

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building  
March 18, 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, March 18, 2019, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Rick Mettler and Julie Meitzler, Administrators; Scott Ribich, Director of Technology; Jim Bueter, faculty member; Jim and Marcia Hotopp, 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 a FMLA leave under New Business. The motion to amend by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Amy Dunwiddie administered the *Oath of Office* (Correlated File #1819-24) to Brent Hiday as the new board member to replace Adam Ault.

The first order of business was reorganization of the board due to the passing of Adam Ault. President Murray opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Julie Thompson nominated Heath Schlagenhauf and Bruce Holland seconded the nomination. Heath Schlagenhauf was elected Vice-President by unanimous vote.

President Murray opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Finance. Bruce Holland nominated Brent Hiday and Heath Schlagenhauf seconded the nomination. Brent Hiday was elected Board Secretary and Secretary of the Board of Finance by unanimous vote.

Heath Schlagenhauf was appointed to the Facilities Planning Committee to replace Adam Ault.

During the President's Prerogative, President Murray congratulated the high school boys' basketball team on their sectional success and shared that the team bus driver, Dean Engle, praised the team and coaches for their conduct on and off the floor. Mrs. Randi Simons-Miller and the High School Chamber Choir were commended for their 1<sup>st</sup> place finish in the ISSMA Jazz State Competition.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 11, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Minutes for the Executive Session held on February 28, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on March 4, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of February 12, 2019, through March 18, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

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

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

The Fund Transfer Report for the month of February, 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.

Dr. Yates reviewed the district's past, ongoing, and future school safety projects which included:

- School Safety Specialists
- Entry Renovation (2010; 2015)
- Bus GPS System (2015)
- Protective Window Film (2018-2019)
- Metal Detectors (2018-2019)
- Secured Entry System (2019)
- Employee Identification Cards (2019)
- Visitor Management System (Future)

Handheld wand metal detectors and secured entries are still ongoing developments to enhance school safety.

Mr. Barker reported that Mrs. Robin McCorkle and Mrs. Jennifer Borrer were selected to attend the USDA Produce Safety University in Denver, Colorado during the week of June 3-7, 2019. This is an all-expense paid trip designed for participants to conduct further training with the information they obtain.

Mr. Barker reported that Bluffton High School qualified for the status of a Performance Qualified High School for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 and has requested the last day for seniors be May 29<sup>th</sup> and the last day for underclassmen be May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Baker has announced that high school graduation will be held on Friday, May 31st at 7:30 P.M. pending any potential future fog/snow days.

The Board approved FMLA for Melody Moyer from March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup> on a motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the retirement request from Kevin Leising as the middle school Tiger Club math interventions teacher as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously with appreciation for his 14 years of service to the district.

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

Jennifer Lambert	IREAD Summer School Teacher
Megan Johnson	IREAD Summer School Teacher
Stephany Medina	Kdg. Summer School Teacher
Sarah Miller	Grade 1 Summer School Teacher
Sarah Jackson	Grade 1 Summer School Teacher
Taylor Reed	Grade 2 Summer School Teacher
Griselda Martinez	Transfer from Substitute Teacher to ESL Instructional Asst.
Bailli Stuller	MS Girls Asst. Track (volunteer)
Jackson Lambert	HS Girls Asst. Track (1/2 stipend)
Eric Gerdes	HS Asst. Baseball (volunteer)
Shane Little	MS Boys Asst. Track
Chelsea Brugman	Substitute Teacher
Kaytlin Hart	Substitute Teacher
Zachary Petree	Substitute Teacher
Tiffani Sutherland	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved a request from Jim Bueter to take the band to Hawaii in March of 2020 as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2019-2020 Band Handbook as presented on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Heath Schlagenhauf. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved a fund transfer from the Operations Fund to the School Lunch Fund based upon a recent audit by the Indiana Department of Education of the School Lunch Fund. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Scott Ribich presented survey results on the replacement of student devices starting in the 2019-2020 school year. Based upon input from the technology committee, faculty members and survey results, a recommendation was made to approve Apple iPads for grades K-4. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously. On a separate motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Brent Hiday, the Lenovo 500e Chromebook was selected for use in grades 5-12. The motion passed unanimously.

In final business of the evening, Mr. Barker reminded the board that Professional Development and Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M. on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Heath Schlagenhauf. The motion passed unanimously.

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Brent Hickey  
Mike My

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