

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
November 27, 2006
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 27, 2006, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Julie Koschnick, Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Rebecca Biberstein, Corporation Treasurer; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Brent Hiday, school board member elect; Steve Baker, high school principal; Mike Kracium, Jim Brown, Linda Fritz, Susan Poulson, Nancy Johnson, Becky Stotlar, Jackie Chaney, Jim Bueter, Connie Duncan, Linda Sturgeon, Tammy Funk, Kim Fiechter, Cheryl Beerbower, Dale Gearheart, Susan Ballinger, Deb Brown, Cara Crickard, Lori Williamson, Ruth Ann Monroe, Joyce Evans, Julian Miller, Norm Fogwell, and Dan York, faculty members; Mike Hershey, interested patron; and John Wallace, News Banner representative.

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

Jim Bueter updated the Board on the outstanding accomplishments achieved with the Marching Band and also the increased participation in other various band programs. Mr. Bueter sited the increasing enrollment in the band programs throughout his tenure with Bluffton-Harrison. Mr. Bueter attributes a strong Band Booster Club and parental support for continued growing interest. The placement of the band in the state final competition two times in the last three years has been a proven positive for continued growth. The Board commended Mr. Bueter on his success with the band program.

Minutes for the regular meeting of November 13, 2006, and the Executive Session that preceded, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of November 14, 2006, through November 27, 2006, were approved by consensus and signatures on the Voucher Register.

The Board approved the resignation from Rick Mettler as varsity head football coach with appreciation for his dedication to the program and district on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Gene Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

The following ECA coaching recommendations were approved on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Kent Shady. The motion passed unanimously.

Steve Surbaugh	Intramural Director
Denny Cochran	Intramural Coach
Nan Yake	HS Drama Coach
Michelle Paxton	HS Drama Assistant

The Board approved changes to Board Policy JGD on a motion by Gene Gerber and seconded by Kent Shady. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved a change order in the amount of \$1,175.00 for painting of the steel lintels on the new windows at the elementary on a motion by Kent Shady and seconded by Steve Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board accepted the proposal submitted by the Tecton Corporation to avoid litigation and correct mistakes involved in the Elementary Window Project on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Gene Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Kent Shady and seconded by Steve Huffman, the Board approved the schedule of regular board meetings for 2007 (Correlated File #0607-10). The motion passed unanimously. One change from past practice will be the new start time of 7:00 P.M.

In final business of the evening, Dr. Koschnick reminded the board that the December 11th meeting will start at 6:30 P.M. with a reception to follow for outgoing board member, Gene Gerber.

President Carnall asked for any public comment and Susan Ballinger presented data prepared by the Teachers' Association concerning increment raises for certified staff, student/teacher ratios, and student/principal ratios to highlight the possibility of reducing administrators within the district rather than just considering teacher reductions. Mrs. Ballinger also stressed the data being presented was an effort on the Teachers' Association's behalf to help clarify any misunderstandings that may have occurred as a result of newspaper coverage of Dr. Koschnick's presentation at the November 13th Board Meeting.

Dr. Koschnick ended the meeting with a prepared statement citing the status of negotiations and the call for a third party mediator should be viewed as a positive approach to the future of the negotiation teams. Dr, Koschnick also thanked the teachers for their leadership in the classroom.

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

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