

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building  
March 16, 2026  
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, March 16, 2026, with all members present except Tim Drayer. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Schlaura Linderwell and Stacy Herrold, Administrators; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, District Communications Specialist; Todd Fiechter, Todd Thieme and Mark Cobb, interested patrons; and Samantha Saad, News-Banner representative.

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

President Thompson congratulated elementary student Evie Haines for being a recipient of the Mayor's Choice Award in the Fort Wayne FAME Festival. President Thompson also congratulated student athletes who finished a successful winter sports season, including a sectional championship by our boys' swim team, with five Tigersharks competing in the State Swim Championships. President Thompson also reported that our Intense Intervention students traveled to the Cord Duesenberg Auto Museum and she wished the best of luck to Grade 6 student Tavis Beavans, as he will be competing in the regional Scripps' Spelling Bee competition in Fort Wayne.

President Thompson noted there was one registered public commenter to speak at the meeting. Todd Fiechter provided public comment in regards to the Allen County Athletic Conference.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 16, 2026 were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of February 17, 2026 through March 16, 2026, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for February was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for February was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Reports were approved by consensus.

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

Mrs. Meitzler reported on district communications, junior class SAT completion and the district's spring reunification drill.

Dr. Yates reported on district financial information, the recent Holding Corporation meeting, the district's debt management report, an enrollment estimate for the upcoming fall semester and alternative energy exploration.

Dr. Yates reported that Mrs. Morrison has scheduled Friday, May 29, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. as the graduation date for the Class of 2026. The ceremony will be held in the BHS gymnasium.

Dr. Yates reported on the High School Paving Project. The district has refined the scope of work for the high school paving project planned for the upcoming summer break. The proposed scope includes mill and overlay of the existing parking lots as overlay of the existing road and drives. In addition, the student parking lot is scheduled to undergo drainage improvements to reduce the standing water. Following the completion of the project, district traffic and wayfinding signage will be updated throughout campus. The Board approved the scope of services and publication of the Notice to Bidders as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Dr. Yates reported on baseball and softball facilities. The renovations to the press boxes, dug outs, concession stand, and restrooms have been completed. We are excited to use the new spaces for the spring season, and we look forward to cheering on our Tigers on the field.

Dr. Yates reported on the High School Lighting & HVAC project. The high school main gym lighting is scheduled to be replaced over spring break. The new LED lighting will provide 'scene' opportunities in the main gym to be programmed for specific events and programs. High school parking lot and drive lights continue to be replaced as weather permits. The lighting projects are scheduled to be complete this spring. For the ongoing HVAC project at the high school, the manufacturer has completed the chiller production, and the district is awaiting a shipment confirmation. The target is to have the unit on site any day to allow technicians to move the new unit into operation ahead of the upcoming cooling season. Our district maintenance team disassembled the existing unit and recycled the metal components on behalf of BHMSD. We are appreciative of the extra efforts by our maintenance team to generate cost savings for the district.

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

Kelli Kistler	HS Athletic Secretary
Sue Elzey	MS Special Education Instructional Asst
Amy Hipsher	MS Special Education Instructional Asst

The Board approved the following additional resignation as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed with a vote of 3-0, with Trent White abstaining from the vote.

Stephanie White	HS Social Worker
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The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

Allyssa Williamson	ES/MS Custodian
Adrienne Reinhard	Transfer from ES General Instructional Asst to ES Title I Instructional Asst
April Studabaker	Transfer from HS Library Instructional Asst/ISS Supervisor to MS Special Education Instructional Asst
William McKinley	MS Special Education Instructional Asst

Jolleen Turner	HS Library Instructional Asst/ISS Supervisor
Heather Stinson	Summer Bus Cleaner
Danielle Kunkel	MS Boys' Track Asst Coach
Tiffani Tonner	MS Boys' Track Asst Coach
Joe Taylor	MS Boys' Track Asst Coach
Allison Harter	MS Girls' Track Coach
Bethany Clem	MS Girls' Track Asst Coach
Griselda Martinez	MS Girls' Track Asst Coach
Abby Steffen	MS Girls' Track Asst Coach
Amy Shane	Unified Track Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Jessica Larson	Unified Track Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Abbie Fillers	Unified Track Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Koty Frauhiger	HS Winter/Spring Weight Training Coach (2/3 FTE)
Intent to Employ	ES Office Instructional Asst
Sue Elzey	Substitute Teacher
Haleigh Osborne	Substitute Teacher
Reece Schwartz	Substitute Teacher
John Hines	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the following additional employment recommendation as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Mike Murray passed with a vote of 3-0, with Trent White abstaining from the vote.

Stephanie White	MS Boys' Track Coach
Brittany Drayer	Substitute Teacher

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

Sebastian Baxter	3/2/26 – 3/19/26 as needed
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The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Mike Murray, with much gratitude, and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Hershey Salty Snacks	Pretzels for kindergarten screening & snacks for ES student testing
Anonymous	\$625 to Baseball Program
Anonymous	\$325 to Baseball Program

The Board approved revisions to policy C525 on second reading as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Resolution for Summer Camp Fees (Correlated File #2526-20) as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved updates to the Childcare Handbook as presented, which includes the addition of infant and toddler childcare for BHMSD employees to begin with the 2026-27 school year. The motion by Trent White and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Transfer Request Deadline Reporting Process for Out-of-District Students as June 30, 2027 for the 2026-2027 school year. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

The Board approved the district efficiency software options as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

In other items, Dr. Yates informed the Board of the High School Drumline and Color Guard performance scheduled that evening.

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Angie Sheets

Julie A. Thompson  
Mike Murray