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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
BUDGET HEARING

Administration Building
Sept. 21, 2020
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, September 21, 2020, with all members present. Also in attendance was Dr. Brad Yates, Superintendent; Julie Meitzler, Asst. Superintendent; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, Rick Mettler, and Schlaura Linderwell, Administrators; Steve Frettinger, interested patron; and Devan Filchak, News Banner representative.

Prior to the regular meeting, Dr. Yates led the board members through the Budget Hearing process. With no discussion forthcoming, President Murray asked for any public comment. Hearing no comments from the public, the Budget Hearing was adjourned at 6:02 P.M. on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Bruce Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

President Murray then called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 P.M. and acknowledged the News Banner for printing a series of positive articles in regard to the virtual learning process and he commended all the staff for their efforts while working hard for all in-person and virtual learners. President Murray also commended coaches, parents, fans and most of all student athletes for a successful start to the athletic season especially during the past weekend and during Fall Festival Week. President Murray also reported that iTown Church is sponsoring free groceries for community pick up on Tuesday, September 22nd at the elementary school and was very appreciative of the district partnership with local organizations.

During the Public Comment section of the meeting, Steve Frettinger commented that he was pleased with this being week 7 in school without any major incidences with student or staff illness.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on August 17, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of August 18, 2020, through September 21, 2020, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed on the voucher register.

The Fund Report for August was approved by consensus.

The Bank Statement for August was approved by consensus.

The Fund Transfer Report was approved by consensus.

Mrs. Meitzler reported on transportation issues, professional development opportunities, COVID-19 updates, an insurance claim update, and a curriculum grant from the IDOE.

Dr. Yates updated the Board on the certified personnel exchange, district projects, a virtual learning update, an enrollment and tuition support update and the latest report from the SEBT in regard to premium increases.

Dr. Yates reported the latest enrollment numbers from the September 18th ADM count as 1,636.69 students which is down 7 students from the 2019 ADM count. This student count includes 86 virtual learners.

Mrs. Linderwell reported on the United Way Partnership with BHMSD and the upcoming campaign in October.

President Murray presented the latest information from the Indiana School Board Association in regard to legislative resolutions and priorities.

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

Alexis Mittlestedt	HS Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Hailey Schneider	Substitute Teacher

The Board approved the following employment recommendations as presented. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

Michaela Meagher	8th Grade Lang. Arts Teacher
Tim Pfister	6th Grade Science Teacher
Tiffani Tonner	MS Basic Skills/Digital Citizenship Teacher
Megan Johnson	Mentor to Tiffani Tonner
Mollie Forbes	HS Spec. Ed Instructional Asst.
Tammy Mechling	Internal Transfer from ES Secretary to Central Office Human Resources
Jamie Vitz	Internal Transfer from Part-time Treasurer to Full-Time MS Treasurer
Jacob Amstutz	ES Teacher Technology Specialist & District Marketing Producer
Kole Meyer	Corp. Testing Coordinator & Student Information System Specialist
Tara Cocanower	HS High Ability Coordinator
Clarissia Tijerina	MS High Ability Coordinator
Allison Krinn	ES High Ability Coordinator
Zella Walborn	District Dyslexia Specialist
Jim Bueter	HS Band Director
Stephanie Ziebell	HS Major Drama Production
Hannah Taing	HS Vocal Music Director
Michael Vanderkolk	HS Yearbook Advisor
Tara Cocanower	HS Teacher Technology Specialist (½ stipend)
Andrew Cook	HS Teacher Technology Specialist (½ stipend)
Adam Atkins	Business Professionals of America Sponsor
Erin Schantz	National Honor Society Sponsor
John Price	National Honor Society Sponsor

