

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
January 12, 2009
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 12, 2009, with all members present. Also in attendance was Dr. Julie Wood, Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Steve Baker, High School Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Doug Thieme, Elementary Principal; Cheryl Beerbower, faculty member; Cheryl Zeis, Pam Vanderkolk and Mike Hershey, interested patrons; and Jerry Battiste, News Banner representative.

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

In the first order of business, Amy Dunwiddie administered the Oath of Office to all Board Members (Correlated File #0809-14).

In the President's Prerogative portion of the meeting, President Elliott shared a letter from Reverend Cindy Osgood in regard to the memorial sent on behalf of Gene Meyer to the *First We Care Program*. Gene Meyer was remembered for his past board service to the district.

Dr. Wood opened the floor for nominations to elect a new president. Dawn Frauhiger nominated Daryl Elliott and John Vanderkolk seconded the nomination. Daryl Elliott was unanimously elected president for a second year.

Present Elliott opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President. Dawn Frauhiger nominated Brent Hiday and Kent Park seconded the nomination. Brent Hiday was unanimously elected Vice-President.

President Elliott opened the floor for nominations for Secretary. John Vanderkolk nominated Dawn Frauhiger and Brent Hiday seconded the nomination. Dawn Frauhiger was unanimously elected Secretary.

Dr. Wood's recommendation that Jon Bennett be reappointed as Corporation Treasurer and Brenda Clamme be reappointed as Deputy Treasurer for the calendar year 2009 was approved unanimously on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park.

The services of Myers, Carnall, Spear and Kiracofe as legal counsel with Andy Carnall as primary counsel was approved unanimously on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Kent Park.

Kent Park volunteered to serve as the Legislative Liaison.

Dawn Frauhiger volunteered to serve as a member of the Bargaining Team for a second year.

John Vanderkolk volunteered to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee and also 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.

President Elliott opened the floor for discussion with regard to changing the start time of the 2009 regular Board Meetings. The discussion concluded with a new start time of 6:00 P.M. passing unanimously on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park.

Minutes for the regular meeting of December 15, 2008, and the Executive Session that preceded were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed 3-2 with Kent Park and John Vanderkolk abstaining from the vote.

Vouchers for the period of December 16, 2008, through January 12, 2009, were approved by consensus and signatures on the Voucher Register.

The Fund Report for the month of December, 2008, was also approved by consensus.

The Board approved, by consensus, the donation of a digital Handy-Cam recorder to the Elementary School from an anonymous source.

The Board approved, by consensus, the placement of Becky Tullis as a student teacher under Lori Williamson in grade 1.

Doug Thieme provided an update on NWEA testing at Bluffton-Harrison Elementary.

Doug Thieme, Tom Gibson, Steve Baker and Jon Bennett provided updates on the 2008 ISTEP+ testing for the district.

Jon Bennett, as Transportation Director, provided an update on the working plans of moving the district to one bus route.

The Board approved salary increases to the Classified Staff retroactive to the start of the 2008-2009 contract year with an increase in the board share of health insurance to those who qualify as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

The Board approved salary and insurance increases for the Technology staff retroactive to the start of the 2008-2009 contract year as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Dawn Frauhiger casting the opposing vote.

The Board adopted a resolution granting permission for inter fund borrowing on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk (Correlated File #0809-16). The motion passed unanimously.

Year-End budget transfers and expenditures were approved by resolution on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Brent Hiday (Correlated File #0809-15). 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 Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy DLC on second reading as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Kent Park and seconded by John Vanderkolk, the Board approved Family Medical Leaves for Nan Yake and Sandy Zeigler. The motion passed unanimously.

Future topics will include an update to the policy regarding Board meeting dates.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M. on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

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