

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, June 14, 2010, with all members present. Also in attendance was Mr. Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Jon Bennett, Business Manager; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Doug Thieme, Elementary School Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Steve Baker, High School Principal; Rick Mettler, Middle School Assistant Principal; Steve Thompson, Athletic Director; Bev Balash, faculty member; Lacey Bumgarner and Casey Kolkman, teacher candidates; Paul Beitler, News Banner staff; Mike Hershey, Mr. & Mrs. James Kolkman; Bill Leising, Holly Lavoy, Damon Dudley, Jordan Leising, Patrick Steckbeck, Zach Price, Marcus Brinneman, Cheri Zeis, Josie and Alex Kolkman, Mel Bozell, Eric Bennett, John Rhinehart, and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Ames, interested patrons; and Jerry Battiste, News Banner representative.

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

President Hiday opened the meeting by thanking the building principals for their hard work involved in the interviewing and selection process of hiring quality teaching personnel.

Minutes for the Executive Session of May 24, 2010, were approved on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for the regular meeting of May 24, 2010, were approved on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes for the Executive Session of June 8, 2010, were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers for the period of May 25, 2010, through June 14, 2010, were approved on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fund Reports for the month of May, 2010, were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker and the members of the Board agreed to change the July 12th board meeting to July 19th to accommodate those interested in attending the Indiana School Boards Association summer meeting.

Mr. Barker presented annual reports from the corporation nurses. The district is very fortunate to have one certified nurse in each school building to serve the many needs of students.

Mr. Barker shared with the Board that the Common Core State Standards will become Indiana's standards for mathematics and English/Language Arts; thus the 2009 Indiana Mathematics standards will not be implemented.

Mr. Barker also passed along information regarding math textbook selections. It appears that a good decision was made to delay the adoption of math textbooks and the IDOE will guide districts in making those selections in January, 2011.

Mr. Barker congratulated Mrs. Julie Meitzler for being selected to serve in the development of the Indiana Department of Education Curriculum Maps. Mrs. Meitzler will be in Indianapolis for one week in July working on this project and will be recognized among the state for her work as an outstanding educator.

Mr. Barker provided an update on the faculty training on the SmartBoards. Seventy-Two teachers have completed the voluntary training to date. Installation of the SmartBoards is complete at the Elementary and six are finished at the Middle School. Installation is currently on schedule with completion due before the start of school in August.

Mr. Bennett provided an update on business issues in the District. Among those are an \$8,000 refund due to E-Rate filing for the telephone service; the spring settlement of taxes should be received in the middle of June; the Middle School entrance sign is installed and landscaping will follow; the new entrance to the Middle School is progressing and new office furniture has been received; kick-plates have been installed on the bleachers at the stadium; fencing will be replaced at the stadium after July 4th; two carpet projects are started – one at the high school cafeteria and the other in the 3rd grade wing at the elementary school. Mr. Bennett informed the Board that the summer budget workshop will be on August 9th. Mr. Barker updated the progress of the city sidewalk extension connecting to the elementary school from Wayne Street and Spring Street.

The Board approved the resignation of Andrea Mann as Varsity Girls' Assistant Basketball coach on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for her years of service to the students and district.

The Board approved the resignation of Lacey Bumgarner from the school year Child Care Program on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the resignation from Nick Nicholas as Varsity Head Football coach and Coordinator of summer workouts and football camps on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for his years of service to the students and district.

The Board approved the retirement request from Sue Harris as high school FACS teacher on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for her 32 years of service to the students and district.

The Board approved the retirement request from Dan Smith as 7th grade Science teacher on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for his 41 years of service to the students and district.

The Board approved a contract increase recommendation for Ginny Vogel from 85% to full-time status as presented on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation for Lindsey Fry to fill the half-time Kindergarten position as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Lacey Bumgarner as a 4th grade teacher as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Leah Robles as the high school FACS teacher as presented on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Amanda Berhalter as a high school language arts teacher as presented on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also approved Amanda Berhalter as the Head Girls' Swim Coach on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Casey Kolkman as a 7th grade social studies teacher as presented on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board also approved Casey Kolkman as Varsity Head Football coach and Coordinator of summer workouts and football camps as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Barker thanked all of the Administrators for their time and dedication in making these staff selections.

The Board approved policy DLC on first reading as presented on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Area 18 Career and Technical Education Agreement as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved Mr. Bennett's recommendation to purchase two 84 passenger busses as presented on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved a bid from PNC Bank for a temporary loan for up to \$1,000,000 at an interest rate of 2.32% to be used if tax collections do not arrive as scheduled. The motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by John Vanderkolk passed unanimously.

The Board approved Administrator contracts and addendas as presented on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board granted permission to pay bills between meetings as presented on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 P.M. on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:
