REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
May 23, 2011
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, May 23, 2011, with all members present except Daryl Elliott. Also in attendance was Mr. Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, High School Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Doug Thieme, Elementary School Principal; Julie Meitzler, Brad Yates, and Jim Bueter, faculty members; Larry Clontz and Gene Biberstine, interested patrons; and Chet Baumgartner, News Banner representative.

President Frauhiger called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

President Frauhiger acknowledged all of the retirees and thanked them for their years of service.

Minutes for the regular meeting of May 9, 2011, were approved on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers for the period of May 10, 2011, through May 23, 2011, were approved on a motion by Kent Park and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bennett provided an update on business issues within the district and shared additional information regarding the one-route transportation system.

Mr. Barker reported that according to Robin McCorkle, Food Services Director, lunch prices will remain the same for the 2011-2012 school year. This is the third year that lunch prices have remained the same.

Mr. Barker reported that the Upcycle Program, currently being conducted at the middle school, has raised $1,793.60 to date and has taught the students a valuable lesson all the while keeping trash from entering the landfills.

Mr. Barker reported that another of the corporation paintings has been sold through Eckert & Ross Fine Art Gallery and that a check was issued to the district for $15,000. These funds will be deposited into the Rainy Day Fund as was decided in the October 11, 2010, board meeting. The last painting in the gallery's possession is valued at approximately $2,800 and will most likely be sold in an auction over the next few months.

On a motion by Brent Hiday and second by John Vanderkolk, the Board approved the Notice to Bidders and Proof of Publication (Correlated File #1011-38) as advertised on May 4th and May 11th. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the contractor (A-Turf for $680,539) listed on Exhibit A (Correlated File #1011-39) as the successful bidder and authorized the architect to issue a letter of intent subject to financing to the contractor. The motion by Kent Park and second by John Vanderkolk passed unanimously.

On a motion by Brent Hiday and second by John Vanderkolk, the Board approved Exhibit B-Resolution Assigning Construction Bids (Correlated File #1011-40) as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the resignation request from Bev Taylor as a bus driver and also as the middle school cashier as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the retirement request from Deb Pursley as a bus driver as presented on a motion by Kent Park and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the retirement request from Ann Reifsteck as a bus driver as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the request to employ Meredythe Fritz as the ISS/Library Aide/Detention Supervisor at the high school as presented. The motion by John Vanderkolk and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

The Board approved the request to employ Chandler Okey, Mitchel Meitzler, Fiona Makowski, and Taylor Barker in the summer daycare program as presented. The motion by John Vanderkolk and second by Kent Park passed unanimously.

The Board approved the employment request for Brent Kunkel as a high school social studies teacher as presented. The motion by Kent Park and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

On a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Kent Park, the Board approved the following team leaders for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Jill Bollenbacher	HS Math
Chad Grieser	HS Language Arts
John Price	HS Science
Vicki Van Matre	HS Fine Arts
Kevin Powell	HS Business/IT
Terry Burns	HS FACS/Foreign Language
Tami Wuest	HS Social Studies
Dan York	MS Related Arts
Paula Henry	MS Grade 5
Kim Mayer	MS Grade 6
Steve Abbett	MS Grade 7
Cathy Micklitsch	MS Grade 8
Bev Balash	MS Grade 8
Jacque Raugh	MS Guidance
Joyce Evans	Kindergarten
Becky Stotlar	Elem. Grade 1
Kim Fiechter	Elem. Grade 2
Linda Sturgeon	Elem. Grade 3
Lacey Bumgarner	Elem. Grade 4
Amy Gerber	Elem. Art
Nancy Johnson	Elem. Title 1
Penny Moser	Spec. Education (Volunteer)

The Board approved the use of a school bus for the Bluffton Parks and Recreation Department for summer programs as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Kent Park passed unanimously.

The Board approved textbook fees (Correlated File #1011-37) for 2011-2012 as presented. The motion by John Vanderkolk and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

In final business of the evening, Mr. Barker reported on the topic of teacher contract clarification as recently discussed at the ISBA Regional meeting. Mr. Barker also reported that the district is exploring the possibility of Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) for all students starting with the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Meitzler will be presenting information to the school board regarding FDK at the June 20th meeting.

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 second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

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