

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, March 19, 2012, with all members present. Also in attendance was Mr. Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Business Manager; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Gary Schwartz, Director of Maintenance; Steve Baker, Tom Gibson, Rick Mettler, and Julie Meitzler, Administrators; Scott Ribich, Ben Dailey, and Jordan Ehrman, Technology Department; Bev Balash, Dan York, Cathy Micklitsch, Joyce Evans, Lori Williamson, Laura Mooneyhan, Erin Schantz, Tammy Funk, Linda Sturgeon and Cary Raesner, faculty members; Terry Twigg, employment candidate; and Chet Baumgartner, News Banner representative.

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

President Park opened the meeting by recognizing the Business Professionals Association members for competing at the state level in Indianapolis. No competition results were available at the time of the meeting. Daryl Elliott was commended for being asked to participate with the School Board Association at the national level. Mr. Elliott responded that this will be a great opportunity to network with others nationally.

Minutes for the regular meeting held on February 27, 2012, were approved on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

Vouchers for the period of February 28, 2012, through March 19, 2012, were approved on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and seconded by Brent Hiday. The motion passed unanimously.

The Fund Reports for the month of February, 2012, were approved on a motion by John Vanderkolk and seconded by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Yates provided an update on business and transportation issues within the district. Mr. Yates also commended the central office staff for the smooth transition with the new retirement plans.

Mr. Barker, along with Daryl Elliott in his role as legislative liaison, updated the Board on the work of the General Assembly.

Mr. Barker reported that May 25<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM, will be the graduation date for Bluffton High School.

Mr. Barker provided an update on the building projects including a slide presentation on the interior of the transportation building.

Mr. Barker updated the Board on the status of the Adams-Wells Special Services reorganization process. Some personnel information is still needed to complete this transition.

The Board accepted the retirement request from Carolyn Sue Johnson from the elementary cafeteria on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for her 36 years of service to the district.

The Board approved the employment recommendation for Hunter Copeland as a middle school track coach as presented on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Brett Suman as an elementary custodian on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ Terry Twigg as the Technology Support Specialist on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation to employ John Jackson for the Grounds Maintenance/Landscaping position on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the placement of Shelbi Zelt as a student teacher under the supervision of Lori Williamson and Alexandria Baker as a student teacher under the supervision of Jana Wanner on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by Daryl Elliott, the Board granted permission for Mr. Barker to explore the possibility of creating a self-funded preschool program. The need exists for children to be better prepared before they enter Kindergarten. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy ILB (Ethical Testing Policy) on first reading on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy GBD (Return to Work Policy) on first reading on a motion by John Vanderkolk and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board approved the request from Pam Vanderkolk of the Bluffton Parks Department to use the middle school parking lot and the locker rooms and restrooms at the football field for a bike time trial event on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Daryl Elliott passed by a vote of 4-0 with John Vanderkolk abstaining from the vote.

The Board approved the request to offer a Driver's Education course to run from April through the end of June on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by John Vanderkolk. The motion passed unanimously. Fees for the course will be \$300 to participate in the class and \$15 for the driving test.

Mr. Barker presented a keynote address on the 1:1 digital learning initiative (Correlated File #1112-19). After much discussion and input from some audience members, the board, on a motion by Dawn Frauhiger and second by John Vanderkolk, unanimously voted to select 16 GB Apple iPads for all K-4 students and 32 GB Apple iPads for all 5-12 students beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. In conjunction with the above mentioned motion, the Board then unanimously voted, on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Dawn Frauhiger, to grant approval for Mr. Yates to advertise for an additional appropriation from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$150,000 as presented.

In final business of the evening, Gary Schwartz thanked the Board and Mr. Barker for the excellent facilities and the insight toward new technology ventures.

Future topics will include more information on the 1:1 technology initiatives.

There being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M. on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously.

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