

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, October 12 2009, with all members present. Also in attendance was Mr. Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Jon Bennett, Business Manager; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Doug Thieme, Elementary Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Bev Balash, Becky Main and Nancy Johnson, faculty members; Carly Scott, Mark Arnold, Chase Wellman, and Abby Burgan, high school students; Mike Hershey, interested patron; and Jerry Battiste, News Banner representative.

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

President Elliott opened the meeting by sharing a card from Pam Vanderkolk and the Bluffton Parks Department thanking the Culinary Arts Program for their participation in various Parks Department events. President Elliott thanked Katie Mettler and Dan York's Digital Media class for their newspaper coverage of district events. Congratulations went to the Band, under the direction of Jim Bueter, for their first place finish in the District contest. Mr. Barker and the Board commented on the successful turnout for the BHMSD tailgate party, sponsored solely by donations, for employees and their families. Mr. Barker hopes that this can be an annual event.

Minutes for the regular meeting of September 14, 2009, were approved on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers for the period of September 15, 2009, through October 12, 2009, were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fund Report for the month of September, 2009, was approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker reported on the "Official Count Day" number of students reported as 1,371.5. The district realized an increase of 40 students over count day in 2008. This increase will have an added impact on state funding.

Mr. Barker commended the high school administration, faculty, support staff, and students for their successful fundraising events during Fall Festival week. Proceeds from the week generated \$315 for Riley Children's Hospital and approximately 296 pounds of food products for the Wells County Food Bank.

Mr. Barker reported on the fall ISTEP results and strategies to be put in place for continued growth.

Mr. Barker addressed class size issues in grade 3 and grade 6 by posting two instructional aide positions to work in those targeted areas.

Mr. Barker reviewed the Parent Access Policy for access to PowerSchool, the district student management software system. Letters will be mailed to each parent with user names and passwords to access the system to gain information pertaining to their student's grades and class progress.

Mr. Thieme presented information and results based on the Full-Day Kindergarten program from the 2008-2009 school year. Results show that the program is successful and many parents are requesting Full Day Kindergarten. The future goal for Full-Day Kindergarten will be a more successful start with less remediation in future years.

Mr. Barker asked the Board for a volunteer to serve on a Committee for Classroom Technology being formed with Administrators, Teachers and Technology Personnel to study different forms of interactive technology to be used in the classroom. Dawn Frauhiger volunteered to serve on the committee.

Mr. Barker reviewed the schedule for Professional Development and Parent/Teacher Conferences to be held on October 21, 2009.

The Board approved the placement of Joseph Streveler as a student teacher under Jim Brown and Lisa McCune for the spring semester in 2010 on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission for Mr. Barker to issue *Intent to Employ* letters for an instructional assistant at the elementary school and at the middle school to be used for ISTEP remediation. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission for Mr. Barker to issue *Intent to Employ* letters for two instructional assistants to be placed in grade 3 and grade 6 on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following employment recommendations on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

Kevin Leising	Future Tigers Coach
Steve Baker	Future Tigers Coach
Drew Okey	Future Tigers Coach
Kyle Bricker	Future Tigers Coach
Denny Cochran	Future Tigers Coach
Wayne Barker	Future Tigers Coach
Jared Beaty	Future Tigers Coach
Bill Leising	Future Tigers Coach
Spencer Okey	Future Tigers Coach
Mark Prible	Future Tigers Coach
Steve Surbaugh	Future Tigers Coach
Brad Yates	Future Tigers Coach

The Board approved the employment recommendation for Eric Mounsey as the Future Tigers Intramural Supervisor on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the employment recommendation for Nicole Morgan as a Lady Future Tigers Coach on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the employment recommendation for Sara Elliott as a Lady Future Tigers Coach on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed by a vote of 4–0 with Daryl Elliott abstaining from the vote.

The Board approved revisions to policy GBCBB on first reading on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger.

On a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk, the Board adopted the 2010 Budget (Correlated File #0910-06), the 2010 Capital Projects Plan (Correlated File #0910-07), the 2010 Bus Replacement Plan (Correlated File #0910-08), and the Board Budget Goals (Correlated File #0910-04) as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Along with the same motion, the Board signed a Notice of Adoption of the 2010 Capital Projects Plan (Correlated File #0910-11), a resolution to adopt the 2010 Capital Projects Plan (Correlated File #0910-09), and a resolution to adopt the 2010 Bus Replacement Plan (Correlated File #0910-10).

The Board accepted a donation from Airco TIG of a welder (value \$1,000) to be used in the Industrial Tech department at the high school on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Future topics will include the 2010 Board Meeting Schedule.

In the public comment section, Bev Balash asked for clarification on the Expanded Criminal History policy and who it will pertain to as far as volunteers and coaches.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M. on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

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