

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building

January 14, 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, January 14, 2019, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker and Julie Meitzler, Administrators; Jim Hotopp, Marcia Hotopp, Doug Thompson, Alyssa Thompson and Steve Frettinger, interested patrons; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

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

Amy Dunwiddie administered the *Oath of Office* to all Board Members present (Correlated File #1819-19).

Requirements for the first meeting in January include the reorganization of offices and the floor was opened for nominations to elect a new president. Adam Ault nominated Mike Murray and Bruce Holland seconded the nomination. Mike Murray was elected President by unanimous vote.

President Murray then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Heath Schlagenhauf nominated Adam Ault and Bruce Holland seconded the nomination. Adam Ault was elected Vice President by unanimous vote.

President Murray opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Bruce Holland nominated Heath Schlagenhauf and Adam Ault seconded the nomination. Heath Schlagenhauf was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

Board members volunteered to serve on the following committees as presented:

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| Legislative Liaison | Mike Murray |
| Long Range Planning | Bruce Holland |
| Facilities Planning | Adam Ault |
| Negotiations | Julie Thompson |

On a motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Julie Thompson, Brad Yates was reappointed as Corporation Treasurer and Brenda Clamme was reappointed as Deputy Treasurer for the calendar year 2019. The motion passed unanimously.

The services of Andrews & Crell PC as legal counsel, with Colin Andrews as primary counsel, was approved unanimously on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Adam Ault. The district will continue to use the legal services of the ISBA for most legal school matters and Barnes & Thornburg LLP and/or Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim for more extensive legal matters that warrant their expertise such as contract negotiations and employment law.

Mike Murray, as newly elected President, thanked Heath Schlagenhauf for his leadership as president during the last year.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2018, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of December 18, 2018, through January 14, 2019, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Reports for the month of December, 2018, were approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for the month of December, 2018, 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. Baker reported on the 2018 Graduation Rate which was 97.9%.

Mr. Baker also reported on the progress of the Graduation Pathways initiative and the impact these new requirements will have on students at BHMSD. After the presentation, board members felt much more assured about its success and had a clearer understanding of the requirements.

Mr. Barker presented the results of a survey of all teachers conducted by the IDOE at the end of last school year. 100% of BHMSD teachers responded and our district approval rating was much higher in every category than the state average. This speaks to the positive culture we have here at BHMSD.

Mr. Barker provided Organizational Charts for Education and Operations (Correlated File #1819-20) along with a flow chart outlining the district's order of succession as outlined in board policy CI (Temporary Administrative Arrangements).

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

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| Erin Blair | HS Cafeteria |
| Brittany Elliott | Asst. Childcare |
| Ginny Vogel | High Ability Coordinator |
| Aleyce Lowe | Substitute Teacher |
| Briceida Mayorga | ELL Instructional Asst. |

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

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| Chris Smith | MS Custodian |
| Katie Moser | HS Cafeteria |
| Ava Frank | Childcare Program |
| Candice Frus | Childcare Program |
| Intent-to-Employ | ELL Instructional Asst. |

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

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| McDonalds | \$1,500 Mac Grant for 3 Smart Carts for Mrs. Leyse's classes and a camera and lens for Mrs. Burman's class. |
| Bella Vita Salon | \$300 for clothing and a free haircut, highlight, or color to each Alternative School student. |

The Board approved policy EBC (Use of Metal Detectors) on first reading as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously. Bruce Holland stated that he prefers a high quality product in regard to the secured entry systems (buzzers) and also pointed out that the policy as written is specific in nature but also allows for freedom of use in regard to the use of the metal detector wands. Mr. Barker specified that Officer Kurut will be in charge of training administrators in the usage of the metal detector wands.

On a motion by Heath Schlagenhauf and second by Adam Ault, the Board adopted a resolution (Correlated File #1819-21) granting permission for inner-fund borrowing and approval to pay necessary claims between board meetings as permitted by the Indiana State Board of Accounts as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2018 Transfer Resolution (Correlated File #1819-22) as presented and will instruct the Secretary to file with the County Auditor a copy of the transfers and the resolution for certification and transmission to the State Board of Tax Commissioners. The motion by Adam Ault and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2019 Expenditure Goals (Correlated File #1819-23) as presented on a motion by Julie Thompson and second by Adam Ault. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission to participate in standard state and federal grant programs including, but not limited to, Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV as presented on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Heath Schlagenhauf. The motion passed unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Barker informed the Board that he has inquired with the ISBA legal department about board members abstaining from the vote when family members are being recommended for employment that may be in conflict of interest with the board member. Clarification is that this does not constitute a conflict of interest and all board members may vote on these matters.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Marcia Hotopp commended Mr. Baker for the high school reports regarding the Graduation Pathways information and inquired if any state reports are generated showing post-graduation achievement information. Mr. Barker and Mr. Baker replied that the College Grade Report does an excellent job of covering post high school activity and that our students always perform favorably in college compared to their college freshman peers. Mrs. Hotopp also suggested that the Bluffton Historical Society would be an excellent source for students to earn their Service Based Experience.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 P.M. on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Bruce Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Adyn Ault
Karl [Signature]

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Julie A. Shroyer
Bruce E. Holland