

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Administration Building
March 17, 2014
6:00 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Bluffton-Harrison Metropolitan School District was held on Monday, March 17, 2014, with all members present. Also in attendance was Wayne Barker, Superintendent; Brad Yates, Business Manager; Amy Dunwiddie, Corporation Secretary; Steve Baker, Claire Paul, and Julie Meitzler, Administrators; Jim Elizondo from City Securities; and Chet Baumgartner, News Banner representative.

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

President Hiday opened the meeting by commending Dawn Frauhiger for reaching Level 3 from the Indiana School Boards Association and recognized the entire Board for being named an Outstanding Board with ISBA.

Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting held on February 24, 2014, were approved by consensus and appropriate signatures affixed thereon.

Vouchers for the period of February 25, 2014 through March 17, 2014, were approved by consensus and signatures affixed on the voucher register.

Fund Reports for the month of February, 2014, were approved by consensus.

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

Heath Schlagenhauf, in his role as legislative liaison, updated the Board on the work of the General Assembly.

Bluffton High School set a graduation date of May 30th pending no further cancellations for weather. This date will not interfere with the other county schools.

Mr. Jim Elizondo, from City Securities, presented information in regard to the tax impact on property owners in the district if the elementary school renovation project is approved. The possible maximum impact to property owners would be based on a \$12 million project. After hearing from Mr. Elizondo, President Hiday made a motion, and Dawn Frauhiger seconded the motion, to hire Dan Rawlins from InterDesign to serve as the Design Criteria Developer. Mr. Schlagenhauf stated his concern for taxpayers of his district/precinct with projects costing a total of \$12 million. He further requested for the district to review the cost and tax impact to the community if the projects were completed in phases over a course of the next few years. President Hiday stated that since all Board Members were in agreement that something needs to be done, he called for a vote to approve hiring Dan Rawlins. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1 with Heath Schlagenhauf casting the opposing vote. Mr. Barker is encouraging community input to make their opinions known.

The Board approved resignation requests from Brandi Heston as the middle/high Choral Director and Scott Shoup as the assistant Band Director as presented on a motion by Jarrod Gerber and second by Daryl Elliott. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for their dedication to the students of the district.

The Board approved the retirement requests from Peggy Schamerloh as the elementary physical education teacher and Jerry Petzel as a bus driver as presented on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Dawn Frauhiger. The motion passed unanimously with appreciation for their dedication to the students of the district.

The Board approved the recommendation to hire Dean Engle as a bus driver as presented. The motion by Jarrod Gerber and second by Heath Schlagenhauf passed unanimously.

The Board approved FMLA for Mabelle Smeltzer as presented. The motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Dawn Frauhiger passed unanimously.

The Board approved Katherine Eckhoff to be placed as a student teacher under the supervision of Andrea Herrold and Angie Sheets at the elementary school and Eden Chaney as a student teacher under the supervision of Leah Huggins at the high school as presented. The motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Jarrod Gerber passed unanimously.

President Hiday asked Mr. Barker if he had any information regarding revamping the entrance to the high school office area to include additional security measures. Mr. Barker provided each board member with a quote that he received just prior to the board meeting. Mr. Barker informed the board that it would be difficult for the district to pay that expense out of this year's capital projects fund since it wasn't planned for in the budget, but could be added to the building project should that go forward.

With there being no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 P.M. on a motion by Daryl Elliott and second by Jarrod Gerber. The motion passed unanimously.

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