tristan Dick	Transfer from Title 1 Instr. Assistant to MS Phys. Ed Support Assistant
Kierra Kinsey	MS Sp. Ed Instr. Assistant
Cassie Goodwin	MS Sp. Ed Instr. Assistant
Lauren Smith	ES PAT Member
Megan Weldy	ES PAT Member
Lindsay Schroeder	ES PAT Member
Tammy Funk	ES PAT Member
Gretchen Grau	ES PAT Member
Erica Bittner	ES PAT Member
Zella Walborn	ES PAT Member
Bev Balash	MS Team Leader
Tyson Brooks	MS Team Leader & MS Academic Bowl Coach
Kim Mayer	MS Team Leader
Marah Hill	MS Team Leader
Steve Abbett	MS Team Leader
Kate Farlee	MS Team Leader & MS Student Council
Kemper Amstutz	MS Student Council
Laura Xayyachack	MS Academic Bowl Coach
Carla Alspaugh	MS Academic Bowl Coach
Liz Claghorn	MS Academic Bowl Coach
Clarissia Tijerina	MS High Ability Coordinator
Jill Bollenbacher	HS Team Leader
Jackie Chaney	HS Team Leader
John Price	HS Team Leader
Vicki Van Matre	HS Team Leader
Kevin Powell	HS Team Leader
Tami Wuest	HS Team Leader
Schlaura Linderwell	CPI Trainer Stipend
Eric Mounsey	CPI Trainer Stipend

The Board approved FMLA for Jerry Murray from 6/16/21 through 7/16/21 as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed by a vote of 4-0 with Mike Murray abstaining from the vote.

The Board approved the 2021-2022 school lunch prices as presented. There will be no increase to lunch prices since the IDOE will be providing free lunches to all K-12 students once again for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Trent White passed unanimously. Meal pricing will remain the same as the 2020-2021 school year and continue to be:

Elem student lunch	\$2.75
MS student lunch	\$2.75
HS student lunch	\$2.85
All student breakfast	\$1.90
Adult breakfast	\$2.10
Adult lunch	\$3.40

The Board approved the Region 8 ESC Food Service Bids for 2021-2022 as presented on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Mike Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

Milk & Dairy	Prairie Farms
Bread & Bakery	Aunt Millies
Cafeteria Food/Supplies &	Gordon Food Service
Pass Thru Value Added Commodities	

The Board approved policy JC (Student Engagement and Attendance Policy for Virtual or Remote Learning) on first reading as presented. Updates include aligning the policy to limit the use of virtual or remote learning to temporary health concerns causing the student to be unable to attend school in person based upon proper medical documentation and building principal approval. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy AFCB (Beginning Educator Residency Program) on second reading as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The following policies were reviewed, with no changes necessary, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion to approve the following policies by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

BFD	Policy Dissemination
BFE	Administration in Policy Absence
BFF	Suspension of Policies
BHD	Board Member Compensation and Expenses
BJ	School District Memberships
JBCA	Transfer Students

The Board approved the 2021-2022 Student Handbooks as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

The Board approved a Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Operations Fund to the Rainy Day Fund (Correlated File #2021-31) for the purposes of future projects at the high school. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

On a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets, the Board approved the BHMSD Healthy Operations Plan (Correlated File #2021-32) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The plan states as such:

“Beginning July 1, 2021, Indiana is no longer under a public health emergency as declared by the Governor; therefore, BHMSD will return to standard operational practices that follow board policy and student handbook guidelines concerning the health and safety of our students, staff, and school community.”

Dr. Yates thanked Bruce Holland for attending virtually and informed the Board members that he is working with Stylus for new solutions concerning virtual attendance. Dr. Yates also mentioned that he will be in contact with the ISBA concerning policy review and new policy management.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. on a motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Mike M

Bruce E Holland

Julie A Langston
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