

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
April 20, 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, April 20, 2026, with all members present except Tim Drayer and Trent White. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Assistant Superintendent; Stacy Morrison, Schlaura Linderwell and Stacy Herrold, Administrators; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Communications Specialist; Steve Thompson, Athletic Director; Jim Diagossino, Arash Habibi-Soureh and Jeremy Hoffman of Veregy; Mark Cobb and Ryan Schisler, interested patrons; and Jonathan Snyder, News-Banner representative.

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

President Thompson reported on the elementary school's recent fundraiser where they raised over \$10,000 for the American Heart Association. President Thompson also congratulated Hayden Alfeld, BHS Senior, for being recognized as a 2026 Indiana Regional Academic All-Star by the Indiana Association of School Principals, and she also reported that our school board was recognized as an ISBA Level 1 Commendable Board for 2025.

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

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

Vouchers for the period of March 17, 2026, through April 20, 2026, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for March was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for March was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

A representative from Veregy presented information about solar energy. The Board moved forward with a Request for Qualifications for potential energy project partners.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on professional development opportunities, the district's upcoming Walk & Roll to School event on May 13 and the summer food program coming up during June.

Dr. Yates reported on the elementary school's vacancy for an adjunct teacher position, kindergarten registration and administrator state and local partnerships.

The Board approved the contract with EB Paving for the High School Paving Project in the amount of \$805,889.25 (includes \$200,000 contingency), as presented. The district opened bids from qualified contractors on Tuesday, April 14, and three (3) bids were received. All bids were under the estimated budget amount planned by the district, and all three (3) were competitive as

the margin difference between the lowest and highest bids was 5.75%. Bids were reviewed by our architecture and engineering firm. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

Dr. Yates reported on the High School Lighting & HVAC Project. The chiller unit has arrived on site. Emcor will begin connecting the new unit to the building system. The estimated timeline is approximately three weeks.

The Board approved a retirement request from Steve Thompson, Athletic Director (20 years as Athletic Director, 5 years as HS Business Teacher and 5 years as a Coach), as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson, with gratitude for his years of service and second by Mike Murray, with much appreciation, passed unanimously.

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

Hannah Gerig	Choral Director
Madison Eberly	Grade 5 Writing Teacher
Javon Steffen	HS Nurse / Corporation Head Nurse
Amy Rusu	MS eSports Coach
Lisa Sheets	MS eSports Asst Coach

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

Heather Stinson	Summer School Bus Driver
Justin Uptgraft	Summer School Bus Driver
Nicolle Beer	Summer School Special Education Bus Driver
Ashlie Campbell	Summer Childcare Bus Driver
Sebastian Baxter	Summer Textbook Coordinator
Caleb Geimer	MS Long Term Substitute Teacher
Brittany Drayer	ES Office Instructional Asst
Macie Morehouse	HS Science Teacher
Victoria Goeglein	HS Social Worker
Jaci Moser	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Hope Keller	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Megan Weldy	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Lindsay Schroeder	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Tammy Funk	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Taylor Reed	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Hunter Cunningham	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Grace Sommerfeld	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Zella Walborn	ES PAT Leader for 2026-27
Gabrielle Williams	HS Girls' Head Volleyball Coach
Vicki Van Matre	Unified Track Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Zella Walborn	Unified Track Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Chloe Bredemeyer	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the employment recommendation for Schlaura Linderwell as Athletic Director as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

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

Sara Runyon	Intermittent Leave as Needed
Sydney Noble	5/18/26 – 5/29/26

The Board approved the following donation as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets, with much gratitude, and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

Elks Lodge #796	\$100 to HS Prom & \$250 to BHMSD Walk & Roll to School Day
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On a motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets, the Board approved voiding three (3) outstanding checks totaling \$36.05 as presented, as a result of the district recently switching financial services from PNC Bank to First Bank of Berne. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved summer camp fees for 2026 as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:




