

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
Nov. 16, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, November 16, 2020, with all members present. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler and Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Steve Thompson, Athletic Director; Steve Frettinger interested patron; Angie Sheets and Trent White, newly elected board members, and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

President Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

President Murray opened the meeting by commending iTOWN Church for sponsoring free groceries for the community on November 17th at the elementary school. President Murray also thanked the administration and staff for working diligently through all the pandemic issues, and lastly he acknowledged Mrs. Angie Sheets and Mr. Trent White for their meeting attendance prior to taking their seats on the board starting in January of 2021.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Steve Frettinger inquired about the state of the district with COVID-19. Dr. Yates replied that an update regarding COVID-19 will be included in the Superintendent Report and Assistant Superintendent Report

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 19, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of October 20, 2020, through November 16, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for October was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for October was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mr. Thompson presented information regarding the winter sports venues during the pandemic and Bruce Holland thanked him for keeping everyone up to date on sporting activities.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on transportation issues, professional development opportunities, school safety and COVID-19 updates.

Dr. Yates updated the Board on district projects, an updated continuous learning plan, the State Board of Accounts audit process, staff compensation, an enrollment update and district marketing efforts.

Dr. Yates shared that BHMSD is recognized as a "Red Wagon Corporation" by Riley Children's Hospital for the school year 2019-2020.

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

Tim Pfister	6 th Grade Science Teacher
Ashley Ayres	MS Spec. Ed. Instructional Asst.

The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

Kevin Mechling	Transfer from Spec. Purpose Bus Driver to Substitute Driver and afternoon shuttle driver
Lori Wolfgang	Spec. Purpose Bus Driver (start date change from 1/4/21 to 11/17/20)
Ryan Thompson	HS Asst. Wrestling Coach (volunteer)
Marah Hill	MS Swim Coach
Hunter Cunningham	MS Swim Coach & MS Diving Coach
Gwen Drayer	Substitute Teacher
Gina Pence	Substitute Teacher
Madeline Wenger	Substitute Teacher
Intent-to-Employ	6 th Grade Science Teacher
Intent-to-Employ	MS Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Tim Cooley	Long Term Substitute (V. Van Matre)

The Board approved FMLA for the following personnel as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Laura Reifsteck	11/23/20 – 12/18/20
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The Board approved the following donations to the elementary school as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.


Cheryl Rethlake family	\$1,000 and 3 boxes of books
Sarah Shaw	Box of shoes, Halloween costume, and large box of books
Angela Martin	4 boxes of books

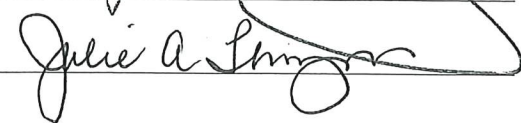
The Board approved updates to policy EBB (Suicide Awareness and Prevention) and EBB-R (Suicide Awareness and Prevention Administrative Regulations Guidelines) on first reading as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously. Changes include the appointment of a District Suicide Prevention Coordinator and clarification of professional development for staff.

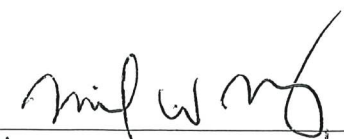
The Board approved the Resolution for Local Income Tax Distribution (Correlated File #2021-12) as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 P.M. on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:







Bruce E. Holland

