

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
January 9, 2023
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 9, 2023, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Corporation Communications Specialist; Steve Baker, Administrator; Steve Frettinger, interested patron; and Holly Gaskill, News-Banner representative.

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

Tammy Mechling administered the Oath of Office to all board members present (Correlated File #2223-18).

President Thompson thanked Dr. Yates and fellow Board members for their support over the last two years.

Requirements for the first meeting in January include the reorganization of offices and the floor was opened for nominations to elect a new President. Julie Thompson nominated Bruce Holland and Mike Murray seconded the nomination. Bruce Holland was elected President by a vote of 4-0 with Bruce Holland abstaining from the vote.

Newly elected President Holland then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Bruce Holland nominated Mike Murray and Angie Sheets seconded the nomination. Mike Murray was elected Vice-President by a vote of 4-0 with Mike Murray abstaining from the vote.

President Holland opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Bruce Holland nominated Julie Thompson and Trent White seconded the nomination. Julie Thompson was elected Secretary by a vote of 4-0 with Julie Thompson abstaining from the vote.

Board Members volunteered to serve on the following committees and were appointed as such:

Legislative Liaison	Mike Murray
Long Range Planning	Bruce Holland
Facilities Planning	Trent White
Negotiations	Julie Thompson
Redevelopment Committee	Angie Sheets

On a motion by Julie Thompson and a second by Mike Murray, Anjeanetta Hartman was re-appointed as Corporation Treasurer and Brenda Clamme was re-appointed as Deputy Treasurer for the calendar year 2023. 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 Trent White and second by Angie Sheets. The district will continue to use the legal services of the ISBA for most legal school matters and Barnes &

Thornburg LLP and/or Kroger Gardis & Ragas LLP for more extensive legal matters that warrant their expertise, such as contract negotiations and employment law.

During the President's Prerogative portion of the meeting, President Holland expressed the Board's pledge to support faculty and staff and thanked the district for our recent Riley Children's Hospital donations.

President Holland noted there were no registered public commenters to speak at the meeting.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on December 12, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

The Board approved changes to the following policy on first reading as presented, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

BBF-E School Board Member Ethics

The Board approved the use of an emergency weather day, as well as returning any paid leave days planned by twelve-month employees on 12/23/22 for use as outlined in the Classified Handbook. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Bruce E Holland
Mike Murray

Julie A. Langston
Angie Sheets