

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
 July 16, 2024
 6:00 P.M.

A special meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Communications Specialist; Mark Cobb, Preston Kaehr, Wendy Kaehr, Myah Kaehr, Aiden Kaehr, Darcy Kaehr and Griffin Kaehr interested patrons; and Sydney Kent, News-Banner representative.

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

Vice President Sheets thanked elementary school teacher, Mrs. Staci Hunt, and her family for the donation of a player-piano and also thanked Mr. Michael Vanderkolk, Mrs. Kyan Harris and Dr. Brad Yates for their willingness to participate in the 4H obstacle course recently. Our BHMSD representatives' participation in the event helped to raise \$1,900 for the Friday Food Bag Program which provides food to students each Friday throughout the school year.

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

Dr. Yates announced the district will broaden the scope to include adjunct faculty members in the search for a middle school business education teacher. Per Indiana code, an adjunct teacher may be hired to fill a vacant teaching position provided the school corporation implements a system of support to aid the adjunct teacher's success. This option has been available to Indiana schools since July 2022. One requirement of the adjunct faculty process is the requirement for the School Board to "announce adjunct teacher position vacancies at its meetings." In addition to the vacant business education position at the middle school, the district has two other positions to announce as adjunct teacher position vacancies. The following is a list of adjunct teacher position vacancies:

- Middle School – 5th Grade Science Teacher
- Middle school – Business Education / Digital Citizenship
- Elementary School – Library Services Teacher

Dr. Yates recognized and thanked Mr. Bruce Holland for his service to BHMSD Board of School Trustees as a member and Board President. Mr. Holland served the district from January 2019 through June 2024 with the final 18 months of his service as our Board President. Mr. Holland thanked Dr. Yates and the Board for their support over the years in working together for the good of the district and community.

Vice President Sheets opened the floor for nominations for President. Mike Murray nominated Angie Sheets and Trent White seconded the nomination. Angie Sheets was elected President by a vote of 3-0 with Angie Sheets abstaining from the vote.

With the Vice President position now vacated, President Sheets opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Julie Thompson nominated Trent White and Angie Sheets seconded the nomination. Trent White was elected Vice President by a vote of 3-0 with Trent White abstaining from the vote.

With the Secretary position now vacated, President Sheets opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. Mike Murray nominated Julie Thompson and Angie Sheets seconded the nomination. Julie Thompson was elected Secretary by a vote of 3-0 with Julie Thompson abstaining from the vote.

Preston Kaehr was appointed to the Board to serve in the vacant At-Large position for the remainder of 2024. On a motion by Mike Murray and second by Trent White, the motion passed unanimously.

Tammy Mechling administered the *Oath of Office* to new Board Member Preston Kaehr (Correlated File #2425-01).

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:13 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Trent White. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Angie Sheets
Julie Thompson

Mike Murray
Preston Kaehr
Trent White