

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
March 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, March 16, 2020, with all members present. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler and Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Steve Frettinger and Warren McLellan, interested patrons; and Juanita McLellan, News Banner representative.

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

President Murray opened the meeting by extending appreciation for the work of teachers and staff to prepare for the weeks of eLearning ahead and for their patience and understanding as information is rapidly changing in regard to school closings. Mr. Murray reiterated that work will be ongoing to keep staff informed in regard to the safety of all.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 10, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of February 10, 2020, through March 16, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Reports for January and February were approved by consensus.

The Bank Statements for January and February were approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mrs. Meitzler provided an update on curriculum, school safety, the Wells County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, and professional development.

Dr. Yates provided a Superintendent's report to the Board. The report highlighted district projects, the creation of a Students on Suspension (SOS) Program, a collective bargaining report, submission of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Report, health and safety concerns of students and staff, a Kindergarten registration update, and submission of the recent IDOE ADM estimate.

President Murray provided an update on the work of the General Assembly.

Dr. Yates informed the Board that Mrs. Laura Fiechter was awarded a \$1,000 grant from Nextech to continue building the computer science program at Bluffton Middle School. Only five schools across Indiana received this award during Computer Science Week which was December 9-13.

Dr. Yates reported that the high school graduation date will be Friday, May 29th pending any more school day or weather day interruptions.

The Board approved the retirement request from Ginny Vogel as presented and with appreciation for 27.5 years of service to the District. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented. The motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Josey Kahn	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Melissa Thompson	ES Library Instructional Asst.
Jennifer Lambert	MS Track Coach
Tiffany Jellison	Substitute Teacher

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

Joyce Gerber	PK Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Bev Balash	Summer Textbook Coordinator
Alivia Smith	Student Childcare worker
Adam Atkins	Asst. Boys Golf (volunteer)
Ben Powers	Asst. Softball (volunteer)
Cheyenne Penrod	Asst. Softball (volunteer)
Stephanie White	MS Track Coach
Lanette Mason	Long Term Substitute (E. Noble)
Lori Williamson	Long Term Substitute (L. Meyer)
Madison Bowman	Substitute Teacher
Marlene Borkholder	Substitute Teacher
Ryan Nash	Substitute Teacher
Intent-to-Employ	ES Library Instructional Asst.
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On a motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland, the Board approved ratification of suspension with pay for Todd Morgan on the dates of March 3rd and 4th as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Bruce Holland, the Board approved ratification of suspension without pay for Jonathan Morgan on the dates of March 12th, 13th, and 16th as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following requests for FMLA as presented. The motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Marie Masterson	3/4/20 - 3/30/20
Jodie Leyse	4/13/20 - 5/29/20

The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously with appreciation.

Verizon-Bluffton	School supply kits for Teacher Appreciation
AAM Manufacturing	Donation to school lunch account fund
United Way of Wells Co.	One (1) book to every PK-Gr. 4 student

BAE Systems

\$49.50 for MS student needs

The Board approved the purchase of \$102,658.81 technology infrastructure project as part of the e-Rate Funding Program based upon the recommendation by Scott Ribich as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously

The Board approved policy EEACD (Alcohol and Controlled Substance Testing Policy for CDL Employees) on second reading as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy GBEB-R (Blood-Borne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan Guidelines) on second reading as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed policy GBEB (Prevention of AIDS, HIV and HBV) with no recommended changes by the nursing staff, and approved the deletion of policy GBEB-E1 (Training Form) on second reading as presented. The motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M. on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Bruce Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:






