

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
March 19, 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, March 19, 2018, 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; Hank Koby, Kathie Koby, Jim Hotopp, and Steve Frettinger, interested patrons; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

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

President Schlagenhauf opened the meeting by congratulating the high school Chamber Choir for placing in the top 8 in the state at the ISSMA District Jazz Festival, recognized a successful weekend for the girls' basketball tourney, commended the middle school boys and girls swim teams on their ACAC championship and recognized Cameron Farmer for his middle school ACAC wrestling win in his weight class.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 19, 2018, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of February 20, 2018, through March 19, 2018, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

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

The Bank Statement for the month of February, 2018, was approved by consensus.

Ms. Randi Simons and the High School Chamber Choir performed a selection from their performance at the ISSMA District Jazz Festival where they were awarded a gold rating in Group I and advanced them to perform at the State Jazz Finals at Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis.

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

Mr. Barker updated the board on the work of the General Assembly.

Mr. Barker reported that the city of Bluffton is looking to amend the School Resource Officer partnership that has been in place with BHMSD for the past 18 years. At the next meeting, a service agreement will be presented for review outlining the terms of a cost sharing partnership to continue this service.

Mr. Baker announced through the use of a video that Bluffton High School has been awarded *Four Star School* status for the 2016-2017 school year. BHS has earned this status nine out of the last 11 years and was the only school in Wells County to achieve this recognition.

Mr. Baker informed the board that the high school graduation date will be June 1st at 7:30 p.m. pending any potential future fog/snow days.

Mr. Barker updated the board on the football stadium renovation project. The bleacher installation is tentatively scheduled for late May or early June as work has continued on or before schedule.

The Board approved the following resignation as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Mikala Watson	MS Library Instructional Asst.
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The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Adam Ault passed unanimously.

Kathie Koby	MS Library Instructional Asst.
Erica Bluhm	Long Term Substitute (S. Medina)
Aleyce Lowe	Long Term Substitute (Z. Walborn)
Lanette Mason	Long Term Substitute (K. Eicher)
Collette Nevil	Long Term Substitute (A. Krinn)
Makenzie Tracey	Long Term Substitute (A. Krinn)
Ashton Boneff	Asst. Softball Coach
Jeremy Burchett	Asst. Softball Coach (volunteer)

The Board approved the following FMLA leave requests as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

Zella Walborn	3/6/18 through 4/17/18 or doctor release
Libby Vitatoe	3/7/18 through 3/22/18
Kristi Eicher	4/2/18 through 9/4/18
Sarah Jackson	4/16/18 through end of school year
Stephany Medina	5/3/18 through end of school year

The Board accepted a donation of \$500 from Sigma Gamma Sorority to be used to purchase three large trauma kits for use in each school building as presented. The motion by Adam Ault and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

At the last board meeting, the Board approved the advertisement of an additional appropriation for the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Yates arranged for the advertisement to be published in the News Banner on February 22, 2018. The next phase of the additional appropriation process calls for a public hearing to provide the opportunity for comments from the public. With no public comment forthcoming, the Board approved the additional appropriation resolution (Correlated File #1718-22) as presented and Mr. Yates will submit it to the Department of Local Government Finance. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

During the public comment section of the meeting, Steve Frettinger asked how the rental at the high school by iTown church is going. Mr. Barker replied that all is going well and the organization is paying any additional billings for extra time used.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Adam Ault. The motion passed unanimously.

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