

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BIG WALNUT LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO**

The Board of Education (the "Board") of the Big Walnut Local School District, Delaware County, Ohio (the "School District"), met in regular session on March 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Big Walnut High School Media Center, 555 South Old 3C Highway, Sunbury, Ohio 43074, with the following members present:

_____. _____ introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

House Bill 59 Resolution

WHEREAS, Governor Kasich's biennial budget (HB 59) proposes to expand the Educational Choice Scholarship Program through two new programs that will significantly increase the number of publicly-funded vouchers for students to attend private or parochial schools; and

WHEREAS, one of the programs provides private or parochial school tuition vouchers to any entering kindergarten student of a family with a household income less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, to be used at the parent's choice of participating private or parochial school; and

WHEREAS, the following year, such vouchers would be expanded to include students in both kindergarten and first grade, totaling \$25 million over the biennium; and

WHEREAS, such vouchers would be granted without regard to the academic performance or quality of the public school that the student is assigned to attend; and

WHEREAS, the second voucher expansion proposed by the Governor offers EdChoice vouchers to students enrolled in schools that fail to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for two successive years; and

WHEREAS, the operation of the proposed programs would effectively reduce funds from the already financially beleaguered local public school districts, resulting in fewer resources for the education of remaining students;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Big Walnut Board of Education does hereby express its opposition to these provisions in HB 59; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Big Walnut Board of Education expresses its opposition to any legislation that seeks to transfer public dollars to support private education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer be directed to spread this resolution upon the minutes of the Board of Education and that copies of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

This Resolution shall be in force and become effective immediately upon its execution.

_____. _____ seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

The resolution _____.

Passed: _____, 2012

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Board President

Attest: _____
Treasurer