REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Administration Building
November 28, 2005
7:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, November 28, 2005, with all members present. Also in attendance were Jon Bennett, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Steve Baker, high school principal; Julia Johnson, Deb Johnson, and Tami Wuest, faculty members; Lindsay Neuenschwander and Jacob Higgins, high school students; Mike Hershey and Jeff Shank, interested patrons; and Chet Baumgartner, News Banner representative.

President Shady called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

Minutes for the regular meeting of November 14, 2005, and the Executive Session that followed were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of November 15, 2005, through November 28, 2005, were approved by consensus and signatures on the Voucher Register.

Gary Schwartz updated the Board on the status of the construction of the new administration building. The drywall is complete with taping to start on Monday. The heating system is functional and the roof installation is proceeding on schedule. The communication pipe has been run from the high school and the fiber optics will follow on schedule. The next construction meeting is scheduled for December 1st.

Jon Bennett gave a brief overview of the results of the NWEA fall testing.

The Board approved an agreement with the Wells County Emergency Management Agency to provide transportation resources in the event of a disaster or emergency.

The recommendation from Gary Schwartz to employ Sam Hirschy as a full-time custodian was approved on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Steve Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Gene Gerber and seconded by Andy Carnall, the Board approved the recommendation from Ron DeWitt to employ Bret Grover as head boys' track coach. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Rex Lawrence as a volunteer 7th grade girls' basketball coach on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the request from Tami Wuest and Deb Johnson to offer the class trip to Washington D.C. during the fall break of 2006 on motion by Gene Gerber and seconded by Andy Carnall. The motion passed unanimously. Students from the past trip were on hand to explain the importance and value of their learning experience.

On a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Gene Gerber, the Board approved the request

from Tom Gibson and the City of Bluffton to use the high school gymnasium for the Community Christmas Sing on December 4th. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the selection of the textbook adoption committee and the time-line for the selection of textbooks as outlined by Jon Bennett on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Andy Carnall. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M. on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

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