REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
March 15, 2010
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, March 15, 2010, 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 School Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Steve Baker, High School Principal; Cheryl Williams, Terry Burns, Bev Balash and Dan York, faculty members; Lacey Bumgarner, elementary student teacher; Mike Hershey, John Wallace and Katie Wallace, interested patrons; Andy Wolf, Tommy Wolf, Dylen Gerber, Justin Park, Brody Clifford, Mark Gerber and Braden Isch, Boy Scout Troop 140; and Jerry Battiste, News Banner representative.

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

President Hiday opened the meeting by sharing some comments in regard to the positive way in which the Boys' Basketball Sectional was handled and read a letter from the Jay County Middle School swim coach praising the students of Bluffton Middle School for their sportsmanship and good behavior.

Minutes for the regular meeting of February 22, 2010, were approved on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for the Executive Session of March 5, 2010, were approved on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for the Executive Session of March 11, 2010, were approved on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers for the period of February 23, 2010, through March 15, 2010, were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fund Reports for the month of February, 2010, were approved on motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Daryl Elliott, in his role as legislative liaison, updated the Board on the work of the general assembly.

Mr. Barker reminded the Board that March 16th will be a Professional Development and Parent/Teacher Conference day. No students will be in attendance.

Mr. Barker presented carpet samples for board members to view for replacement in the high school cafetorium.

Mr. Baker informed the board that May 28th has been the selected date for graduation. A Saturday senior educational class trip is being proposed with mandatory attendance. After board approval, Mr. Baker will propose this idea to the senior class officers. If any more days are canceled due to weather, the graduation date may have to be moved.

Mr. Barker commended Mrs. Tami Wuest for being the recipient of the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program award. The Board recognized Mrs. Wuest for this outstanding honor and achievement.

On a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Dawn Frauhiger, the Board unanimously accepted the retirement request from Deborah Brown with appreciation for her 35 years of service to the students and district.

The Board approved the *Agreement to Retire and Release all Claims Relating to Employment and Retirement* (Correlated File #0910-23) from Deborah Brown on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following coaching recommendations on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Ashlie Holsinger	Middle School Girls Basketball
Doug Sundling	High School Track (volunteer)
Haleigh Osborne	High School Track (volunteer)
Joel Dollar	Middle School Boys Track
Jessica Beste	Softball (volunteer)
Julie Prible	Middle School Track (volunteer)

The Board approved policy JO as presented on second reading on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation for Driver's Education fees to be set at $310 on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the request to waive the building utilization fee for Ivy Tech for the 2010-2011 school year on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission for Mr. Barker to notify potential employees of a possible Reduction in Force due to forthcoming budget restraints and possible declining enrollment. The motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Kent Park passed unanimously.

The Board approved ratification of Administrative Leave for Deborah Brown for the period of March 8 through March 12, 2010. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Mr. John Wallace spoke in regard to the replacement of Mrs. Brown with a certified teacher for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Barker assured Mr. Wallace that appropriate steps would be taken for a replacement.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 P.M. on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

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