

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
 February 17, 2025
 6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, February 17, 2025, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Steve Baker, Schlaura Linderwell, and Stacy Herrold, Administrators; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, District Communications Specialist; Erica Bluhm, Faculty Member; Hayden Herrold, Student; and Samantha Saad, News-Banner representative.

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

President Sheets celebrated the following recent student achievements: nine (9) of our elementary students participated in "Circle the State With Song" program held in Marion, Indiana with Mrs. Sommerfeld; Miken Habeggar finished in 6th place at the Indiana High School Bowling State Finals in Indianapolis; Gabriella Coyne won the girls' swim sectional in the 100Y breaststroke and finished 26th in the IHSAA state championship swim meet; the high school boys' swim team won the ACAC for the 11th year in a row; the Lady Tigers basketball team captured the ACAC tournament championship and the regular season with a 6-0 record; three (3) Lady Tigers were named ACAC 1st Team (Isabella Stout, Konley Ault & Maryn Schreiber); Levi Johns, Parker Barnes and Jake Boots competed in the IHSAA semi-state wrestling meet and Levi was the ACAC, sectional, and semi-state champion at 120 lbs. Levi is a 1 seed and will compete in the IHSAA state championship meet on Friday, February 21 and Saturday, February 22 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

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

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, Board of Finance Meeting and Executive Session held on January 13, 2025 were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of January 14, 2025 through February 17, 2025, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for January was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for January was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Reports were approved by consensus.

Mrs. Linderwell and Mr. Herrold reported on Indiana Law & Student Attendance.

Mr. Murray and Dr. Yates provided an update on the work on the Indiana General Assembly.

Mrs. Meitzler reported that our staff members donated \$2,711 during our recent United Way fundraising campaign. Mrs. Meitzler also reported on an upcoming reunification drill for some high school students, IREAD-3 exam for 2nd and 3rd grade students and the summer food program.

Dr. Yates reported on our District ADM count for February 3, his recent participation in the Upper Wabash Valley Superintendent Study Council Legislative Day, our district insurance review, State Board of Accounts audit, discussions with OPS for a weight training program, and the GO Bond status on upcoming district projects.

Dr. Yates reported on future district HVAC needs.

Dr. Yates reported on the High School Building Envelope Project. FCI has been monitoring the arrival of the replacement panels for Bluffton High School. Our latest information from February 5 indicates panels are scheduled to arrive onsite on February 18. FCI/Fort Wayne Roofing will be onsite to begin installation on February 18, and we anticipate the installation to last 6-8 weeks.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Andrew Cook	HS Math & Computer Science Teacher (End of the 2024-2025 school year)
Alexandra German	8 th Grade Science Teacher (End of the 2024-2025 school year)
Jill Heintzelman	ES Special Education Instructional Assistant
April Studabaker	MS Special Education Instructional Assistant

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

Emme Boots	HS Language Arts Teacher
Joseph Taylor	HS Math / Computer Science Teacher
Katlynn Snider	ES Special Education Instructional Assistant
Clayton Fry	Administrative Leave With Pay for 2/3/25 & 2/4/25
Ashlie Campbell	Summer Childcare Bus Driver
Brittany Danels	MS Special Education Instructional Assistant
Tiffani Tonner	MS Boys' Track Asst Coach
Abby Steffen	MS Girls' Track Asst Coach
Danielle Kunkel	MS Girls' Track Asst Coach
Erica Bluhm	Unified Sports Coordinator
Sara Runyon	Unified Sports Coach
Jennifer Leas	Substitute Teacher
Kristen Thompson	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the following FMLA requests as presented. The motion by Preston Kaehr and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Megan Yates	1/6/25 – 3/29/25
Sarah Jackson	1/23/25 – 1/30/25

The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Mike Murray, with much appreciation, and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Living Water United Church	\$421.67 for Lunch IOU's
Clean Fuels National	\$2,907.30 for Lunch IOU's

Park Community Church
Veronica Purvis

\$3,000 for Lunch IOU's
\$50 in Athletic Booster Vouchers to pay
toward a delinquent MS student account

The Board approved the following policies on first reading as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Preston Kaehr passed unanimously.

<u>New Policy #</u>	<u>New Policy Name</u>	<u>Current Policy #'s to Delete</u>
D475-R	Justifiable Decrease in Teaching Positions	GCPA
E200	Credit for Religious Education	
F150, F150-R	Use of Credit Cards	DKA
F200	Investment Income	
F225, F225-E	Fundraising and Crowdfunding	
F250, F250-R	Travel Expenses	DLC, DLC-E
F300, F300-R	Time and Effort	
F300-E1, F300-E2		
F350	Reserve and Liquidity Policy	DFAA

On a motion by Preston Kaehr and second by Trent White, the Board approved voiding seventeen (17) outstanding checks totaling \$1,097.04 as presented according to the state statute (IC 5-11-10-5.2). The motion passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 P.M. on a motion by Trent White and second by Mike Murray. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:








