

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
February 11, 2019
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, February 11, 2019, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler, and Julie Meitzler, Administrators; Jim Hotopp and Allison Harter, interested patrons; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

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

In the first order of business, Mr. Barker asked the Board to amend the agenda to include New Business item A (Increase the pay of the ESL Instructional Assistant position). The motion to amend the agenda by Bruce Holland and second by Heath Schlagenhaut passed unanimously.

President Murray opened the meeting by congratulating the Lady Tigers basketball team for their back-to-back sectional wins and reported that he heard many compliments from patrons and officials during the sectional play at BHS. President Murray also commended Dylan Hernandez, Wyatt Corkwell, and Landon Bertsch for advancing to the semi-state wrestling rounds with Landon Bertsch then moving on to the state level; and Hailey Lewis was congratulated for advancing to the regional diving competition. Lastly, President Murray recognized Cathie Bledsoe, who is a youth educator for the Indiana State Police Internet Crime Against Children Task Force, for an informative convocation for high school students.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on January 14, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Minutes for the Board Finance Meeting held on January 14, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of January 15, 2019, through February 11, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Reports for the month of January, 2019, were approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for the month of January, 2019, was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report for the month of January, 2019, was approved by consensus.

Dr. Yates provided an update on business and transportation issues within the district.

President Murray updated the Board on the work of the General Assembly.

Mr. Barker reported on the decrease in school funding that BHMSD has received over the last 10 years. From 2009 to 2018 the funding has dropped 4% from \$6,878.09 per student to \$6,602.76 per student in the last 10 years.

Mr. Barker recommended adding a new category to the Instructional and Clerical Aides section in the Classified Handbook to include an ESL Assistant position starting at \$12.59 per hour as presented. The motion by Adam Ault and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

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

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| Alisha Leas | MS Spec. Ed Aide |
| Libby Vitatoo | MS Food Service |

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

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| Theresa Sell | Long Term Substitute (for Aimee Lucabaugh) |
| Jasmine Hurry | Asst. Childcare Supervisor |
| Trudy Arnett | MS Food Service |
| Shelbie Vorhees | Temporary Spec. Ed Instructional Asst. (for FMLA Tristan Dick) |
| Ben Sprunger | MS Wrestling |
| Brady Johns | MS Wrestling |
| Robert Flynn | Substitute Teacher |

The Board approved FMLA for Tristan Dick from February 21 through May 30, 2019, as presented. The motion by Adam Ault and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

The Board approved a donation of \$49.50 from Bae Systems to be used for middle school student needs as presented. The motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

On a motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland, the Board approved pay for the following 12 month employees on January 30th when many schools, businesses, and government offices were closed for inclement weather as presented.

Central office staff: Wayne Barker, Brad Yates, Amy Dunwiddie, Brenda Clamme, Julie Frauhiger

Technology staff: Scott Ribich, Ben Dailey, Terry Twigg, Jonathan Morgan

Maintenance staff: Gary Schwartz, Mike Hershey, Bryon Mayer

Custodians: Lorie Baumgartner, Martin Burgan, Clayton Fry, Keith Gerber, Ryan Hanen, Tonya Hoffman, Kevin Holmes, Jerry Murray, Dave Penrod, Troy Sheets, Cary Stewart

Third shift Custodians with 2 days off with pay: Jennifer Cobbum, Angela Irelan, Chris Smith
Also, all CDL bus drivers were granted pay on all eLearning days.

The Board approved policy EBC (Use of Metal Detectors) on second reading as presented. The motion by Adam Ault and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker opened the dialogue in regard to our eLearning practices by asking for flexibility in setting the number of eLearning days that can be used in succession. After much discussion by the Board, it was decided that up to three (3) days can be used in succession for eLearning when Administrators have had sufficient time to provide professional development and ensure that teachers are equipped to provide high quality eLearning activities for three (3) consecutive days. Adam Ault made the motion to approve the change and Bruce Holland seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

On a motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland, the Board approved voiding nine (9) checks totaling \$170.47 as presented according to state statute (IC 5-11-10.5-2). The motion passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M. on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Heath Schlagenhauf. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Bruce E. Holland

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Julie A. Thompson

Note – Minutes will not be signed by Adam Ault due to his death on February 13, 2019.