

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building  
January 14, 2008  
7:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, January 14, 2008, with all members present except Daryl Elliott. Also in attendance was Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent; Jon Bennett, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Maintenance Director; Steve Baker, High School Principal; James Elizondo from City Securities; Kim Mayer, Sandy Zeigler, Julia Johnson, Paula Henry, Amy Gerber, Judy Werling, Bruce Lesh, Julian Miller and Dan York, faculty members; Mykayla Rodenbeck, Arvilla Rodenbeck, Katie Holloway and Jodi Holloway, middle school student council members and their mothers; and Nate Marchand, News Banner representative.

President Huffman called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

President Huffman opened the meeting by congratulating the high school boys' basketball team for winning the ACAC tournament and Brock Woodward for receiving the MVP and Hilliard Gates award. The girls basketball team was also recognized for placing as the runner up team in the ACAC tournament. President Huffman thanked the other Board Members for their support during his tenure and recognized several projects that were started and completed within his year as president. In conclusion, President Huffman thanked Dr. Wood for another successful and smooth year.

President Huffman asked for nominations to elect a new president. Kent Shady nominated Daryl Elliott and Brent Hiday seconded the nomination. When no additional nominations were forthcoming, Kent Shady moved that nominations be closed and Brent Hiday seconded the motion. The motion for closure passed unanimously. In the absence of further discussion, President Huffman called for the vote. Daryl Elliott was elected President unanimously.

In the absence of newly elected President, Daryl Elliott, Kent Shady asked for nominations for Vice President. Dawn Frauhiger nominated Kent Shady and Brent Hiday seconded the nomination. When no additional nominations were forthcoming, Dawn Frauhiger moved that nominations be closed and Brent Hiday seconded the nomination. The motion for closure passed unanimously. In the absence of further discussion, Kent Shady called for the vote for Vice President. Kent Shady, acting as President, was elected Vice President unanimously.

Nominations for Secretary were called for by Vice President Shady. Steve Huffman nominated Brent Hiday and Dawn Frauhiger seconded the nomination. When no additional nominations were forthcoming, Steve Huffman moved that nominations be closed and Dawn Frauhiger seconded the nomination. The motion for closure passed unanimously. In the absence of further discussion, Vice President Shady called for the vote for Secretary. Brent Hiday was elected Secretary unanimously.

Dr. Wood's recommendation that Rebecca Biberstein be reappointed as Corporation Treasurer and Brenda Clamme be reappointed as Deputy Treasurer for the calendar year 2008 was approved unanimously on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Steve Huffman.

The services of Lautzenheiser Myers Carnall Spear & Kiracofe as legal counsel with Andy Carnall as primary counsel was approved unanimously on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Brent Hiday.

Vice President Shady accepted his appointment to serve as the Legislative Liaison.

Brent Hiday accepted his appointment to serve again on the Bargaining Team.

Steve Huffman accepted his appointment to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee.

Dawn Frauhiger accepted her appointment to serve on the Facilities Planning Committee.

On a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday, the entire Board was named as the Board of Finance with the same officers. The motion passed unanimously.

As newly elected Vice President, Kent Shady (filling in for newly elected President, Daryl Elliott) thanked Steve Huffman for a successful year as president of the Board. Mr. Shady also recognized the efforts of all involved toward the fund raising and purchase of the new scoreboard at the pool.

Minutes for the regular meeting of December 10, 2007, and the Executive Session that preceded and the Special Board Meeting of December 19, 2007, and the Executive Session that preceded were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of December 11, 2007, through January 14, 2008, were approved by consensus and signatures on the Voucher Register.

The Fund Report for the month of December, 2007, was also approved by consensus.

Middle School Student Council members, Mykayla Rodenbeck and Katie Holloway, shared with the Board the activities coordinated to raise funds for *Riley Caring and Sharing*. Approximately \$3,570.16 plus an additional \$500.00 was expected for the donation. Mr. Bennett thanked the students, parents and staff for their combined efforts.

Mr. Bennett updated the Board on ISTEP test results. Dr. Wood commended all grade levels for their achievements and suggestions to be implemented to raise scores. Steve Huffman commended the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in attendance for their active participation in raising student achievement levels.

The Board approved the 2008-2009 school calendar (Correlated File #0708-13) on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adopted a resolution granting permission for inter fund borrowing on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger (Correlated File #0708-15). The motion passed unanimously.

Year-End budget transfers and expenditures were approved by resolution on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Steve Huffman (Correlated File #0708-14). The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the resolution will be filed with the county Auditor for certification and transmission to the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

The Board granted permission to participate in standard state and federal grant programs which are totally funded including, but not limited to, Title I, Title II and Title VI on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Steve Huffman. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the donation of three sewing machines to *A Friends House* and the acceptance of silent bids for the remaining sewing machines currently not in use on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Shady closed the regular meeting and opened the 1028 Meeting and Lease Hearing. Dr. Wood explained the need for the proposed project and briefly explained the scope of the project. Jim Elizondo from City Securities discussed the cost and tax impact. After the presentation, Vice President Shady asked for any public comment. With no comments from the Board or the public, the 1028 Meeting Minutes and the Lease Hearing Resolutions were unanimously approved as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday. (1028 Hearing Minutes – Correlated File #0708-16, Resolutions – Exhibit A #0708-17, Exhibit B #0708-18, Exhibit C #0708-19, Exhibit D #0708-20)

Vice President Shady reopened the regular meeting.

In final business of the evening, Dr. Wood commended Cheryl Beerbower's class for their participation in the Christmas Gingerbread project. Dr. Wood was proud to announce that Ginny Vogel was selected as a Bluffton-Harrison Educator of the Year nominee. Dr. Wood presented a brief overview of the Novanet project being considered for use at the high school. The Board and public were notified that if additional make up days are required because of weather, the administration will consider the use of Good Friday and May 30<sup>th</sup> to complete the requirements of the school year.

Mr. Bennett commended the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teams for their support of each other in regard to working with students to raise ISTEP scores.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M. on a motion by Steve Huffman and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

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