

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
November 14, 2022
6:00 P.M

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, November 14, 2022, with all members present. Also in attendance were Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Administrative Assistant; Jessica Bricker, Corporation Communications Specialist; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler, Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Ben Dailey, Associate Technology Director; and Holly Gaskill, News-Banner representative.

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

President Thompson opened the meeting by recognizing our school buildings for the Veterans Day programs they held and announced fundraising events for the eSports team and the football program. President Thompson also congratulated the football team for a successful season, as this is the first time since 1988 that Bluffton High School has won the football Sectional Championship.

President Thompson noted there were no registered public commenters to speak at the meeting.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on October 10, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of October 11, 2022, through November 14, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for October was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for October was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on district communication initiatives, curriculum, instruction and assessment, grants, professional development, and the transportation department.

Dr. Yates reported on district projects, the district website and marketing, insurance enrollment, and the professional development/leadership functions he attends on behalf of BHMSD to better serve our students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Yates reported on the IDOE Office of School Finance Full-Time Teacher Salaries and Benefits Report. Data was from the fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 20, 2022). BHMSD ranked above the target threshold of 45%, and will continue to focus efforts towards teacher compensation and benefits.

Dr. Yates reported on the Middle School Roof Replacement and Improvements Project. Carpet was installed over fall break in a large section of the building, with a few corridors to be completed over the coming weeks. In addition, preparations for a powered changing table for the Intense Interventions program was completed over fall break.

Dr. Yates updated the Board on the High School HVAC Guaranteed Energy Savings Project. Work has begun on the rooftop units above the gym. In addition, select units of fan coils throughout the building are being installed, with the aim of limiting the amount of student interruption. Remaining work will be completed over break periods and/or summer break.

The Board approved the following resignations as presented. The motion by Mike Murray and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

Tim McKnight	Bus Driver
Kevin Mechling	Bus Driver
Neo Lewis	ES Custodian
Jordan Biberstein	HS Custodian
Madeline Wenger	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst

The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Mark Vanderkolk	ES Custodian
Nicole Bustos	English Language Learners Instructional Asst
Ashley Bowling	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst
Roger Hodle	Spec. Ed. Bus Aide
Jean Faillace	Substitute Teacher
Brittney Satterfield	Substitute Teacher
Hazel Clark	Substitute Teacher
Tawnya McVicker	Substitute Teacher
Tim Atkins	Volunteer for Business Professional of America Club at the High School
Frank Sewell	Childcare Employee
Intent to Employ	Bus Driver – City Route
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Intent to Employ	HS Custodian
Zoey Smith	Girls' HS Basketball Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Zoey Barger	Girls' HS Basketball Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Natalie Lehrman	Girls' HS Basketball Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Monroe Heller	Girls' HS Basketball Asst Coach (Volunteer)
Olivia King	Girls' HS Basketball Asst Coach (Volunteer)

The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Trent White and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

Family Centered Services, Inc.	Plywood for various district project needs
Clear Choice Chiropractic	Free massages for school staff

The Board approved the following requests for FMLA as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

Taylor Reed	Extend leave through 11/2/22
Sarah Jackson	3/25/23 – 5/26/23

The Board approved changes to the following policies on second reading as presented. The motion to approve by Angie Sheets and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

IGBAA	Educational Surrogate Parent Policy
IIBGB	Bring Your Own Technology Policy
IGBE	Title I Parent Involvement
IGDB	Student Publications

The Board approved changes to the following policies on first reading as presented, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Mike Murray passed unanimously.

IICA	Field Trips and Excursions
IKAA	Credit by Examination
IKE-1	Promotion and Retention of Students (Grades K-4)
IKE-2	Promotion and Retention of Students (Grades 5-8)
IKE-3	Promotion and Retention of Students (Grades 9-12)
IKFA	Early Graduation For Students With Less Than Eight Semesters of Attendance
IKFB	Graduation Exercises

The following policies were reviewed, with no changes necessary, as part of an ongoing review of existing board policies. The motion to approve by Trent White and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

IGDAA	Responsibilities of Extracurricular Sponsors and Coaches
IGDJ	Interscholastic Athletics

The Board reviewed the proposed 2023 School Board Meeting calendar, which will be presented again for approval at the December meeting.

The Board approved the Resolution for Local Income Tax Distribution (Correlated File #2223-08) as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 P.M. on a motion by Mike Murray and second by Trent White. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:






