

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
April 16, 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, April 16, 2018, 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; Laura Xayyachack, Tyson Brooks and Carla Alspaugh, faculty members, Caleb Dailey and Andrew Brown, middle school students; Kathie Koby, Rebecca Brown, Marcia Hotopp, 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 recognizing the elementary school for hosting a successful "Grandparents Day" with 535 people signed in and serving over 1,000 lunches and commended the staff and parent volunteers that provided a safe and fun Prom and After-Prom Party for high school students.

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

Vouchers for the period of March 20, 2018, through April 16, 2018, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

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

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

Mr. Barker announced that Mr. Yates has been selected as the District 3 School Business Official of the Year and will be presented that honor at an awards ceremony to be held on May 10th at the IASBO annual conference in French Lick.

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

Middle School teachers Laura Xayyachack, Carla Alspaugh and Tyson Brooks, along with middle school students Caleb Dailey and Andrew Brown, reported on the Middle School Academic Super Bowl competition. This is a new event targeted at high ability students to compete with peers across the state.

Mr. Barker updated the Board on enrollment trends in conjunction with an update on the Wells County Housing and Growth Study. Enrollment trends are showing that more students are attending from out of district schools, but that housing in the district is still in demand and hard to locate.

Mr. Barker updated the Board on the status of the Area 18 Cooperative Agreement by reporting that any changes to the agreement have been tabled until May to await the decision of participating school districts on their intentions to transport students from outside district boundaries for the next school year.

Mr. Barker provided an update on the progress of the stadium project. Work is being done on the site plan, concrete work should begin in May, and the maintenance team took down the visitor bleachers and they are waiting to be hauled away for recycling.

The Board approved retirement requests from Cara Crickard, elementary teacher, Sam Hirschy, high school custodian, and Pat Piety, food service as presented. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously with appreciation for their years of service.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Mike Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Vanderkolk	HS Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Andrea Vogel	Mild Disabilities Teacher

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

Jim Bueter	Instrumental Music Summer School
Jill Bollenbacher	Algebra I and E2020 Summer School
Jennifer Lambert	IREAD Summer School
Stephany Medina	Kdg. Summer School
Kylie Heyerly	Grade 1 Summer School
Taylor Sprinkle	Grade 2 Summer School
Morgan Steffen	Summer Textbook Coordinator
Loretta Miller	Transfer from Spec. Ed Instructional Asst. to Spec. Ed Bus Aide
Kristin Beachy	Long Term Substitute (A. Craig)
April Crous	MS Asst. Track
Brady Johnson	Change to MS Asst. Track (volunteer)
Felicia McElveen	Change to MS Asst. Track (volunteer)
Martin Burgan	Transfer from ES 2 nd shift custodian to HS 2 nd shift custodian
Intent-to-Employ	ES 2 nd shift custodian

The Board approved the new service agreement with the City of Bluffton for a School Resource Officer as presented. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Adam Ault passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy JF (Student Religious Civil Liberties) on first reading as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

The Board approved policies EBB (Suicide Awareness and Prevention) and EBB-R (Suicide Awareness and Prevention Administrative Regulations Guidelines) on first reading as presented.

The motion by Adam Ault and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy JO-E3 (Notice of Restriction to Release Student Directory Information to Military Representatives) on first reading as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy JHFE (Use of Seclusions and Restraints) on first reading as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

The Board approved a \$500 donation by an anonymous source to the middle school for student needs and approved a \$500 mini-grant from Region 8 to Mrs. Fiechter and Mrs. Farlee to support Makerspace as presented. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Adam Ault passed unanimously with appreciation for their generosity.

In final business of the evening, Mr. Baker invited board members to the high school reception on April 23rd when Congressman Banks will present the 4 Star School Award.

During the public comment section, Steve Frettinger asked about the flier that was recently distributed through the United States Postal System advertising attendance at Lancaster School and if our district did the same. Mr. Barker replied that we do not send advertising mail to patrons outside of our district. Mr. Frettinger then asked about the vulnerability that student counts have on budget and enrollment projections. Mr. Barker replied that revenue and expenses are constantly monitored based on enrollment projections.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. on a motion by Adam Ault and second by Mike Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

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