

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
May 15, 2023
6:01 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, May 15, 2023, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Corporation Communications Specialist; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler and Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Brittany Kloer, CTE Director; Jodi Leas and Sebastian Baxter, Guidance Counselors; Susan Miles, Riley Children's Hospital representative; Dave Schultz and Sydney Kent, News-Banner representatives.

President Holland called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

President Holland congratulated the School Board for being recognized as a "Commendable" School Board by the Indiana School Boards Association. President Holland also thanked our athletic department and Unified Track coaches for participating in the district's first Unified Track Meet recently, and highlighted our high school choir for being a recipient of the Indiana State School of Music Association All-Music Award for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 17, 2023, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of April 18, 2023, through May 15, 2023, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for April was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for April was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mrs. Brittany Kloer and Mr. Steve Baker presented the Governor's Workforce Cabinet CTE Award for Excellence to Mrs. Jodi Leas and Sebastian Baxter, High School Guidance Counselors. Middle School Social Worker, Stephanie White, and Middle School Counselor Allison Harter were also recipients of this award but were unable to attend the meeting.

Susan Miles from Riley Children's Hospital presented the district with the Riley Children's Hospital Red Wagon Corporation Status plaque.

Mrs. Linderwell reported on developments and donations for the BHES Preschool Experiential Farm Classroom.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on district communication, curriculum, instruction and assessment, and the summer food service program.

Dr. Yates reported on district projects, the Superintendent evaluation process, and the district's capital investment timeline.

Mr. Murray, in his role as legislative liaison, provided an update on the work of the Indiana General Assembly.

President Holland reminded the Board of the Class of 2023 Graduation scheduled for Friday, May 26.

Dr. Yates reported on a delay in the roofing schedule for the Middle School Roof Replacement Project, but noted the final completion date has not been moved back due to the delays.

Dr. Yates reported there are no new updates on the High School HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. The project is on schedule to restart active HVAC work as soon as the school year concludes.

The Board approved the adoption of a resolution to authorize the Superintendent to send the proposed tax rate to the County Auditor for school safety opportunities (Correlated File #2223-27). The motion by Mike Murray and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

The Board approved the only bid received for the Middle School Parking Lot and Tennis Courts Improvement Project. The base bid from Brooks Construction Company was for \$873,334 with an alternate of \$122,328 for a combined total of \$996,662. The total is within the planned expenditure from the Rainy Day Fund using funds transferred in prior years for the purpose of future capital improvements. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

The Board approved retirement requests from Cinda Higgins and John Jackson as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson, with gratitude for their service, and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

Gretchen Grau	Grade 4 Teacher (End of the 2022-2023 school year)
Karl Grau	HS Business Teacher (End of the 2022-2023 school year)
Craig Helfrich	HS Boys Basketball Asst Coach
Stacey Kenyon	HS Sp. Ed. Instructional Asst
Nicole Bustos	ELL Instructional Asst (End of the 2022-2023 school year)

The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Nicole Bustos	Kindergarten Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Hannah Gerig	Choral Director (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Rachel Gray	HS Alternative School Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)

Nicole Williamson	HS Special Education Intense Intervention Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Krista Baxter	6 th Grade Writing Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Cassandra Schoonbeck	Grade 4 Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Steve Linderwell	HS Business Teacher (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Jill Mounsey	Mentor to Nicole Bustos for the 2023-2024 school year
Kyan Harris	Grade 4 PAT Member
Kaden Gerber	HS 3 rd Shift Custodian
Angie Lough	Childcare Supervisor (Start of the 2023-2024 school year)
Diana Arzola	MS Custodian (Start date 4/26/23)
Kelli Kistler	HS Athletic Secretary
Sally Fornwalt	Food Service Employee
Rachel Kinsey	Internal transfer from City Route Bus Driver to County Route Bus Driver, effective with the 2023-2024 school year)
Tyson Brooks	Spring eSports Head Coach
Jonathan Morgan	Spring eSports Asst Coach
Kurt Smith	Spring eSports Asst Coach
John Houlihan	Foster Transportation
John Jackson	Foster Transportation
Rachel Kinsey	Foster Transportation
Rachel Kinsey	Summer Bus Cleaner
Heather Strunk	Summer Bus Cleaner
Kylynn Lepper	Substitute Teacher
Jayleigh Corbat	Substitute Teacher
Emily Hiday	Substitute Teacher
Kiersten Mayer	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson, with much gratitude, and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

Brad & Michelle Baumgartner of Four Star Services, Inc.	\$1,000 for Preschool Farm Classroom
Tad & Stephanie Baumgartner of Four Star Services, Inc.	\$1,000 for Preschool Farm Classroom
Matt & Mike Prible of Prible Brothers Farms	\$2,000 for Preschool Farm Classroom
Heath & Wendy Schlagenhauf	\$100 for Preschool Farm Classroom
First Bank of Berne	\$1,000 for Preschool Farm Classroom
Park Community Church	\$3,000 for unpaid lunch accounts to be divided between each school building
Dream Team	\$1,089.74 for ES courtyard playground equipment

Wayne Metals, LLC	Steel for HS Welding Program (worth \$4,500)
Pena's Mechanical Contractors, Inc.	Steel for HS Welding Program (worth \$5,956)
Poneto United Methodist Church	\$540 to Elementary School for unpaid lunch accounts
David Mangen	Weight Scale for the MS Science Department

The Board approved the 2023-2024 Student Handbooks as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

Regarding Technology/Textbook Rental Fees for the 2023-2024 school year, Dr. Yates explained that due to recently approved legislation (HEA 1001), school corporations are no longer permitted to assess and collect fees for curricular materials. This change does not affect fees associated with lost or significantly damaged curricular materials. With the change in law by the Indiana General Assembly, the Board agreed to table any official action regarding BHMSD's curricular material fees for the 2023-2024 school year until the June Board meeting. This will allow BHMSD to conduct a thorough legal and financial review of the new language.

Policies AFC and JBCA were approved on second reading as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

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

AFCB	Beginning Educator Residency Program
JGD	Student Discipline and Due Process

The following policies were reviewed, with no changes necessary, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion to approve by Mike Murray and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

AFB	Superintendent Effectiveness Rubric
AFCA	Principal Effectiveness Rubric
AFCC	Athletic Director Effectiveness Rubric
AFCD	Assistant Principal Effectiveness Rubric
AFE	Assistant Superintendent Effectiveness Rubric
JHCCA	Students With Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Hearing no comments from the public, the Board approved the Additional Appropriation Resolution (Correlated File #2223-28) for the Debt Service Fund. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 P.M. on a motion by Trent White and second by Mike Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Julie Thompson
J. White

Angel Sherris
Bruce E. Holland
Mike Murray