REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
August 22, 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, August 22, 2011, with all members present. Also in attendance was Mr. Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Business Manager; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, High School Principal; Tom Gibson, Middle School Principal; Julie Meitzler, Elementary Principal; Bev Balash, faculty member; and Chet Baumgartner, News Banner representative.

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

President Frauhiger opened the meeting by expressing what a great asset the Spring Street Trail is to the community and school district for all students and patrons. Brad Yates was also commended for his participation in the next Wells County Leadership Academy.

Minutes for the Executive Session, Budget Work Session and regular meeting held on August 8, 2011, were approved on a motion by Brent Hiday and seconded by Kent Park. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0 with John Vanderkolk and Daryl Elliott abstaining from the vote.

Vouchers for the period of August 9, 2011, through August 22, 2011, were approved on a motion by Daryl Elliott and seconded by John Vanderkolk . The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yates provided an update on business and transportation issues within the district.

Mr. Barker reported that as of August 19th the district had an ADM enrollment of 1,369 students.

Mr. Barker informed the Board that tentative plans are set for October 7th for the 3rd Annual Tailgating Party for all employees and their families.

Mr. Barker was pleased to announce that Mrs. Bev Balash has been awarded the Inaugural Chevrolet GREEN Educator Award from the GM Foundation. This award is based on what educators are doing to teach young people to lead efforts to protect our environment. Mrs. Balash was selected as one of only 10 educators nationwide to be initially recognized for this award.

Mr. Barker reported that Mr. Gibson, middle school principal, and Linda Michael from Region 8 will guide the district leadership committee through the requirements of high ability education.

Mr. Baker reported on the high school's latest ACT scores.

Mr. Baker, Mr. Gibson, Mrs. Meitzler and Mr. Barker explained 2010-2011 AYP and PL221 data:

The federal standard is Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and the state standard is PL221. In regards to AYP, schools/districts either make it or they don't.

- The district made AYP.
- Our elementary school made AYP.
- Our middle school made AYP.
- Our high school missed AYP. Two more students receiving Free/Reduced Meals needed to pass the English Performance for the high school to make AYP.

In regards to PL221 determinations, schools/districts are labeled as follow:

- A = Exemplary
- B = Commendable
- C = Academic Progress
- D = Academic Watch
- F = Academic Probation

Our district earned the determination of "A = Exemplary" for the first time ever!

Our elementary school earned and received the determination of "B = Commendable."

Our high school earned and received the determination of "A = Exemplary" for the 3rd year in a row! Only 2 percent of high schools in the state are in this category!

Our middle school earned the determination of "A = Exemplary" based upon their performance. However, due to not making AYP in 2005 and 2006, the middle school received the determination of "C = Academic Progress." Schools that miss AYP two years in a row must make AYP two years in a row to avoid being capped in their future PL221 determinations. Our middle school has alternated making and missing AYP since 2006. Even though our middle school earned a determination of "A = Exemplary" for their performance last year, they can only receive the determination of "C = Academic Progress." We liken that to a 12th grade student earning all A's during their senior year, but a school giving that student all C's because they had poor performance when they were in 6th and 7th grade.

We understand the State of Indiana must comply with the rules outlined by the Federal Government for this process. We are hopeful that our state will seek a waiver from federal standards this year as President Obama and Secretary of Education Arne Duncan have promoted. This will enable our schools to receive grades on current progress.

It is given that this can be confusing to understand; however, our district's student achievement results represent the highest academic performance for state and federal accountability standards in our school's history and we are very proud of the efforts of all involved!

Mr. Barker presented a picture slide show of the progress of the new construction projects.

The Board accepted the resignation request from Kyler Kearby as head wrestling coach on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board accepted the resignation request from Rich Conrad as an assistant football coach on a motion by John Vanderkolk and second by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following coaching recommendations as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Erin Roush	HS Assistant Girls Basketball
Nick Miller	HS After School Weight Training (1st Semester)
Casey Kolkman	HS After School Weight Training (2nd Semester)
Jordan Raugh	HS Assistant Girls Basketball (volunteer)
Mike Murray	HS Assistant Girls Basketball (volunteer)
Denny Squires	MS Assistant Football (volunteer)

The Board approved the following recommendation for regular route bus drivers on motion by Kent Park and second by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

Jerri Lehman	city bus route #3
Rick Small	city bus route #10

The Board approved the 2011-2012 Classified Handbook as presented on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Kent Park. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the following recommendations as mentors for beginning teachers as presented. The motion by Daryl Elliott and second by John Vanderkolk passed unanimously.

Roxy Herrmann for Alyssa Moser
Julie Maxwell for Brooke Schwartz
Stephanie Hiday for Erin Roush
Linda Sturgeon for Jennifer Lambert
Chad Grieser for Adam Atkins

The Board approved the following Region 8 food bids as presented on a motion by Kent Park and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

Bread & Bakery	Aunt Millie's Bakeries
Milk & Dairy	Schenkel's Dairy
Cafeteria Food & Supplies & Pass Thru Commodities	Gordon Food Service

The Board approved the recommendation from Mrs. McCorkle to increase the hours of the cashiers at the elementary and middle school to 6 hours per day to accommodate the new changes in school start times and lunch times. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by John Vanderkolk passed unanimously.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M. on a motion by Kent Park and second by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

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