Stacy Morrison	HS Student Council Sponsor
Vicki Van Matre	HS Student Council Sponsor
Stephanie Ziebell	Head Junior Class Sponsor
Tara Cocanower	Junior Class Sponsor
Sydney Jeffers	Junior Class Sponsor
Sherry Makowski	Junior Class Sponsor
Nick Miller	Junior Class Sponsor
Kevin Powell	Junior Class Sponsor
Karen Reed	Junior Class Sponsor
Amy Ribich	Head Senior Class Sponsor
Meredythe Fritz	Book Review Club Sponsor
Erin Schantz	Friends of the Shelter Club Sponsor
Sherry Makowski	H.O.S.A. Organization Club Sponsor
Karl Grau	I.C.E. Club Sponsor
Kevin Powell	Industrial Tech Club Sponsor
Nancy Fisher	Spanish Club Sponsor
Beth Klopfenstein	Students for Christ Club Sponsor
Amy Ribich	Students Making A Difference (SMAD) Club Sponsor
Matthew Sturgeon	MS Basketball Coach & Future Tigers Coach
Jackson Lambert	MS Basketball Coach & Future Tigers Coach
Javon Johnson	MS Basketball Coach (volunteer) & Future Tigers Coach
Karl Grau	Future Tigers Coordinator
Craig Helfrich	Future Tigers Coach
Robert Vanderkolk	Future Tigers Coach
Chad Grieser	Future Tigers Coach
Aaron Sturgeon	Future Tigers Coach
Matt Beste	Future Tigers Coach
Brian Lambert	Future Tigers Coach & HS Boys Asst. Swim Coach
Scott Ribich	Future Tigers Coach
Max Corle	Future Tigers Coach
Marcus Morgan	Future Tigers Coach
Eric Kiefer	Future Tigers Coach (volunteer)
Andy Ault	Future Tigers Coach (volunteer)
Justin Uptgraft	HS Boys Head Swim Coach
Brian Bowman	HS Girls Asst. Basketball Coach
Marah Hill	MS Girls Basketball Coach & Future Lady Tigers Coach
Erin Roush	MS Girls Basketball Coach
Madelyn Wenger	Future Lady Tigers Coach (volunteer)
Abby Ault	MS Girls Basketball Coach (volunteer)
Eric Mounsey	Future Lady Tigers Coordinator
Lauren Brinneman	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Tristan Dick	Future Lady Tigers Coach

Heath Gibson	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Heather Morgan	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Kelli Kistler	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Candy Narvaez	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Mandy Gehrett	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Tim Garrett	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Chrissy Craig	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Abby Steffen	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Mike Morris	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Jaci Moser	Future Lady Tigers Coach
Hunter Cunningham	HS Girls Head Swim Coach
Erica Bittner	HS Girls Asst. Swim Coach
Schlaura Linderwell	HS Girls Asst. Swim Coach (volunteer)
Kristan Conley	Substitute Teacher
Scott Irelan	Substitute Teacher
Billie Rodgers	Substitute Teacher
Intent-to-Employ	ES Secretary

The Board approved FMLA for the following personnel as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Rose Chism	8/31/20 - 9/18/20
Kelli Rush	9/8/20 - 10/16/20

The Board approved the following donations as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Brent Hiday passed unanimously.

Six Mile Church	Supplies for students in need
Gay Saunders	\$1,763 to purchase a book for every Kdg. Student and \$300 donation to BHES library
Morgan Myers & Missy Crismore	Backpacks and supplies for student in need
Poneto Pantry	72 large bottles of hand sanitizer

The Board approved the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plans as presented. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy BDA (Regular Board Meetings) on first reading as presented. The revisions bring the policy more in line with the way current school board meetings are conducted. The motion by Brent Hiday and second by Bruce Holland passed unanimously.

The Board approved policy GCB (Teacher Appreciation Grants & Compensation) on second reading as presented. The motion by Julie Thompson and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

The Board approved the Resolution for Appropriation Modification (Correlated File #2021-04). This resolution grants the appropriate authority to the Superintendent and/or his designee to modify appropriations in the 2020 and/or 2021 Budgets as necessary in response to receipt of the 1782 Notice for Budget Year 2021 from the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance,

which by statute should be no later than December 31, 2020. The motion by Bruce Holland and second by Julie Thompson passed unanimously.

Dr. Yates requested permission to reconfigure the grade levels for the Bluffton-Harrison Elementary School to include pre-kindergarten/preschool students due to state reporting changes with the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) as presented. In order to add the pre-kindergarten/preschool students to our reporting process, the IDOE requires School Board approval to reconfigure the grade-levels for a school building. The motion to approve by Brent Hiday and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

In final business of the evening, Dr. Yates reminded the Board that Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held virtually this year on October 13th.

With there being no additional business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 P.M. on a motion by Brent Hiday and second by Bruce Holland. The motion passed unanimously.

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