

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
May 16, 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, May 16, 2022, with all members present, except Mike Murray. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Tammy Mechling, Corporation Human Resources; Rick Mettler, Administrator; Olivia Fisher, new faculty member; Marci Klopfenstein, interested patron; Jessica Bricker, News-Banner representative.

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

President Thompson opened the meeting by recognizing the Middle School Academic Teams for performing exceptionally well at the Indiana Academic Super Bowl, and congratulated the high school eSports team for winning the IHSEN State Championship.

President Thompson opened the floor for public comment regarding the superintendent addendum to the teacher contract. The notice was published by the Bluffton News-Banner and on the district website (Correlated File #2122-49). There was no public comment provided.

President Thompson called for any public comment and there were no comments forthcoming.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on April 18, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of April 19, 2022, through May 16, 2022, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures were affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for April was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for April was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Dr. Yates presented information on the Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School Family Friendly Certificate.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on student summer opportunities, bus inspections, bus insurance and student assessments.

Dr. Yates reported on district projects, a CTE grant opportunity, the Superintendent Evaluation process, obsolete equipment, and the IASBO annual meeting.

Dr. Yates reminded the Board about the Class of 2022 graduation activities and scheduled commencement on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Dr. Yates updated the Board on the MS Roof Replacement and Improvements Project, stating the district has received finalized contracts from R. Adams Roofing for the roof replacement. The roof replacement is scheduled to be complete prior to July 2023. Regarding the middle school renovation project, the district had published a Notice to Bidders in the Bluffton News-Banner on April 27 and May 4, 2022 (Correlated File #2122-50). The Notice to Bidders explained that trade contractor bids would be accepted through May 11, 2022. On May 11, the district opened sealed bids for the renovation project, and upon review of the bids, a recommendation was approved as presented, with a total bid amount of \$1,678,181.00

The Board approved the guaranteed energy savings contract with Emcor for \$5,343,774.00. Dr. Yates reported that progress for the high school HVAC project will begin this week.

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

Katherine Farlee	MS Art Teacher, Student Council Sponsor, and Related Arts Team Leader (end of school year)
Madeline Wenger	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst (end of school year)
Kirsty Nichols	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst (end of school year)

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

Olivia Fisher	7 th Grade Math Teacher (22-23 school year)
Jeff Blair	BHMSD Homeless Liaison
Michele Mechling	ES Spec. Ed Instructional Asst (22-23 school year)
Adam King	8 th Grade Lang. Arts Teacher (22-23 school year)
Jordan Biberstein	HS Custodian
Lily Sheets	Childcare Worker
Malinah Dixon	Substitute Teacher
Kurston Haines	ES Food Service
Rachel Kinsey	Summer Bus Cleaner
Heather Strunk	Summer Bus Cleaner
Holly Mishler	Summer Camp Teacher
Allison Krinn	Summer Camp Teacher
Laura Xayyachack	Summer Camp Teacher
Vicki VanMatre	Summer Camp Teacher
Grace Sommerfeld	Summer Camp Teacher
Karen Reed	Summer Camp Teacher
Jack Mellen	Summer Camp Teacher
Staci Hunt	Summer Camp Teacher
Erica Bittner	Summer Camp Teacher
Kalynn Adkins	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Kierra Kinsey	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Jennifer Cook	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Renee Vitatoc	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Shayna Dudley	Summer Camp Instructional Asst

Chelsea Woosley	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Karen Kelly	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Annette Clark	Summer Camp Instructional Asst
Cynthia Church	Summer Camp Instructional Asst (Substitute)
Myah Gephart	Summer Camp Instructional Asst (Substitute)
John Houlihan	Summer Camp/Summer School Bus Driver
Kevin Mechling	Summer Camp/Summer School Bus Driver
Heather Strunk	Summer Camp/Summer School Bus Driver
John Jackson	Summer Camp/Summer School Bus Driver
Nicolle Beer	Summer Camp/Summer School Special Purpose Bus Driver
Loretta Miller	Summer Camp/Summer School Bus Aide

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

Bluffton Athletic Boosters	\$1,500.00 to HS for new cheerleading uniforms
Bluffton Athletic Boosters	\$1,394.50 to HS for indoor baseball pitching mound
Christian Care	Pencils to ES for students
Anonymous	\$1,000.00 to ES for Community Fund

The Board approved FMLA for the following personnel as presented. The motion by Angie Sheets and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

Taylor Reed	8/31/22 – 11/1/22
Rosemary Chism	5/13/22 – 5/27/22
April Schisler	5/6/22 – 5/25/22
Stephanie Miller	5/16/22 – 5/25/22

The following policy was approved on second reading as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and a second by Trent White passed unanimously.

AFC	Teacher Evaluation and Development Plan
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The Board approved the Math Textbook Adoption for 2022-2023. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Textbook/Technology Rental Fees for the 2022-2023 school year. New textbook/technology rental fees for Grades K-4 will increase from \$120.00 to \$140.00 and the fees for Grades 5-12 will increase from \$165.00 to \$185.00. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Amended Board Meeting Schedule for 2022 (Correlated File #2122-51). The October board meeting will be on Monday, October 10, instead of Tuesday, October 11. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Trent White passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Resolution to Waive IC 20-30-2-3 (Correlated File #2122-52) and modified the 2022-2023 district academic calendar (pending State Board of Education approval). The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

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

AFB	Superintendent Effectiveness Rubric
AFCA	Principal Effectiveness Rubric
AFCB	Beginning Educator Residency Program
AFCC	Athletic Director Effectiveness Rubric
AFCD	Assistant Principal Effectiveness Rubric
AFE	Assistant Superintendent Effectiveness Rubric
IIBGAA	BHMSD Employee Internet and Technology Responsible Use Policy

The following policy was approved with changes:

IIBGA	BHMSD Student Internet and Technology Responsible Use Policy
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The Board approved quotes from multiple local and regional contractors for the Culinary Arts Relocation project. The district plans to use ESSER funds to complete the relocation of the program from the middle school to the high school. The motion to approve by Trent White and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously as presented.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:32 P.M. on a motion by Bruce Holland and second by Angie Sheets. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES:

Julie A. Shuman
Bruce E. Holland

