

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
January 8, 2018
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, December 18, 2017, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Scott Ribich and Ben Dailey, Technology Dept.; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler, Julie Meitzler, and Steve Thompson, Administrators; Roger Cronkright of Southern Bleachers Co.; Jim Bueter and Brent Kunkel, faculty members; Richard Bricker, Julie Thompson, Chad Sheets, Jerry Sheets, Jim Hotopp, Marcia Hotopp, Troy Eschenbacher, Blake Johnson, Sandy Garber, and Eric Kiefer, interested patrons; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

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

Amy Dunwiddie administered the *Oath of Office* to all Board Members present (Correlated File #1718-16).

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 Heath Schlagenhauf and Mike Murray seconded the nomination. Heath Schlagenhauf was elected President by unanimous vote.

President Schlagenhauf then opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Dawn Frauhiger nominated Brent Hiday and Adam Ault seconded the nomination. Brent Hiday was elected Vice President by unanimous vote.

President Schlagenhauf opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Brent Hiday nominated Mike Murray and Dawn Frauhiger seconded the nomination. Mike Murray was elected Secretary by unanimous vote.

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

Legislative Liaison	Dawn Frauhiger
Long Range Planning	Brent Hiday
Facilities Planning	Adam Ault
Negotiations	Mike Murray

On a motion by Mike Murray and second by Dawn Frauhiger, Brad Yates was reappointed as Corporation Treasurer and Brenda Clamme was reappointed as Deputy Treasurer for the calendar year 2018. 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 Brent Hiday 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 for more extensive matters that warrant their expertise such as contract negotiations and employment law.

During the President's prerogative, President Schlagenhauf acknowledged the successful fundraising efforts for Riley Hospital and asked that Norwell student, Abigail Dugan, remain in the thoughts and prayers of our district.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 18, 2017, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of December 19, 2017, through January 8, 2018, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Reports for the month of December, 2017, were approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for the month of December, 2017, was approved by consensus.

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

Scott Ribich presented bids for the E-Rate Project and recommended accepting the bid from Integrity Network Solutions for \$258,739.55. Dawn Frauhiger made the motion to accept and Brent Hiday seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After being tabled at the last meeting, Mr. Barker again presented options to bring the football stadium up to American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. Just minutes prior to the meeting, Mr. Barker received updated prices for Options A-D. The figures presented at the last meeting were budget estimates and the new costs provided are actual costs specific to our site. The increase to Option A is mostly due to the decayed state of the existing stadium prohibiting a press box to be safely constructed on top of the existing structure. Updated estimates are reflected below.

Option A	New press box on east side, ADA compliance on east side and west side, repairs to grandstand	1,853 seats	\$502,000
Option B	New home bleachers/press box on east side, ADA compliance on west side	1,850 seats	\$545,000
Option C	New home bleachers, press box on west side, ADA compliance/repairs to grandstand	2,503 seats	\$695,375
Option D	New home bleachers/press box on west side, new visitors on east side	1,850 seats	\$666,375
Option E	New home/visitor bleachers on west side, new press box on west side	1,850 seats	\$695,375
Option F	New home/visitor bleachers on east side, new press box on east side	1,850 seats	\$635,000

After discussion among the board members, Mike Murray expressed his preference for Option D for the most optimal overhaul of the facilities with the funds available by replacing with new facilities and not just fixing the old facilities. Dawn Frauhiger and Brent Hiday agreed with the decision to select Option D. Heath Schlagenhaut was not ready to commit to any of the options because of the significant change in the estimates given to them just prior to the start of the meeting. All board members agreed to table any decisions until the January 22nd meeting after further review of the options. Mr. Barker will bring back this topic as unfinished business at the next regular meeting of the board.

The Board approved the retirement request from Deb Johnson as a high school language arts teacher on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Mike Murray as presented. The motion passed unanimously with much appreciation for Mrs. Johnson's 30 years of service to the students of the district.

The board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Ben Sprunger	MS Wrestling
Ryan Corkwell	MS Wrestling
Justin Uptgraft	MS Girls Swim
Hunter Cunningham	MS Boys Swim

On a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger, the Board adopted a resolution (Correlated File #1718-17) 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 a resolution (Correlated File #1718-18) to serve as a one-time fund adjustment to reconcile fund balances with the bank statement as directed by the State Board of Accounts as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

The Board approved the 2018 Expenditure Goals (Correlated File #1718-19) as presented on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Brent Hiday. 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 on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Julie Thompson spoke on behalf of the band and supported an overhaul of the football field to allow bands to enter and exit with ease during the Banks of the Wabash marching contest, which is the largest fundraising effort for the band program, and supports "flipping" sides for the sunshine factor in patrons faces. Marcia Hotopp stated that the Rainy Day Fund implies use for emergencies and asked if there were plans in place for emergencies or natural disasters. Mr. Barker explained that the intent is to grow the fund for unplanned improvements since all retirement obligations are accounted for. Mr. Yates added that district insurance would cover all damages that were incurred in a natural disaster not necessarily the Rainy Day Fund. The Rainy Day Fund might only be used to cover deductibles.

With no more public comment forthcoming, Brent Hiday thanked Dawn Frauhiger for her past leadership of the board.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M. on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

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